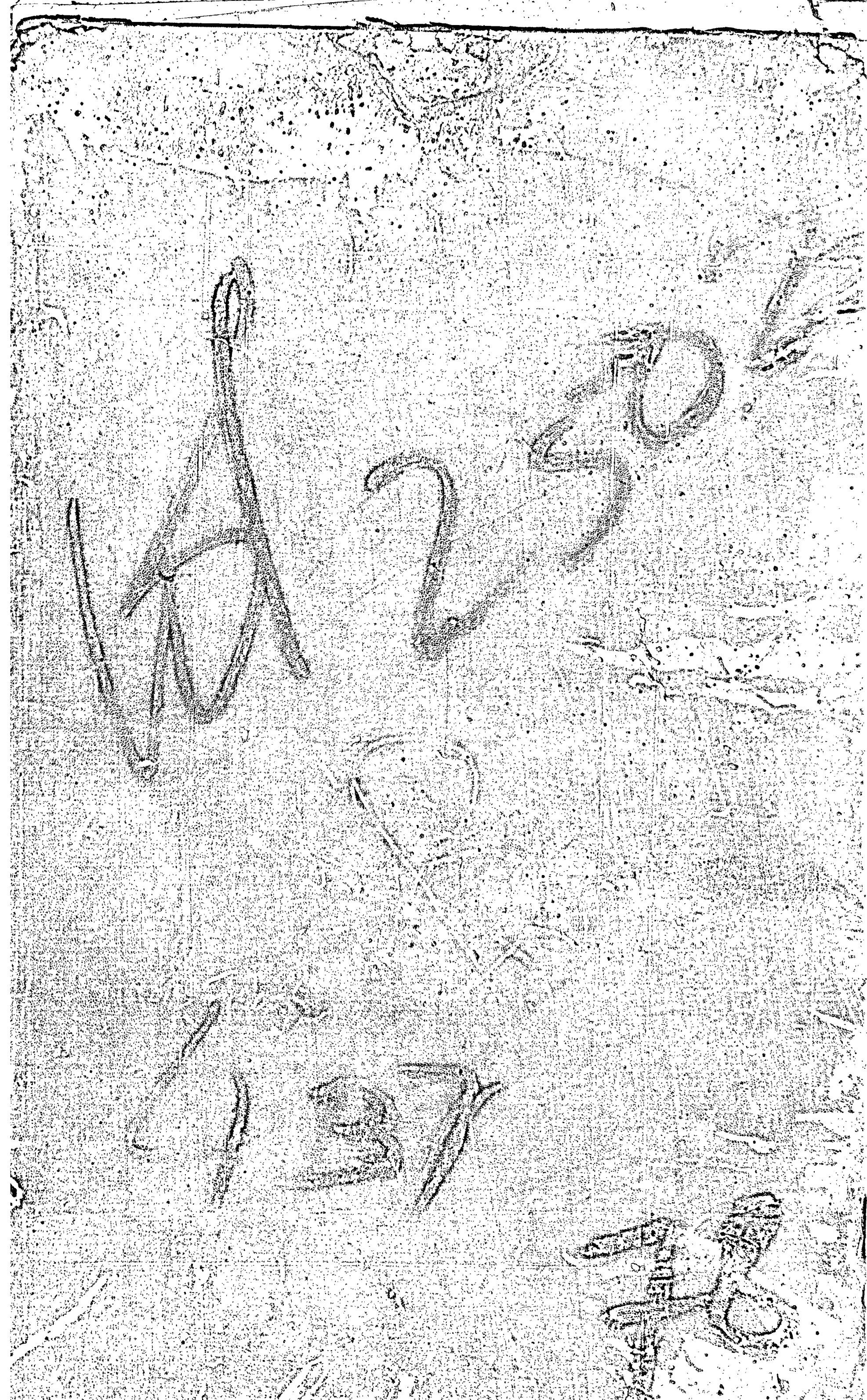




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A after
B^d N^o 3228.

From the Sec^y
to Government.

Read the following papers.

N^o 1236

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Revenue Department, under date the 8th No-
vember 1855.

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

(Here enter 27th October 1855 N^o 2856)

Ordered to be communicated to the
Chief Engineer. The Right Honora-
ble the Governor in Council considers
it very desirable that means should
be taken to lay down the boundaries
both of Districts and of Talooks
accurately in the map now about to
be lithographed, and he is of opinion
that the services of the District
Engineers Department may very
properly

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properly be given to the promotion of
this important object. The Chief Engi-
neer will be pleased to adopt measures
for carrying this resolution into effect
without impediment or interruption to
the general duties of the local Eng^r Office.

/ A true Extract /

/ Signed / J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government

For The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue

B^d N^o 3104

Order thereon

(746747)

Ordered to be communicated
to all the Collectors, who are re-
quested to co-operate with the
Civil Engineers in carrying
out the wishes of Government.

Read

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Read again return from the Collector
of Combatore, dated 30th September and
entered in Miscellaneous Consultations 12th No-
vember 1855, of Public Servants suspended
and dismissed from employment for the
Quarter ending 30th September last.

(748)

B^d N^o 3109

Proceedings thereon.

The Collector is informed that
it is unnecessary to report the dismissal
of Vaccinators to the Board, as they
have no control over that Department.

Read the following papers

N^o 197

St. G. S. Forbes Esq^r

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

(749)

B^d N^o 3204

From the Collector
of Nellore

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence

Reporting on the
extent to which se-
curity has been given
and the competency of
the securities for
the Public Servants
in the Nellore District.

and Boards Proceedings noted in the
From Board 2nd November 1854
To D^o 27th January 1855
Board's Proceedings 27th July 1857
D^o 7th July — 1855
D^o 6th May — 1852
Rule 7th
In argu, I have the honor
to report on the extent to
which security has been
given and the competency
of the securities for the
Public Servants in this District.

A List has been drawn out and
furnished

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On the 11th Sept. 1855. furnished a short time back to the Civil Auditor with details of the nature and amount of security, names of the sureties, and sums for which they are answerable; as this however is very voluminous, and does not seem to be required by the Board, I will merely enter an abstract of the same with the alterations necessary on account of subsequent changes.

3. Eighty public servants have tendered security, which has been accepted, and the Bonds registered in the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court; these are all considered to be competent and their securities amount in the aggregate to Rupees 1,00,000.

4. Fifty seven Public servants have tendered securities which have not as yet been finally adjusted, though the enquiries have been going on up to 31st ultimo, to which period this account is closed.

5. Seventeen persons have not yet tendered security, though some time ago directed, that those who failed to do so, should be suspended.

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Suspended, but of these 11 are stamp vendors who receive no salary as such, and whose commission is a mere trifle. The value of stamps in their charge is small, while Rupees 500, the minimum amount of security laid down in Circular order of 6th May 1852, is altogether out of proportion to it. I would beg to recommend that the security to be demanded from them should be reduced, so as not to exceed the value of the stamps in their hands.

6. The other 6 persons who have not given security have been recently appointed or changed to the situations they now hold, and will be called on to give security in the usual course.

Nellore
Collector's Office
2nd November 1855

(Signed) F B Elton
Collector

B^o No 3108

Proceedings thereon

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Before taking into consideration the proposition to reduce the security required from stamp vendors, the Board request the Collector to state the total value of the stamps in their charge.

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To,

J. A. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George,

Sir,

I have the honor to request your Board will be good enough to obtain the special sanction of Government for writing off in the accounts of this District the following quantity of Tobacco on account of the supplies received from Coimbatore in July 12th 1852/53.

Deficiency on transit from Coimbatore	C	M ^d	lbs
D ^o from Hollandy or sorting	"	"	5
D ^o from Damage and unsaleable Tobacco	3	9	32 ³ / ₄

Difference of Wastage found after the sale of Tobacco between the quantity given in the Madras and the Talook accounts — 2 — 13 — 19³/₄

Total — 7 — 2 — 18

Annexed

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Annexed is a Memo shewing the total quantity of Tobacco on which the wastage occurred and the value of the same, at the average cost and charges amounting to Rupees 1268-14-—

Calicut,
2nd November 1855

/Signed/ J. Clarke
Collector

Memorandum

Quantity and Value of the wastage at the average cost and charges		Average loss for every 100 Caudies	
Quantity of Tobacco received in July	Value	Quantity	Value
1262 1852/53			
C	M ^d	C	M ^d
185	3 24	7	2 18
			1268 14
		3	18 32 ¹ / ₂

/Signed/ J. Clarke
Collector

Proceedings

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13th N^o 3238
From the Collect^r
of Malabar

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Proceedings thereon. Resolved that the

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foregoing letter be submitted for
the orders of the Right Honor-
able the Governor in Coun-
cil, with the Board's recom-
mendation that sanction be
granted for writing off in
the accounts of the Mala-
bar District, ^{C. M. 185} 7-2-18 of
Tobacco of the value of Ru-
pees 1208-14-0, being the
wastage ^{of} which occurred on
^{C. M. 185} 185-3-24 received from Coimbatore
in July 1262.

To

C. Burton

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N^o 227To G. S. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

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B^d N^o 3259From the collector, Sir,
of South Arcot.

I have the honor to acknowledge
Reporting Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of
upon the result
of the arrangements Revenue N^o 2883 dated 30th Attimo, calling
made in July
1263 by which upon me to submit with the least practicable
the two princi-
pal Ferries delay, a report on the result of the arrange-
ment made in July 1263 by which the two
Principal Ferries in this District were placed
under Amany Management.

2. Up to July 1263 it was usual
to lease out annually to Renters all
the Ferries of the District, and the subjoined
Table shows the result of that system
for the five years preceding 1263.

Amount

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Amount of Rent.

	Ferries	Trudy	Trudy	Trudy	Trudy	Trudy
		1258	1259	1260	1261	1262
1	Poonaur and	530	565	610	780	870
2	Andalore Back water					
3	Pellancorum & Villaur at	425	500	465	500	470
4	Porte Novo					
5	Small Ferries in Coleroon	795	220	215	215	200
6	Di Di	60	60	60	60	60
7	Large ferry in Coleroon	1320	1320	1510	1810	1850
	& least road					
	Total	2550	2665	2920	2395	3450

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Vide letter to
the Board 23
August 1853

3. The Board are ~~to~~ aware of the circumstances which led Mr. Matthy to deem it expedient and desirable to discontinue the practise of renting out the ferries over the Poonaur and Coleroon rivers, and to substitute a paid Establishment for working them under his own management. This arrangement which was introduced in Trudy 1263, with the approval of the Board, proved eminently successful in its main object, for there have since been scarcely any Complaints by Travellers of their having been overcharged or annoyed as they formerly were by the Renters. The change however caused a falling off in the revenue, owing to the expense of maintaining an Establishment.

Coleroon	
Hire of 3 boats	12 9 2
Pay of 1 ameenah	89
of 3 Boats	63 7 8
Hire of 31 Boatmen	200 1 8
	395 2 6
Poonaur	
Hire of 2 boats	27 8 2
Pay of 1 Boon	11 8 2
Hire of 61 Boatmen	37 15 6
	Total 172 2 4
Hire of boats employed at other rented ferries	105 1 3
Grand Total	577 5 7

4. The Establishment as noted in the Margin, which it was found necessary to keep up in Trudy 1263 for these two ferries, was specified in the Statement referred to Government in

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in Extract of Minutes of Consultation dated
18th Ultimo - It cost Rs a P
172 2-4 for the Season,
while the Gross Collections were Rupees 169-5-7,
leaving a net revenue of Rupees 117-3-3.

5.	
1/2 of the 5 years' average rental of the Ponnacur and Cuddalore Back water jointly	Rs a P 227
Average D. in Coleroon	1541
	1801
Deduct net collection in 1263	1137-3-3
Decrease	663-12-9

This sum fell short of
the former five years average
rental by Rupees 663-12-9
but it must be observed that
the season of Trusly 1263, was
one great drought and that the
freshes in the rivers were consequent
ly of only short duration.

6. The collections on both ferries
depend entirely on the state of the freshes
during the monsoons for except when the rains
are heavy there is no necessity to use boats
for the purpose of carrying persons and goods
across either rivers.

7. It could hardly have been expected
that

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that a loss of revenue would not have followed
the placing these two ferries under direct Govern-
ment management, for as a general rule,
I should think the system of renting ferries
must always be more profitable to the
Government than working them by a paid
agency - In the present case however, the
object for which the Experiment was tried,
was fully gained, and the public much benefitted,
altho' at financial loss to the Govern-
ment by being freed from the exactions
and vexatious proceedings of the former renters.

8. As Bridges are now under construction
over the Ponnacur and Coleroon, the
necessity for keeping up ferry boats on them
during the freshes will shortly cease I have
for the current season retained both ferries
under my own management, renting out those
over the other streams in the District many
of

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of which will also soon be bridged - In fact when all the projects which have been sanctioned for constructing bridges over the rivers along the Coast between Pondicherry and Sheally in the Tanjore District are carried out, it will leave us only one or two minor ferries from which the revenue will be very insignificant.

South Arcot.
Collectors Leucherry,
Cuddalore, 6th November 1855 } / signed / A. Hall
Collector

Proceedings thereon.

753-754 recorded be submitted for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with reference to para 2 of Contract

Minutes of Consultation dated 18th October 1855. In his letter, dated 23 August 1853, the collector reported that in consequence of numerous complaints of extortion and delay having been made by travellers against

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against the Renters, he was compelled to take the Coleroon and Ponnear Ferries under amany in Trusly 1263. The Board, in their Proceedings dated 15th September 1853, approved of the arrangements proposed to be made for carrying out the measure.

3. In the letter now submitted to Government, the collector reports the results of the experiment. From this it will be perceived

that the cost of the establishment entertained for these two Ferries in Trusly 1263, amounted to Rupees 472-4-2, and the collections to Rupees 1609-5-7; bearing a net increase of Rupees 1137-3-3 or Rupees 663-12-9 - less than the average rental of the last 5 years. This falling off the collector attributes chiefly, to the adverse nature of the season, and the short duration of the Freshes in the rivers. for except during heavy rains and the monsoon freshes there is no necessity for keeping Ferry Boats on these rivers.

Although

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4. Although there has been a decrease in the Revenue by the change of system, the collector states that the experiment has proved eminently successful as regards the object for which it was tried; for there have since been scarcely any complaints by Travellers of their having been overcharged or annoyed as they formerly were by the Renters.

Under these circumstances, the Board think it desirable to make no change in the management of the Ferries, pending the completion of the Bridges now under construction over the Ponnear & Coleroon rivers.

To. C. N. 128
G. S. Forbes Esq

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St. George

With reference to your letter

of the 3rd Instant, I have the honor to forward
an

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an indent in duplicate on the Principal Commissary of Ordnance at Madras, for the supply of scales and weights required in this district for the sale of Salt, and request that the Board will be pleased to pass the same for supply.

Collectors' butchery

Mangalore

12th November 1855

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Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded.

Bd. N. 3350

From the Secretary to Government 16th November 1855. - Read Extract for information referring to the collector of Masulipatam thro' the Commissioner Northern Circars, for enquiry and report, a Petition from Havildar Lal Mohamed of the 34th Regiment L. I. preferring a claim to certain Lakheraj maniam lands.

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Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded.

From

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Bd. N. 3346

From W. Fisher Esq
Ag. collector of Canara

N. 2431

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18. ^{Ms. N^o 21,81}
 From the ⁷⁵⁹ collector of Canara. -- Read Indent on the
 Principal Commissary of Ordnance for scales
 and weights for the use of his district. --
 Order thereon. -- Ordered that the original Indent
 be papered and forwarded to the Secretary to the
 Military Board. --

Received the undermentioned miscella-

⁷⁶¹
^{Ms. N^o 21,93}
 From the Acting collector of Ganjam. -- Salt account current
 for Quarter Ending 30th September 1855. --
⁷⁶²
^{Ms. N^o 21,84}
 From the Acting collector of Masulipatam. -- Salt account
 Current for Quarter Ending 30th September 1855. --
⁷⁶³
^{Ms. N^o 21,82}
 From the collector of Tanjore. -- Reporting on the state of the season. --
⁷⁶⁴
^{Ms. N^o 21,85}
 From the collector of Salem. -- Register of Petitions for the
 Month of October last. --
⁷⁶⁵
^{Ms. N^o 21,87}
 From the Acting collector of Ganjam. -- Abstract of Demand
 Collection and Balance for October 1855. --
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^{Ms. N^o 21,88}
 From the Acting collector of Ganjam. -- Average Bazar Prices of
 Grain for September last. --
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^{Ms. N^o 21,89}
 From the collector of Salem. -- Average Bazar Prices of Grain
 for October last. --
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^{Ms. N^o 21,91}
 From the Acting collector of Masulipatam. -- Statement
 shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for export-
 ation to Calcutta on the 29th October 1855. --
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^{Ms. N^o 21,90}
 From the Agent at Purnool. -- Reporting the non transmission
 of Periodical returns for October 1855. --
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^{Ms. N^o 21,86}
 From the Acting collector of Madras. -- Requesting a further supply
 of 1000 Salt Rowannahs. --

Read

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Read the fol-

lowing papers:

Tabular

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Tabular Report on the lands Enams in the District of Bellary for the

2^d Quarter ending 30th June 1855.

Taluk and Name and by Name of Name of
11 of the same the last of

Family left by

held leaves but little

Timmappah

/ Col 3 /

Naidoo Garree, Cuntay
Naid, in favor of Poorachottamiah

for the Enams in Coondurpee for service
in the Nuremawumy Temple -

1. Taluk issued by D^r in the name
of Despecifying the extent of lands conferred -

1- Deed of gift executed in A. D. 1757
by Dalavay Venkatapaty names Cuntay

Naidoo in favor of Timmappah
confering the Enams in Mullayanoor
for service in the above temple

2. Taluk for the produce of
the above Enams

2. Taluk issued under the
Company's Government -

doubt of their being Temple service

Enams, for which reason though
they are entered as Bhutwary in the survey
accounts it is recommended that they be con-
sidered as such on the usual condition to

Sanachar the nearest relation of the last incumbent

The 5 numbers, value

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as an ent to show that they were given

for service in Temple and as the claimant

is a very distant connection of the last

holder there seems no reason to recom-

mend his claim for sanction

Vencatp Syengar

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In the survey
account the name

of George Tephah is entered &
for the Enamo in Chandrasee
and that of George Tephah
Garwe is affixed for the Enam
in Kullayanor.

Considered

1-18-19-12-2-9 UnKnown

Sejavanally None

1-1-20-8-12-1 Taked

Cambedor. 1 Royeruttu

2-2-18-4-12-14-1 Gully Tephah.

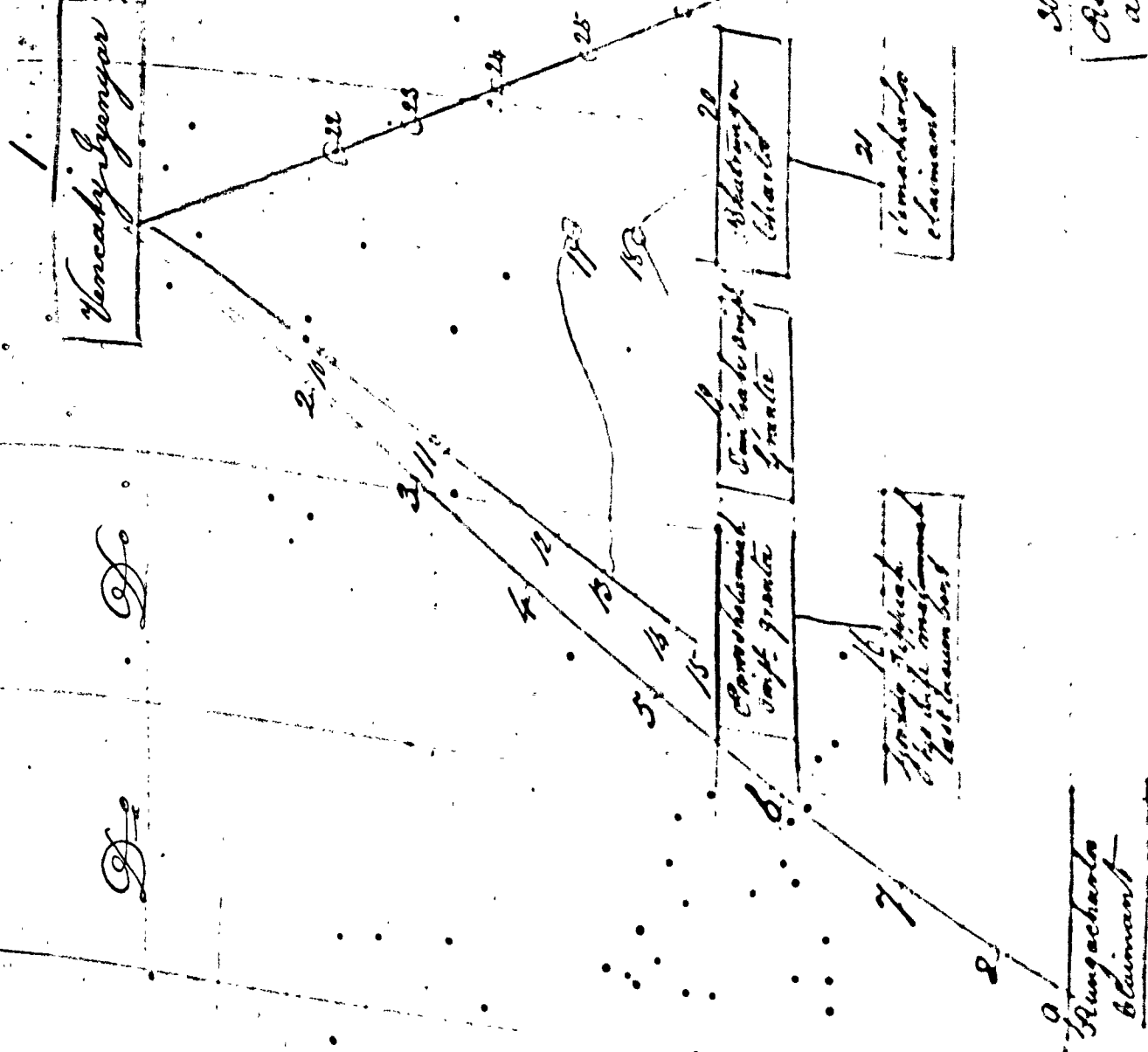
Shoolkaid name is entered.

1-1-26-6-19-6 - ed in the sur

5-24-4-6-47-9 = very accurate

8-20-26-5-119-13-4

(Shoolkaid) Considered held without grant



3 Dhurmasuram.

In 1807 by an
Colonel Munro

Talook

Cusab

Dhurmasuram

Fields. Extent. 1000

5-22-29-2-34-168

or Steedaraiah

Garee Paramaraph

Davayee Dantunmagar

120-34-13-3-8 Varedafah and

613-33-15-37-11-2 Paramaraph are

entered -

In 1807 by an
Colonel Munro

Davayee

Paramaraph

on the

19th La Field

brother

Share

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1. Dharmarum in A. D.

Talook 1807 by Co
Colonel Munro

Apparacheroo Danyerlee =

Field Content of the Laramaphah

A. G. A. P. & P. and others

1: - 22-12-84 - 5: 1 Danyerlee Tappah

is entered in

Survey account in

which account the Canam

is however noted as requested

1: Sektaraman

phah is entered in

Tarwar

Shore Subumal

enjoyed = widow of the This Canam is held

by the deceased aged under the head

died on Decemb. 21st 15 years - of Maintenance and

the 21st Held 1 Venamamah entered in

December by the widow of Dymash in the

1849 = cousin the 1st son name of

brother of the deceased Danyer Tappah with

April 2-1-00 aged 22 years a remark that it

Held. Daughter and had been requested

by son of the above and the name

other Wife of Danyer Seta

Share 1-2-2-1 Aurenmah = ramaphah is enter

84-5 = ed

1. Tappah in Tarwar account

1 Venatanyados but from Copy of

claimant the Tappah issued by

2nd son of the Colonel Munro found

deceased aged among the records of

22 years - Dharmarum Tappah

1 Litchmahah it appears the Canam

wife of the now claimed is a

above aged portion of Canam given

16 years to deceased

1. Sektaramaphah - ancestors in

brother of the claimant lieu of ready

aged 16 years money allowance

1. Vardaphah formerly granted

aged 14 years in lieu of a

1. Vardodua = Danyer Canam

phah D^o aged which been gifted

11 years

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1. The share of the Enam
 brother of the
 claimant aged 9 years
 has been enjoyed by deceased
 for many years and has
 been held under the
 aged 8 years head of maintenance and
 1. Therefore beg to recom-
 mend it may be contin-
 ued to present an-
 claimants as an act
 of indulgence -
 to P. S. 8-11. It is part of the
 same Enam referred to in the
 preceding number -
 Signed to Pelly Collector

Pelly Collectors Office
 30th July 1855

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 P. S. 115

Remarks thereon. Case N^o 1. The Board
 request the sanction of Govern-
 ment for authorising the resump-
 tion of this Enam, as the deceased
 has left no heir or claimant. -
 Case N^o 2. - Concurring in the
 opinion of the Collector, the
 Board recommend that the
 Enams held for service in a Pa-
 goda may be continued to Sama-
 charloo, who is next of kin to the
 last incumbent under the usual
 conditions; they also agree with the
 Collector that the other five Enams
 which are not shown to have been
 given for service in any temple
 may be resumed, as the deceased
 has left no lineal heirs
 Case N^o 3. - On the ground of
 long possession, the Board sup-
 port the recommendation of the Collector that the
 share in this Enam may be continued to

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Sobaraw, son of the last incumbent. The Enam was granted in commutation of ready money allowance made for lands formerly resumed.

Case N^o 4.:- The Board further supports the recommendation of the Collector, that the share in this Enam which like the above was granted in lieu of ready money allowance, may be continued to the family of the deceased on the ground of long enjoyment, it should be renewed in the name of Venkataroyadas his eldest surviving son. —

Read again statement from the Collector of Madras dated 5th and entered in Consultation 30th October 1855 of the claims of G. Lance Beebe to a pension granted to Benjamin Beebe

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Fort St. George 23rd November 1855

N^o 218

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By No 3289

From the Ag. Collector, Sir,
of Madras —

To the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Goolam Mahomed Saungs allowance, Rs 50-13 per annum.
Goolam Moulah Rs 7-8 per annum.

I have the honor to reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 30th October last, and to state that two Yeomiahdars receiving an allowance in this Office, as noted marginally signed a statement guaranteeing the truth of their assertion that Ghows Beebe is the grand Daughter of the late Bejan Beebe, on the penalty of the forfeiture of the said allowances in the event of their statement being proved to be false. This fact also was reported by the Quit Rent Amildar on the 23rd August last.

Madras

12th November 1855

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By No 3114

Proceedings thereon 1

Forwarding letter & statement from the

(Signed) B. Cunliffe
Acting Collector

Resolved that the above recorded statement and letter be forwarded for the consideration and

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the Collector of Madras recommends that Ghouse Beebee may be allowed to draw the arrears due to her since her mother's death & for the future Rs 45-10-0 per annum at the rate allotted to the 3rd life.

and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

The Pension applied for originally amounted to Rs 420 per annum, and was granted by Government in three shares of Rs 140 each to Beegani Beebee and her two sons as members of the family of the Saghirdar of Satumpak - these payments were to be continued for three lives each, subject to reductions of one third on the death of each incumbent.

Beegani Beebee having died on the 23rd November 1833, her daughter had she availed herself of the pension which she did not would have received Rs 93-5-0 per annum as the 2nd life, and the present applicant as the 3rd life would have been entitled to Rs 45-10-0 per annum, but she now asks for a pension of Rs 93-5-0 as her mother had failed to draw her pension and is dead.

The Collector recommends that the applicant may be allowed to

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to draw the arrears of her mother's pension, at the rate allotted to the 2nd life, amounting to Rs 162-1-1 and also the arrears due to herself at the rate payable during the 3rd life, and amounting, since the date of her mother's death, now upwards of 4 years to Rs 205-14-10, with a continuance of the pension.

The Board are of opinion that the state should not be held responsible for the arrears accumulated by the remissness of the present applicant's mother; but as her identity and relationship to the original grantee have been regularly attested, and she has no other means of subsistence, they recommend for favorable consideration that Ghouse Beebee may be allowed to draw the arrears due to herself since her mother's death, vizt Rs 205-14-10 and for the future Rs 45-10-0 per annum, the rate allotted to the 3rd life, and at which the arrears recommended

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recommended for sanction have
been calculated.

N^o 153To G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

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N^o 3202

From the Collector
of Trichinopoly

Sir,

In reply to your letter
N^o 2881 of the 29th ultimo I
have the honor to state I sent
in my answer to the Board's
Circular dated the 9th July
last N^o 1712 by letter of
the 14th Idem N^o 89.

Trichinopoly District

Tottum Collectors

Circuit Butcherry

3rd November 1855

Order Mercon

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Ordered to be over

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Fort St. George 23rd November 1855N^o 240To G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

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after N^o 3406

From the Collector
of South Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to forward

the accompanying copy of a letter dated
19th Instant, from Captain F. J. B.
Priestley, Superintendent Revenue Sur-
vey, in which he applies for three the-
odolites for the use of his Establish-
ment, and points out the expediency
of his being soon supplied with the
Gunter's measuring chains, with which
it was resolved some time back
that he should be furnished.

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The Board will observe
that Captain Priestley now wishes
to have a 6 inch and a 5 inch
theodolite in lieu of one of the 7 inch
theodolite he previously applied
for.

South Arcot
Collector's Office
Butcherry
Pattampakam.

20th November 1855

(Signed) A. Hall

Collector

18903

Fort St George 23^d November 1855

Enc. N:1

N:81

To A. Hall Esq

Sir Collector of South Arcot

I have the honor to request that you will obtain for the use of the ^{1-7 inch Theodolite} survey the instruments noted in the margin, the establishment being now completed to the strength sanctioned. It will be observed, that I have substituted a 6 inch and a 5 inch for the 7 inch theodolite originally asked for, as I find it will be a better arrangement.

I beg to draw your attention to the expediency of having the Gunter's chains, ordered to be adapted, sent here as soon as possible, it being my intention, should the weather permit, to endeavour to begin field work before the end of next month. I also venture to represent that the sooner an Officer be appointed as Assistant Superintendent the better otherwise time which can ill be spared at the beginning of the working season will have to be spent in teaching him.

Survey Office

Cuddalore, 19th November 1855

(Signed) F. S. B. Priestley Captain
Superintendent Revenue Survey

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Bd N:3117

To Messrs. Henrich & Co.

Messrs. Pharoah & Co.

F. S. Arcot 20th NovCms 23^d Nov 1855

A N:3406

Fort St George 23^d November 1855

Official Memo.

The Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue requests Messrs Pharoah and Co. to state if they have for sale three Theodolites of 7-6 and 5 inch respectively.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
23^d November 1855

(Signed) G. S. Forbes
Acting Secretary

Resolved that the follow-

ing letter be despatched.

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Bd N:3116
Estimate of the quantity of Cloth required for belts for the Pons of the Revenue Board Office.

N. of	Pons	Quantity	Color	at what rate procurable	Remarks
		13 Yards	Coarse Blue	At 2 ¹ / ₂ Rs	
		5	Edging	per yard	

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
23^d November 1855

(Signed) G. S. Forbes
Acting Secretary

Received

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Fort St. George 23rd November 1855.

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Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and statements.

MS. N^o. 2494
From the Collector of North Arcot. Statement of Demand Collection and Balance of Revenue for June 1855.

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MS. N^o. 2498
From the Collector of Coimbatore Average Bazar prices of Grain for the month of October 1855.

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MS. N^o. 2496
From the Collector of North Arcot } Reports that no

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cases were disposed of under Regulation IX of 1822 during October 1855.
MS. N^o. 2497
From the Collector of North Arcot } Return of Petitions

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referred by the Board of Revenue for disposal for October 1855.

MS. N^o. 2499
From the Collector of Madras. Statement of receipts and disbursements in the Sea Custom Department at Ramnad for October 1855.

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MS. N^o. 2495
From the Collector of North Arcot } Report shewing the condition of the District from 1st to 15th November 1855.

Read

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Read the following Papers N^o. 132

To

G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St. George

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MS. N^o. 3374

From the Acting Collector of Canara. } Para 1

Forwards for publication in the Board's Office an advertisement for the sale of 4 Estates for arrears of No 1

I have the honor to forward for publication in the Board's Office, an advertisement for the sale of 4 Estates for arrears of Revenue

The arrear against the defaulter in this case is but trifling, but she has left the country and given her written consent to the sale of the Estate. The land measures 9 goontahs and yields nothing at present

MS. N^o. 2495
Dusky 1264-43-6-3

The demand against the Defaulter amounted to Rupees 83-8-5 of which, the sum shewn in the Margin is still due. The produce of the land is considerable and fully sufficient to meet the Government demand. The arrear arises from the wilful neglect of the defaulter. A betelnut garden measuring 26 goontahs part of the

18907

Fort St George 24th November 1855

No 3

Trusly 1264- 157 4-11

the property on which the arrears is due has been set apart for public sale. The demands on this land amounts to Pikes 250 of this the sum shown in the margin is still due. The whole of the estate consists of rice land, partly under cultivation and partly waste as shown below.

Cultivated	113	32
Waste	81	18
	<u>194</u>	<u>50</u>

The Estate is extensive, but the demand has always been realized with great difficulty. The defaulter is poor, circumstances; and there no prospects of his being able to pay the demands in future, even if the amount of the present arrears is remitted, and it is therefore recommended that this land be put up for sale.

No 4

Trusly 1264- 157 4-11

The defaulter

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	Rice Land	Garden	Cultivated	Uncultivated	Total	Being
	acres	g	acres	g	acres	g
Defaulter	14	15	18	3	11	16
Other share holder	14	15	13	13	19	1
	28	15	29	16	19	12
					25	29
					4	114
						14

The demand on the portion enjoyed by the other holder is regularly realized. The defaulter has neglected the cultivation of the greater part of her land and it will be necessary to put up her entire share for sale as if the cultivated portion only is sold the remainder will not find a purchaser hereafter.

Canara
Collectors futcherry.
Mangalore
15th November, 1855

Signed M. Fisher
Acting Collector
Advertisement

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Advertisement

It is hereby notified that the undermentioned lands have been attached

in satisfaction of arrears of Land Revenue payable by the holder

Defaulters Names: Sanku Magany and Villages

of Estate or Quality of Land

Arrears of arrears wally or payable estimated = money for the current = rent fixed

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Suvura Betu female	Land Revenue Magany in	70	Whole coconut garden	14	5	6	8	9	10
2. Suvabayan	Land Revenue Magany in	18	Whole coconut garden	14	5	6	8	9	10
3. Suvabayan	Land Revenue Magany in	18	Whole coconut garden	14	5	6	8	9	10
4. Suvabayan	Land Revenue Magany in	18	Whole coconut garden	14	5	6	8	9	10

Collectors: Kutcherry
Mangalore,
15th November 1855

Signed M. Fisher

Acting Collector

Signed J. S. Forbes

Acting Secretary

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Fort St. George 24th November 1855B^d N^o 3124

Proceedings thereon.

(788-787)

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter the Board of Revenue authorize the sale, for arrears of revenues, of the lands alluded to and direct the publication in their office of the advertisement forwarded by the Collector, Wednesday the 25th December next being fixed for the day of sale.

To

N^o 213G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

(788)

B^d N^o 3373

From the Collector
of Nellore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for publication in the Board's Office the accompanying advertisement together with copy of a Memorandum of the 10th instant received from the Acting Sub Collector, for the sale of lands, for arrears of revenues, and beg to solicit sanction for the sale.

Nellore.

Collectors Office

17th November 1855

Signed J. B. Elton
Collector

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Fort St. George 24th November 1855N^o 1Enclosure N^o 86

Memorandum

The Acting Sub Collector has the honor to forward an advertisement for the sale of lands at chinacondala-goanta in the Taluk of Davagoodoor.

In this advertisement the Amount of arrears due by the defaulters in the order they stand in the advertisement is 7 — 6 — 8 — 4 — 3 — 15 — 1, and 3 — 3 — 3

Pamapattam

Sub Collector's Office

10th November, 1855

Signed James James Minchin
Acting Sub Collector

True copy/
Signed J. B. Elton
Collector

Advertisement

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Fort St George 24th November 1855

B^d N^o 3124

Proceedings thereon.

788-787

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter the Board of Revenue authorize the sale, for arrears of revenues, of the lands alluded to and direct the publication in their office of the advertisement forwarded by the Collector, Wednesday the 28th December next being fixed for the day of sale.

To

N^o 213

G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

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B^d N^o 3373

From the Collector
of Nellore.

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Collector's Office

17th November 1855

Signed J. B. Elton
Collector

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Fort St George 24th November 1855

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Enclosure N^o 86

Memorandum

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In this advertisement the Amount of arrears due by the defaulters in the order they stand in the advertisement is 7-0-0, 6-8-4, 3-15-1, and 3-3-3.

Pamapattam.

Sub Collector's Office

10th November, 1855

Signed James James Minchin
Acting Sub Collector

True copy
Signed J. B. Elton
Collector

Advertisement

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Advertisement

It is hereby notified that the undermentioned lands have been attached in satisfaction
of the debt due by the holder, and that unless those arrears and further arrears are paid
within the time specified, the same will be sold.

[illegible]

Pamapattam
Sub Collector's Office
10th November 1855

10th November, 1855

Acting sub collector

True: Copy

Signed G. S. Forbes
Acting Secretary
Proceedings

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Q. N. 3123

Proceedings thereon.

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The Board of Revenue autho-

=rege the sale, for arrears of Revenue

of the lands alluded to in the foregoing.

a going letter, and direct the public.

~~tion~~ in their Office of the advertisements

forwarded by the collector, the dates

of sale being altered to Monday,

the 24th December next, Mr Elton

will be pleased to make a correction.

ding correction in the advertisement

published in the district.



Chilton

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To G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

B^d S^d 3377

From the Collector
of Chingleput

Sir In my letter of the 3rd August

I reported that a security bond had been taken from the Firm of Messrs Henrich and Co for the payment of the Alharry arrears of July 1264 by the 12th September following. These arrears amount to Rupees 43818-15-10 to meet which there is in deposit Company's Papers of the nominal value of Rupees 13500 with interest which has since accrued thereon as these papers bear only 4 per cent per annum the Sub Treasurer has intimated that there is no demand for them in the market and that to force a sale would occasion very great loss Messrs Henrich and Co have not adopted any measures for the liquidation of the arrears or redemption of the bonds neither have they replied to my letter of the 30th Ultimo on the subject copy of which is enclosed. I have therefore the honor to request the Board's instructions

* Exclusive of
Redemption
Rupees 905-10
in deposit

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instructions as to the adoption of legal measures
or other process for the recovery of the penalty
stipulated in the security. Bond executed
by them of which copy is enclosed.

Chingleput District
Collectors Cutcherry
Sydapet 17th November 1855

C. J. Shubrick
Collector

N^o 1Enclosure N^o 1.

To

Messrs Henrick & Co

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you
that I have not as yet received any instalments
in payment of the Cutcherry concerns for which
a security Bond was executed by you on the
10th July last and should not a considerable
portion of the sum say 12000 be tendered
within ten days from this date I shall be
compelled to submit the case for the orders
of the Board of Revenue in view to the adop-
tion of legal measures for the recovery of the
penalty.

I take this opportunity of calling
your attention to my letter of the 17 October 1855
to Mr. J. Adamson and to inform you that I

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I propose ordering the peremptory sale of the Company's papers
in deposit.

Chingleput District
Collectors Cutcherry
Sydapet 30th October 1855

/ True Copy /

/ signed / C. J. Shubrick

N^o 2 Collector

I know all men by these presents
that we John Henry Henrick usually resid-
ing at Madras in the East Indies but at
present absent therefrom and residing / tem-
porarily / in Europe and Thomas Adamson
and Doveton Bamboo Row respectively of
Madras aforesaid and which said John Henry
Henrick, Thomas Adamson and Doveton
Bamboo Row now compose the firm of
Messieurs Henrick and Company carrying
on business on the mount Road at Madras
aforesaid as auctioneers and Commission-
salesmen are jointly and severally held
and firmly bound unto the East India
Company in the sum of Eighty seven
thousand seven hundred and forty eight
Rupees of lawful money of Madras to be
paid to the said East India Company or
their successors or assigns For which payment

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to be well and truly made we bind ourselves and each of us and any two of us and the Heirs Executors administrators and personal representatives of us and of each of us and of any two of us firmly by these presents sealed with our respective seals dated this 10th tenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

Whereas the said John Henry Henrick some time since became the Lessee or Renter of and from the said East India Company through and by means of the then Collector of the District of Chingleput of the Abkarry Farm of the said last mentioned District from fully One thousand two hundred and sixty two up to fully one thousand two hundred and sixty four inclusive and the said John Henry Henrick still is such Lessee or Renter as last aforesaid and whereas there now is a considerable arrear of Revenue or Rent due and owing from the said John Henry Henrick to the said East India Company and further Revenue or Rent is now accruing and will continue to accrue and become due from the said John Henry Henrick as such Lessee or Renter as aforesaid to the said East India Company

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up to and until the said 11th day of July instant when the lease or Contract of the said John Henry Henrick will expire and whereas the said John Henry Henrick previous to his departure from India appointed his partner the said Thomas Adamson to act generally as his attorney and Agent for him and on his behalf during his absence from India And whereas the said Thomas Adamson for and on behalf of the said John Henry Henrick did lately apply to Charles John Shubrick Esquire as the Collector for the time being of the said District of Chingleput to grant or allow further time for the payment of the arrears of Revenue or Rent which then were and still are due and owing from the said John Henry Henrick to the said East India Company as aforesaid and of the further Revenue or Rent which then was accruing and would continue to accrue and become due from the said John Henry Henrick to the said East India Company up to and until the said Eleventh day of July Instant and whereas the said Charles John Shubrick acting as such Collector as aforesaid for and on behalf of the said East India Company hath agreed to grant

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grant and allow further time / that is to say until the Eleventh day of September One thousand eight hundred and fifty five / for the payment of all Revenue or Rent which shall appear from the accounts kept in the Office of the Collector of the said District of Chingleput to be due and owing from the said John Henry Henrick as such Lessee or Renter as aforesaid on the said Eleventh day of July One thousand eight hundred and fifty five to the said East India Company upon the said John Henry Henrick Thomas Adamson and Doveton Bauloo Row entering into the above written joint and several Bond or obligation for securing such payment as last aforesaid / subject to the condition for making the same void hereinafter contained. Now the condition of the above written Bond is such that if the above bounden John Henry Henrick, Thomas Adamson and Doveton Bauloo Row or any or either of them or the Heirs Executors Administrators or personal representatives of them or of any or either of them shall on or before the eleventh

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eleventh day of September One thousand eight hundred and fifty five well and truly pay or cause to be paid and fully discharge unto the said East India Company their successors or assigns or unto the said Charles John Shubrick as such Collector as aforesaid or into the Collector for the time being of the said District of Chingleput all and every such sum and sums of money as shall appear from the accounts kept in the Office of the Collector of the said District of Chingleput to be due and owing on the Eleventh day of July One thousand eight hundred and fifty five from the said John Henry Henrick as such Lessee or Renter as aforesaid to the said East India Company their successors or assigns as and for such Revenue or Rent as aforesaid Then the above written Bond or obligation shall be void and of no effect but

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but otherwise the same shall be and remain in full force and
virtue.

Signed Sealed and
Delivered by the above
named Thomas Adamson
as the attorney of the above
named John Henry
Henrick at Madras
(where stamps are not
in use) in the presence of

J. H. Henrick
by his Attorney
Thomas Adamson

/ Signed / Thomas Adamson
/ Signed / D. Bauboo Row
/ True Copy /
/ Signed / G. J. Shubrick
Collector

Order thereon

Ordered that the following letter

be sent

To

The Collector of

Chingleput

B. N. 3120

To the Collector of
Chingleput -

Sir

With reference to your letter

dated 17th November 1855 I am directed by the
Board of Revenue to request you will report
whether the Government Promissory notes
deposited by Mr. Henrick have been endorsed
over to the Collector with power to sell or transfer
or whether they were simply given over to the
Collector as a deposit

Revenue Board Office
Fort Saint George -
24th November 1855 -

/ Signed / G. S. Forbes
Acting Secretary
To -

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G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

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B. N. 3376

From the Acting Collector
of Madras -Sir In obedience to the orders
of the Board conveyed in their Proceedings 17th

November forwarding Extract Minutes of
consultation of the 12th idem I have the honor
to state that 80^{rs} - 11^a - 10^p was the price bid by

Parthasaradhy for the land in question and
which sum he has deposited in my Treasury

I stated in my letter of the
16th August 1855 that the selling price of
land in the neighbourhood was estimated at 4 1/2
Rupees per ground this would give 108 Rupees the Commis

Considering the unproductive
nature of the soil it having been hitherto a
barren waste of sand and the hesitation to
purchase what the occupant had declared
his determination to hold at all risk the price
offered cannot I think be considered very
inadequate

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inadequate. The Board however would have
conferred or not at their pleasure this conditional sale

It is believed that bothundarama
Moddelly brings forward as one proof of
rightful possession the Judgment of the
supreme Court in his favor on his preferring
a Complaint of trespass against the abovenom-
-tioned Parthasaradhy.

It is scarcely necessary however
to observe that the Government were no party
to this action and that they were not heard
in the matter and that if such plea was
admitted it would be a very convenient
way of parties disposing of Government land
without their Consent.

Madras

19th November 1855B^o N^o 3119

Proceedings thereon

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Signed/ B Curliiff
Acting Collector

Resolved that the foregoing
letter be submitted for the information of the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council with reference to para
of Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 12th November
1855

In Comd 17th Nov^r
1855

Ordered also that the following
letter be sent
So

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B^o N^o 3121To the Acting Collector
of Madras.In Comd 24th Nov^r
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to Collector17th November
1855In Comd 17th Nov^r
1855

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Fort Saint George
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The Acting Collector of
Madras

Sir With reference to your
letter of 19th November 1855 I am directed by
the Board of Revenue to request you will
report whether you have placed the documents
and proof connected with the disputed land
now in the possession of bothundarama Moddelly
in the hands of the advocate General with a view
of obtaining his opinion as to the course
to be followed as regards the rights to the
land and the collection of the rent.

2 In forwarding for your in-
formation and guidance the Extract
Minutes of Consultation dated 12th November 1855
the Board intended that you should
furnish the necessary proofs to be
submitted to the advocate General if this has not
already been done the Board request
that they may be submitted to him as
early as possible.

Signed/ G. S. Forbes
Acting Secretary
Read

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Read again Statement
from the collector of North Arcot dated 20th
and entered in City Consultation 23rd November
1855 of Demand Collection Balance for June
1855

Ordered that the following
letter be sent

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To The collector of
North Arcot } Sir
Adverting to the written ac-
count which accompanied the Demand Collection
of 20th In Cont. Balance Statement of North Arcot for the
23rd November 1855 month of June showing the amount collected
up to the 31st October I am directed by the Board
of Revenue to request that you will explain at
your earliest convenience the steps which have
been taken to realize the large amount of
arrears which still remain to be collected
and the causes which have retarded the collections
to so late a period

Rs 27,1256
Land and
Extraneous

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Signed / G. S. Forbes
Acting Secretary
To

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No. 1348.

To

G. S. Forbes Esq.

Acting Secretary to the
Court of Wards.

Bd. No. 3428.

From the Acting Accountant
General and Sub Treasurer, } Sir,

With reference to your letter
of the 15th Instant we have the honor
to forward to you a Power of Attorney to be duly
executed by you, together with a letter of in-
structions on the receipt of which the
Promissory Notes belonging to the Turkish Zemindars
will be sold and the proceeds paid to the collector of Ganjam.

Fort Saint George
25th November 1855

(Signed) G. L. Prendergast

Acting Accountant General

(Signed) S. D. Birch

Sub Treasurer.

Order thereon

Ordered that the following letter
be sent in reply

To

The Accountant General and
Sub Treasurer

Fort Saint George

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Bd. No. 3128.

To the Accountant General
and Sub Treasurer } Gentlemen.

By virtue of my power of
Attorney to you of this day's date, please to
sell

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sell the undrawn bonded securities deposited with you on account of the Dutch Zemindars, and to remit the proceeds to the Collector of Ganjam by Draft on his own Treasury.

Rs 8763 of 1842/43 dated 1 st February 1843	for	2500
23618 of " " " " " "	for	900
10681 of " " " " " "	for	370
28557 1/2 of " " " " " "	for	600
34081 of 1854/55 " " " " " "	for	500
8898 of " " " " " "	for	320

Madras
24th November 1835

(Signed) G. L. Forbes
Acting Secretary to the Court of
Wards - Madras

Know all men by these Presents that I, Gordon Sullivan Forbes, Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, Madras, for the time being, do make, constitute, and appoint the persons at present exercising the Offices of Accountant General and Sub-Treasurer of the East India Company & for that purpose to be my joint Attorneys (and from time to time as any other persons shall be appointed to exercise either of the said Offices, the said constitute the persons so appointed, so that this Power shall always be executed jointly

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by the persons exercising the said Offices) in my name, and on my behalf to endorse, sell and assign, all or any Securities of the said Company, deposited, or which may hereafter be deposited, by or for me, with the said Accountant General and Sub-Treasurer, under terms of an advertisement published in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 14th June 1848, and to receive the consideration money and to give a receipt or receipts for the same, and to do all lawful Acts requisite for effecting the premises, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Accountant General and Sub-Treasurer for the time being shall do therein, by virtue hereof. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Madras the twenty-fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five

Signed, sealed and delivered,
by the said Gordon Sullivan Forbes, Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, Madras, in the presence of us,
(Signed) R. Marshall
R. H. Lyons Esq

(Signed) Gordon Sullivan Forbes
Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, Madras.
(Resolved)

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Resolved that the following
letter be despatched.

798

B. No 3118.

To the Deputy Collector
of Sea Customs.

To, The Deputy Collector
of Sea Customs.

I am directed to send
to you Enclosure D which accompanied
Mr. Underwood's letter to the Board dated
27th March, and to request you will state,
if you are able to do so, when the note
in red ink containing additional directions
to be followed by the Executive Department
was appended to it.

2.
In reply to a similar question
Mr. Underwood has observed, "The entry
in red ink appears to have been made
at the same time as the order, and to have
been copied into the Department Book at
the time with the order". But he has not
sent any notes kept of the articles to which
the order applied, and his answer
leaves the question in uncertainty. Whereas
the Board wish for precise information,
to enable them to judge whether the
Department obeyed the order.

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Fort Saint George.
24th November 1835.

799
B. No 2312.

From the collector of Tanjore. Read Indent for salt
rowannah required for 1856.

799-800
Order thereon - Ordered to be supplied.

My No 2486-
801
From the collector of Madras. Requesting a further supply

801-802 of 1000 Salt Rowannahs.
Order thereon - Ordered to be supplied.

803
My No 2507
From the collector of Nellore. Return of Revenue
defaulter for the quarter ending 30th September
1855.

My No 2508.
From the collector of Salem. Return of persons in confine-
ment in pursuance of sentences passed under Regu-
lation IX of 1822 for October 1855.

805
My No 2503.
From the collector of Salem. Return of Village Officers
suspended or dismissed under Regulation VI of
1831. during October 1855.

From

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From the collector of Nellore.

Return of Persons charged
with offences under Regulation IX of '22807
M^o No 2509. for October 1855.

From the collector of Nellore.

Reports that no persons were
suspended &c under Regulation 6 of '18 during808
M^o No 2502. October 1855.

From the collector of Salem.

States that during the period no
persons were charged with offences under Re-809
M^o No 2501. Regulation IX of '22.

From the collector of Chingleput.

Reports on the
state of the season during the first half of

810

November -

M^o No 2506.

From the collector of Nellore.

Reports regarding

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the state of the season.

M^o No 2505.

From the collector of Salem.

Reports regarding

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the season.

M^o No 2508.

From the collector of Nellore.

Statement showing the

quantity of salt in store available for
exportation to Calcutta on Government
indent and on private trade.

Read

P. D. M. T. M.

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Read the following Papers.

B^o No 3315Public Works Department Public
No 790From the Secretary Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Under
to Government & date the 15th November 1855.Read the following letter from the Secretary
to the Government of India.Transmitting an extract from a
Despatch from the Honorable Court
noticing reports regarding the ex-
ecution of certain public works. (Here enter 5th Oct. 1855 No 2000)Ordered that the Extract from the Honorable
Court's Despatch which accompanied the above letter be
communicated to the Chief Engineer.Ordered also that para 14 of the Despatch be
communicated to the Agent in Ganjam thro' the
Commissioner Northern Circars and para 21 to the
Collector of Bellary thro' the Board of Revenue.
(True Extract)

To.

The President & Members
of the
Board of Revenue.

Signed / J. D. Boudillon

Secretary to Government

Extract from a Despatch from the
Honorable the Court of Directors to
the Government of India in the Public Works
Department.

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Department dated the 15th August 1855. No. 12.

(10-17) works in the village district
consisting principally of the construction
and repair of roads and embankments
to involve a monthly expenditure
of Rs. 1000. Rupees mentioned as
means of employment to the people
who were in danger of starvation from
the failure of rain. Works of the
same character had been sanctioned
by the Madras Government in other
Districts with a similar object.

of severely such means employment in many
of the Madras Presidency in 1855 is
points to be named at in regulating
the ~~practicability~~ of the works with
permanent benefit of the country
and for no purpose of the present of
employment and the saving of
in return for the wages given.
appears to have been sufficiently attended to
Government in the same manner as
fourth condition to be attended to
be employed on such work
instituted.

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No. 2

Extract from a Despatch from the
Honorable the Court of Directors to the
Government of India in the Public Works
Department dated the 15th August 1855. No. 12.

140/ The formation of a road from
Roonjurs to Russulcondah in the
Ganjam District, sanctioned at a
cost of Rupees 28,700 the road
completing the line of communication
between the former place
and the Post of Mussoorcottah.
Tracts of Orissa and Ganjam to the surrounding Districts
and the coast and the formation of this road accordingly
has our approval.

(True Extract)

Signed / J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government.

Ordered that para 21 of the Court's Despatch
be communicated to the collector of Bellary.

Public Department

No. 1474.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.
dated 19th November 1855.

Read Telegraph Message from the officiating
Secretary to Government of India, reporting that
a bill is about to be passed by the Legislative Council
prohibiting the export of saltpetre unless on
British

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No. 3136

der thereon

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No. 3392

on the chief secy
to Government

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are not to interfere with the export of saltpetre already shipped or for which passes may have been already

To.
The President & Members
of the
Board of Revenue.

/ Signed / J. Pycroft
Chief Secretary

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

(815-816)

Public Works Department

N^o 808

817
B. No. 3393

From the Secretary } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Under
to Government. } date the 20th November 1855.

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

(Where entered 31st October 1855. N^o 2905)

Ordered to be communicated to the Marine
Department with reference to para 12 of an Extract
from the Minutes of Consultation in that depart-
ment dated 31st July 1855.

2. A Sketch shewing the site of the proposed
sea custom House and Master Attendants Office should
be furnished for the information of Government.

To
The President & Members
of the
Board of Revenue.

/ True Extract /
/ Signed / J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

(817-818)

To.

N^o 205

G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the B^d of Revenue
Fort St. George

819
B. No. 3176

From the Collyer Sir.
Madura

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt.

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Receipt of your letter of the 24th instant and its enclosure
and to state that in the accounts particular No 2 the
average rate of 7-5-8 per Annam by oversight
entered instead of 7-2-8 and in the accounts par-
ticular No 6 annam 87 pieces per annam gunny piece was
entered instead of 8 annam 74 pieces. Both these accounts
particular have now been duly altered to correspond with
the totals thereof and are herewith returned.

Madura
29th October 1855.

Order thereon.

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B. No. 3256.

From the Chief Engineer
D. P. W.

/Signed/ R. D. Parker
Collector

Ordered to be recorded.

To.

No. 2588.

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

With reference to your letter of the 5th instant,
I have the honor to state that a reply has yet been received
from the collector of Annam on the subject of the Board of Revenue
of the District, and that as soon as the necessary information
is received, and a report made to Government, a copy of it will
be duly furnished to the Board of Revenue as requested.

Central Office of Public Works,
Fort St. George.

821-822 9th November 1855.

Order thereon.

/Signed/ C. E. J. de Silva
Chief Engineer in the D. P. W.

Ordered to be recorded.

To.

No. 101

G. S. Forbes Esquire
Acting Secretary to the B. R.

Fort St. George

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 11th inst.

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that I submitted an Indent (in duplicate) for scales
and weights for use at the salt stores in this District with
my letter to your address of the 27th Ultimo No 96

Rajahmundry District
Collector's office

Cananada 12th November 1855

Order thereon.

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/Signed/ A. Purvis
Collector

Ordered to be recorded.

No. 42

To.

G. S. Forbes Esquire.

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

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B. No. 3318

From the H. P. W. Sir
Colt. in charge of
Guntur

With reference to Para 1

of the Extract from the Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue dated 7th May
1855. I have the honor to state, that five
samples of the Indigo produced at the
exhibition held at Sinacondah were taken
down by Mr. Wood to Madras in the Month
of August last, together with a list of
prices attached to each specimen
with a view to their being forwarded
to the Board. Should they not have
been

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B. No. 3362

From the Col. of
Rajahmundry.

To.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 11th inst.

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been transmitted subsequent to the despatch of your letter of the 23rd ultimo previous to Mr. Wood's departure for Europe. I request you will inform me of the same in order that I may endeavour to procure from the Saloots, if possible, the samples required by Government.

2. I have also the honor to acquaint you that no further charges were incurred on account of the exhibition in addition to the sum of Rupees 232 for which sanction has already been

obtained

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obtained.

Gunttoor
Coll^r's Office12th November 1855B^d. No. 3135

Proceedings thereon.

(825-826)

The Board observe that the samples of Indigo referred to by Mr. Gordon, were forwarded to the Board by Mr. Wood, a copy of whose letter is forwarded herewith—

No. 43.

To.

G. S. Forbes Esquire

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

(827)

B^d. No. 3398

From the Mr. Asst^y
in charge of Gunttoor } Sir

With reference to your
circular

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Fort St. George 26th November 1855.

Circular No. 2632 dated 9th ultimo,
and letter of the 3^d Instant, I
have the honor to inform you that
I have this day submitted in dupli-
cate in duplicate on the Principal
Commissary of ordnance for the
scales and weights required for
weighing salt in this District. Copy of
the Indent is herewith forwarded.

Guntur

Collector's Office

16th November 1855

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Order thereon

Signed J. R. Gordon

Head Assistant Collector in Charge

Ordered to be recorded

the Indent having been transmitted
by the Collector direct to the Principal
Commissary of ordnance.

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To

J. S. Forbes Esq^rActing Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Sir,

No. 8315

Thos W. C. Cochrane Esq^rDeputy Coll^r of Sea CustomsSubmitting
explanation in
respect to the
charges brought
against him by
the Collector
Mr. W. C. Underwood.

Para 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter dated the 9th Instant No. 3003,
forwarding to me an original letter from the Collector
of Sea Customs dated the 29th October 1855 with its
Enclosures.

2. I beg to forward to the Board of Revenue
my reply with enclosures.

3. In commencing I beg respectfully to state
that I consider the enclosure B in Mr. Underwood's
letter shows that the charge is of a most trivial
nature and that "Illegality" is a strong word
to express not an erroneous or fraudulent, or
but unnecessary entry in a Manifest.

4. The sweeping assertions that I have not
endeavored to make myself acquainted with
the Rules, Regulations, and Proceedings of the
Office is one difficult to answer. I can
merely reply that to the best of my ability I have
performed the duties entrusted to me
even when my own personal convenience
would seem to have been studiously disre-
garded in issuing the orders as may be seen

1st Instance

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Fort St. George 26th November 1855.

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in duplicate on the Principal
Commissary of ordnance for the
scales and weights required for
weighing salt in this District. Copy of
the Indent is herewith forwarded.

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Collector's Office

16th November 1855

(827-828)

Order thereon

Signed J. R. Gordon

Head Assistant Collector in Charge

Ordered to be recorded

the Indent having been transmitted
by the Collector direct to the Principal
Commissary of ordnance.

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Fort St. George 26th November 1855

To

G. S. Forbes Esq^rActing Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Sir,

Affi. B. N. 3315

From W. C. Cochrane Esq^rDeputy Coll^r of Sea Customs

Submitting
explanation in
respect to the
charges brought
against him by
the Collector
Mr. W. C. Underwood.

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dent in duplicate on the Principal
Commissary of ordnance for the
scales and weights required for
weighing salt in this District. Copy of
the Indent is herewith forwarded.

Guntoor

Collo. Office

16th November 1855

(827-828)

Order thereon

Signed J. R. Gordon

Head Assistant Collector in Charge

Ordered to be recorded,

the Indent having been transmitted
by the Collector direct to the Principal
Commissary of ordnance.

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To

G. S. Forbes Esq^rActing Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

(829)

Appl. D. N. 3315

Thos W. C. Cochrane Esq^rDeputy Coll^r of Sea CustomsFurnishing
explanation in
respect to the
charges brought
against him by
the Collector
of Sea Customs

By W. R. Underwood

Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter dated the 9th Instant N^o 3303,
forwarding to me an original letter from the Collector
of Sea Customs dated the 29th October 1855 with its
Enclosures.

2. I beg to forward to the Board of Revenue
my reply with enclosures.

In commencing I beg respectfully to state
that I consider the enclosure B in Mr Underwood's
letter shows that the charge is of a most trivial
nature and that "Illegality" is a strong word
to express not an erroneous or fraudulent, or
but unnecessary entry in a Manifest

The sweeping assertion that I have not
endeavoured to make myself acquainted with
the Rules, Regulations, and Proceedings of the
Office is one difficult to answer. I can
merely reply that to the best of my ability I have
performed the duties entrusted to me
even when my own personal convenience
would seem to have been studiously disre-
garded in issuing the orders as may be seen

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of duty that this is not the case, will be evident from a reference to the Copy of his order marked C which he encloses from which it will be seen that the only alteration on the previous system is, that the goods are now passed by an order from the Executive Officer. As however this order is based solely on the supervisor's decision with which Mr Underwood has repeatedly declined to interfere it is manifest that the check now apparently imposed is really of no power whatever. That there was nothing clandestine in the mode in which the damaged provisions had hitherto been passed is evident from the enclosure C in Mr Underwood's letter being the supervisor's account of such provisions found by him to be damaged and allowed to be passed out during the whole period which Mr Underwood attests to, which includes three weeks viz^t from 28th September to 18th October 1854 when I was absent on leave and Mr Underwood had charge of the Executive Department on which time - 16th - Casks of Beer were similarly allowed to pass free of duty the other articles mentioned by Mr Underwood as having been improperly allowed to pass free of duty were also "damaged" provisions the accounts

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for instance. -

11 The other damaged goods which Mr Underwood mentions that I treated in a different manner were I presume damaged twist and other similar articles, whose value though reduced was not destroyed by the damage / as is supposed to be the case with provisions / and which are sold by auction / or appraised / and duty levied on their present value thus ascertained. -

12 No duty is levied or leviable on damaged provisions, and this simple fact I submit upsets the monster charge which Mr Underwood has brought against me in this matter. -

13 The levy of Godown rent from Messrs Arbuthnot & Co. on 6th September, 1854, was perfectly legitimate if their goods had occupied Godown room for more than 14 days and this independently of whether the goods were liable to duty or not. The calculation as being made in the book was perhaps an objectionable informality, but from which no injury could possibly result to Government or any individual. -

14 With the informality complained of in Messrs Stephenson & Co's case was, does not correctly appear. On the application marked H the

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condition of Godown Rent has been endorsed by me and in that marked of the condition is not specified by me. But Mr Underwood's standing order marked by in his letter had made payment of Godown rent a specific condition in every such case and it does not appear necessary or ruled by that order that the condition should be stated in writing on each occasion. The enclosure H which Mr Underwood has included as being of the same nature as G and F is an application for permission to examine not to sell damaged goods.

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Para 12, 30, 31 and 32. What this charge contained in para 12 is, I do not clearly understand unless that Mr Underwood imputes as a fault to me that I referred for his decision as the Head of the Office, certain applications for remission of Godown Rent which should have been decided myself. He states that I might have learnt my duty by the record of the cases of Messrs Parry & Co in which a similar application was referred for the decision of Government in consequence of the amount of the sum it involved. I confess I am still unable to see the force of the observation.

In the case of " "

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to in paras 30, 31 and 32 of Mr Underwood's letter, and in the enclosures V and W of that letter Mr Underwood as well be seen by the paper V referred to me, for an opinion not for decision an application for remission of Godown Rent which was made to him in a case in which the previous application for permission to pass the goods had been made to himself and with all the particulars of which he was acquainted, he having in the case performed the executive duties. Why the report was called for from me does not appear and the date of the reference I beg to point out is the 25th October 1855 being subsequent to the date of Mr Underwood's original letter reporting me to Government and of their order calling for specific charges. The opinion I gave is now stated by Mr Underwood to be based on erroneous grounds, but the paper sent to me was ambiguous in its terms, and when I personally enquired of Mr Agnew, one of the members of the firm of Messrs Arbuthnot & Co how Mr Shaw had caused the penalty to be incurred? - I was led to understand, that it was by some act of his while acting as Government arbitrator under

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under the Collectors' Order of the 1st July 1855,
submitted herewith marked J.

I cannot bring the circumstances to
my recollection. It is not probable that I
should have wilfully neglected to comply with
so simple a request as that made by
Mr Underwood and as to the charges of am-
mo of leaving Property to the amount of 2
Lacs of Rupees to exposures, I beg to reply
that the want of covered space for goods in
the Custom House Yard, is a subject that has
often been brought to the notice of Govern-
ment, and is now I believe, under con-
sideration. I have repeatedly given
myself over the Custom House Yard and
directed the Supervisor to be careful in
stowing Property and if in this instance
I omitted to do so, it must have been
owing to my having to attend to other
duties in the Office.

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18 An error was committed and acknow-
ledged as explained in my reply contained
in enclosure L to Mr Underwood's letter.
The extent of it was, that goods to be exported
on which drawback was claimed, were in
the press of business treated by me as ordi-
narily as goods on which Export 11

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19 I have no recollection of this matter.
I see that the date of the application for drawback
and of Mr Underwood's order disallowing it are
both 31st May, so that it does not appear probable
that any great delay could have occurred in the
matter, and I see nothing on the application to
show that it had in the first instance been made
to me.

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I beg to enclose marked K extract from
Mr Underwood's Memorandum to me dated 10th
October to which my Memorandum in enclosure N
of his letter to the Board is the reply. In this I state
that I accepted Mr Shaw's Certificate as Arbitra-
tor on the part of Government on the strength
of Mr Underwood's Memorandum of the 1st July
1855 / copy of which I enclose marked J / ap-
pointing him to that duty. I never intended to
lead Mr Underwood in any one else to suppose by
that reply that I considered his order of the 1st July to allow
of my omitting to nominate Mr Shaw formally on each
occasion of his having to act. The omission was
accidental as I told Mr Underwood in my reply of
25th October in enclosure M in his letter and I am unable
to see any variance between the two statements. The
state of the case is simply this. Mr Underwood's order

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of the 1st July in my opinion constituted Mr. Shaw standing
 Arbitrator on the part of Government. To
 assess the value of damaged goods, but according
 to the practice of the office, his name as such should
 be written on each application for arbitration.
 This form I accidentally omitted in the
 press of business and I do not consider, I should
 have minded the matter by inserting
 Mr. Shaw's name after the survey was
 completed, as Mr. Underwood points out. I
 had an opportunity of doing this explanation
 a moment I must leave it to the Board to decide
 how far my replies to Mr. Underwood are a
 variance with one another. I expected the impres-
 sion that any conversation was intended in
 21 The letter to me the application in
 question, is an order to the office to examine the
 application whether or not it is in proper form and
 not to examine the goods as Mr. Underwood
 chooses to infer, I always write my initials across
 the face of the latter class of applications as an order
 or permission to the office to comply with them
 and of this practice I believe Mr. Underwood should
 have been aware. I bring to the attention of the Board
 to the fact that the correspondence on which the
 charge is founded is of a date subsequent to that of
 Mr. Underwood's letter to the Board complaining
 of me and of the order of Government in-
 directing him to do so. I am, Sir, Sir,
 that

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22.

In this instance I was under the im-
 pression that Messrs. Nisbet and Co. held the
 Bill of lading and Invoice, and upon those
 grounds I permitted the case to be opened.

23.

Whatever opinion may be formed of
 the transaction complained of by Mr. Underwood
 I consider that the consequences of my act, had
 they been evil, would have fallen upon myself as
 I do not think that the act can be deemed one
 of carelessness, the responsibility for it must
 have rested on me personally and not on the
 Office generally, had the act been complained
 of which it was not.

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24.

I do not see in what manner
 this Department could interfere it was a matter
 certainly between the Merchant and the owner or
 Commander of the Vessel. Captain Biden did
 inform me of the change of destination of the
 Vessel, but in private conversation with reference
 to a friend who had taken his passage in the
 Vessel.

25.

Para 22. I beg to enclose, Copy mark-
 ed L of Mr. Underwood's Memorandum to me,
 regarding the "Dhony Sengaloneummen" from
 which it will be seen, that Mr. Underwood himself
 was

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was of opinion that it was unnecessary to place the Cargo under Charge of a Customs Officer. The object of Section II. Act VI of 1844, is to guard us against fraudulent evasion of Duty which in this case could not possibly have been effected had the Cargo been landed under my orders.

26. The Cargo was shipped for a Free Port, past free of duty by reason of its destination. Had it after re-landing to be re-exported to the same Port or any other free Port it would have still passed free in any case. Had it become liable to duty by reason of a change in its destination, a previous Settlement of duty could not have been pleaded in bar of the levy of such duty. Mr Underwood's order (enclosure B in his letter) seems to have reference to a later stage in the proceedings when I was not at Office, but it does not appear that the precautions ordered by him to be taken were called for by the circumstances of the case, or how my first order was improper.

27. Para 23 The only delay in this instance was, that when the certificates were presented to me, by the Supervisor, he informed me that the name of the Steamer marked upon them was the "Pottinger" whereas the application had that of the "Bangul" thereby causing a discrepancy. It is to be in

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my own mind of accepting the Certificates and putting my initials on them as is usual, but considering my then position with regard to Mr Underwood I wished to obtain information as to how the Collector had acted on a similar occasion and while I was making the necessary reference the parties interested went to Mr Underwood complaining that I had refused to accept the Certificates which he immediately signed himself and now bases a complaint against me on this proceeding.

28. Para 24. The Pine Boards were entered in the application as from London and the value placed at the Tariff rate for American deals. The appraiser objected to this, see letter marked A. The applicant then upon instructions from his Principal altered the entry. The value was fixed accordingly and no complaint made. I submit that the Provision of Para 1 in Schedule A Act VI of 1844 was not violated by the course pursued. The Board must judge whether my Memorandum in enclosure C in Mr Underwood's letter, evinces any disposition to demur to or neglect the orders of the Collector it was intended merely to explain why a certain course had been pursued. The assumptions in para 28 do not admit of any reply.

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29. Paras 31 and 32 have been answered under instance N^o 5.

30. My reply to Mr. Underwood's charge as regarding the charge of the treasury has already been submitted to the Board.

31. As to the charge of my not replying to Mr. Underwood's Memorandum, with regard to the 20th August in which he complains I delayed to attend to the performance of duties alleging that I had not time, before proceeding on leave, I beg to state that I must have misinterpreted the wording of Mr. Underwood's Official Memorandum as from it I understood that he required me to go over the Bonded Warehouse and make a detailed statement after personal inspection of all the goods therein bonded with their respective marks and numbers which must have occupied considerable time and which moreover I considered were duties which ought to have been performed by a Clerk in the Office rather than by the Committed Officer but it never occurred to me to suppose that I could be called upon by Official Memorandum merely to order a Clerk to frame an abstract statement from detailed accounts. Had I understood the Memorandum as explained by Mr. Underwood subsequently it would have been equally easy for me to give the necessary order for what was required as for Mr. Underwood.

32.

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Mr. Underwood's Official Memorandum dated 10th October 1855 marked A of my enclosures I would respectfully beg to be informed, whether I am expected literally to act up to the instructions conveyed in Paras I and 3 or whether I may not be permitted to act in the matter as has heretofore been the case with the Deputy Collector in this Office before I entered it; I would also beg to draw attention to the latter part of Para 6 of the same Memorandum and leave it to the Board to decide whether the appraisal is to be considered under the orders of the Deputy Collector or not. With regard to the last para respecting the Cash Chest. I have already in a former letter forwarded to the Board, expressed the impossibility of my considering myself in entire charge of it while the Collector has in his possession also a Key with access to it at his pleasure.

33. I have now laid before the Board as briefly as the subject would admit of my doing my explanation of the several occurrences which Mr. Underwood has seen fit to charge against me as the grounds for his complaint to the Board and Government against me.

34. I trust that the explanation will

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be considered at least to show that Mr. Underwood had no sufficient warrant for the terms in which in his two letters to the Board he has chosen to characterise my conduct.

35. His reiterated sweeping charges of neglect of duty and of the means of obtaining the information requisite for its performance which do not admit of any detailed answer. I trust will not be allowed to carry with them more weight than the specific charges against which I have been allowed to offer my defence.

36. I also trust that because of my making no counter charge or complaint against Mr. Underwood the Board will not think me insensible to the treatment to which I have been subjected, or to the tone in which I have been addressed by the Collector.

37. The papers now before the Board suffice to show what that has been and I with an entire confidence leave the matter for redress in the hands of the Board and Government.

Madras
November 16th 1855.

(Signed) W. E. Cochrane
Deputy Collector Sea Customs

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A

Official Memorandum.

1. Mr. Cochrane the Deputy Collector will take charge of the Executive Department of the Office. He will attend daily, Sundays excepted, at ten o'clock and after four, when the Cash has been put away and Vifels cleared he is at liberty to leave the Office. Mr. Cochrane will consider it an essential part of his duty to attend punctually and not to be absent himself from Office during the hours of business.

2. In case of sickness preventing the Deputy from attending to his duty he will give the Collector due notice who will attend in his stead.

3. Mr. Cochrane will retain the key of the Table Drawer and give out the gate key and the books of the Cash Department daily at 10 A.M.

4. The Deputy Collector will transact all the ordinary duties of the Executive Department without reference to the Collector but all extraordinary cases are to be reported, accompanied by a Memorandum of the course the Deputy proposes to pursue.

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5. If Mr. Cochrane will be good enough to compare the accompanying application and pass to clear Run with Act XIX of 1852 and the correspondence of this Department he will by the lesson thus learnt ascertain the difference between an application involving "principle" and one of a "Routine."

6. It is the especial duty of the Deputy Collector to examine every manifest to ascertain it is correctly drawn before signing and if it be not to return it. All applications must be examined by him and if not correctly made out are to be returned. It is the duty of the Deputy Collector to ascertain this fact before they are permitted to be sent into the Office and not as Mr. Cochrane supposes the duty of Subordinates.

7. The Deputy Collector is at liberty to receive Certificates of Survey as evidence of the damage of goods and either determine that as the Arbitrator appointed by the applicant or shall be accepted by him, to value the damaged goods, or at his discretion appoint any officer in the Executive Department he can

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placed as Arbitrator. The appraiser is not to be considered under the orders of the Deputy Collector but he is at liberty to communicate as freely with Mr. Atkinson on all matters relating to the Department under his control.

8. Mr. Cochrane will take advantage of the spare time afforded by the Monsoon to read the records of the Department and make himself acquainted with them. The Collector believes that to his previous want of attention to this obvious duty some of the errors he has committed are to be ascribed.

9. Any Memorandum or report Mr. Cochrane may desire to transmit to the Collector he will give to the Head Manager who will attend to his instructions as to its being copied &c. &c. &c.

10. The Deputy Collector will be careful that due consideration is given to the requests of parties with reference to the shipment and landing of goods and entry of Vessels (even without going through the ordinary form and out of office in hours) on emergency from whatever cause arising whether from leakage over loading, or expected bad weather. The Deputy will consider attention to

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to these matters of more consequence than the inability to leave the Office daily at a fixed hour. The Collector deems it necessary to bring this subject under Mr. Cochrane's notice leaving him to act in all cases at his discretion. He will be pleased to give all orders on these subjects in writing.

11. The Deputy Collector will be pleased in future to grant no document under his signature without placing a Copy on the Records. He will be pleased to put on the Record, Copy of any document he may have given to D^r Scott.

12. Mr. Cochrane will be pleased to put his initials on letters which are received and despatched and be pleased to sign such papers as are now on the Records to which he has omitted to put his initials.

13. Mr. Cochrane will have entire charge of the Cash Chest which the Collector will examine monthly.

Sea Custom House,
Madras 10th October,
1855.

(Signed) W. E. Underwood.
Collector Sea Customs.

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Mr. Cochrane will be pleased to attend to his duties this day Saturday and on Saturday in future as on other days of the week.

Madras

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(Signed) W. E. Underwood
Collector of Sea Customs.

To Mr. E. Cochrane Esq^r
D^r Collector Sea Customs.

I received this order B in Mr. Underwood's own hand writing at 7 o'clock A.M. on Saturday the 8th of September immediately after Government had sanctioned we leave on Friday 7th September 1855.

(Signed) W. E. Cochrane.

Enc: 3.

Official Memorandum.

It being desirable that a Code of Rules should be framed for the guidance of the Managers of each Department Mr. Cochrane will be pleased to complete it submitting the Rules proposed for each Department as furnished to the Collector for approval.

In the first instance Mr. Cochrane will be pleased to draft Rules for the guidance of the several Departments concerned.

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concerned commencing with the duties of the
Head Manager in the presentation of the
import manifest with for each Depart-
ment until the manifest is finally
checked off and the clearance signed.

Mr. Colborne will pursue a
similar course with the export Department
commencing with the application for an
export permit.

Mr. Colborne will be pleased
to submit to the Collector for approval
such portion as may be furnished before his
departure on leave and be good enough to
inform the Collector of his intention before
Madras two clear days before giving
over charge of the Department to under his
charge.

Sea Customs House.

Madras 8 September 1855

To Mr. Colborne Esq.
De Coll. Sea Customs

Enc. 1.

To Mr. Colborne Esq.
Sir,

In reply to your letter dated
this day calling upon me for a written
statement regarding it at London I

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received from Mr. Underwood respecting
the passing of damaged Goods and Sour
Beer. I have the honor to state that I
was told by Mr. Atkinson immediately
after the decision of the Supreme Court
in the case of Messrs Bainbridge & Co.
damaged Bacon that it was Mr. Underwood's
intention to pass all damaged Provisions,
Sour Beer and Porter Free, as the Custom
House would not take cognizance of articles
of this nature.

When a case occurred being the
first after the decision of the Supreme Court
where a party was desirous to pass some
Sour Porter, I took up the application
to Mr. Underwood with a view to that
Gentleman's giving the necessary orders
but was then told that there was no
necessity for an application and that the
Custom House would have nothing to do
with articles of this description. I told
Mr. Underwood that there must be some
Voucher for the Pass writer to pass them
out, I was directed by him to order the
Superintendent of the yard to pass them
and to keep a Memorandum of the
quantity so passed that it was
Mr.

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Mr. Underwood's intention to send to Government on this subject. I immediately went to Mr. Walters the Superintendent of the Custom House, yards and gave the orders and recollect mentioning the circumstances to Mr. Alkinson at the time.

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Signed / C. D. Long

Beck Manager

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Memorandum

In Obedience to the request of the Deputy Collector of Sea Customs, with regard to the packing of damaged Beer and Porter and damaged provisions the Yard Supervisor, begs respectfully to state that to the best of his knowledge and belief, it was sometime in the month of January 1855, that he was directed by the then Head Manager, Mr. C. D. Long, to pack out without an application or letter, all damaged or damaged provisions, Soir Beer and Porter, Keeping a Memorandum of the same, who stated that were the orders of the Collector. These orders were duly observed by the Yard Supervisor up to 30th of

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June last when it was ordered by the Collector that the practice should be instantly discontinued and such goods packed out under the usual forms of the Office.

The Yard Supervisor begs further to state that sometime after the orders received thro the Head Manager a quantity of Beer was rejected which to him a portion appeared to be sound he brought the circumstances to the notice of the Deputy Collector who went to the Collector in an evening about it and soon after returned stating that the Collector would have nothing to do with it, whereupon it was packed out without application or letter. With reference to the 22250 damaged coconuts they were packed on the same order from the Beach.

Madras, Sea Customs

House, 13th November 1855Signed / W. Walters
Supervisor

Enc. 6.

W. E. Underwood Esq.
Collector of Sea Customs

Respected Sir,

In Obedience to your orders.
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conveyed to me by Mr. Smith, the Head Manager, they became most perfectly willing to explain the circumstances under which Rejected Beer and Porter and damaged Provisions were passed through the Import Pass Gate.

They have to state that Mr. Waters, the Superintendent, communicated to me a verbal order directing me to pass Rejected Beer and Porter and damaged Provisions, and order, he told me, was given by you the late Head Manager Mr. C. D. Long: under these circumstances I allowed them to be passed.

Sea Customs House
Madras 2nd July 1855

/ Signed / Basil de Silva
Pass Gate Keeper

Suspended for 3 days from Rank and pay for talking an order from an unauthorized party

/ Signed / W. E. Underwood

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Mr. Doyle begs to state with reference as to what authorities he had in passing out the rejected Beer and Porter and

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and decayed provisions that the only authority the Department had a Book was sent by the Superintendent of the yard stating the number of Hds. rejected which was inserted in a Book kept in the Department and passed out without any further reference; moreover having observed his Predecessors had done the like for the last 12 months, he followed it up, being convinced an order must have emanated from the Collector.

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+ Pass Gate Keeper
/ Signed / W. E. Cochrane.
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Memorandum.

Mr. Hales begs to state his authority for passing the rejected Beer and Porter when he had charge of the Import Pass Gate, it was a Book being sent to him by the Superintendent, showing the quantity of Hds. and by whom cleared when passed a similar entry was made in a Book kept for the purpose. He felt convinced that the order originated from the

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the Collector by the practice being continued
for a series of months by his predecessors.

3rd July 1855

The latter portion of this document
has been torn off since it was first presented
to me; the original is therefore forwarded.

[Signed] W. E. Cochrane.

Encl. 9.

Official Memorandum.

Mr. G. B. Shaw is appointed
on the part of the Collector of Sea Customs
to estimate the values of damaged goods.

In his absence from any un-
avoidable cause, the Appraiser will be
pleased to officiate as heretofore.

Sea Customs House

Madras 2nd July 1856

[Signed] W. E. Underwood
Collector Sea Customs
Encl. 10.

Copy of Extract of Official Memo.

With reference to the letter
from the Board of Revenue dated 25th
September 1855, No. 21,811, The Deputy
Collector will be pleased to give information

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on the following points.

In what manner Mr. Shaw
was deputed to act as arbitrator in the
Case of the two applications of Messrs.
Kewakose & Co. dated 10th July 1855.

Under what circumstances the
Deputy Collector accepted Mr. Shaw's Cer-
tificate.

Sea Customs House } [Signed] W. E. Underwood
Madras 10th October 1855 } Collector Sea Customs

To W. E. Cochrane Esq.

Deputy Collector Sea Customs
Madras Encl. 11.

The entry of this Shewary is cancelled.
Mr. Cochrane will be pleased to act in confor-
mity with Section III act VI of 1844, and
make a recommendation in what manner
the Cargo should be reloaded after as-
certaining its character and quality as it
does not seem necessary to send an officer on
Board.

Sea Customs House } [Signed] W. E. Underwood
Madras 23rd October 1855 } Collector Sea Customs
Encl. 12.

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Enc. 12.

In obedience to the request of the Deputy Collector, the Appraiser has the honor to explain with reference to the application of Messrs. Stephenson & Co. dated 21st Instant, to pass Pine Boards per ship G. W. Borne from London that he was unable to admit the entry in the rate column of 1.5 Rupees per 1000 feet for London Pine Boards, that rate referring in the Tariff to Pine Boards American and pointed out the same to the party presenting the application. This individual by instructions from his Principal altered the rate to a market value which was accepted.

Sea Customs House
Madras, 30th October 1855.

To D^o Coll^r Sea Customs

Madras

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To G. S. Forbes Esquire
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

B. N. 3408.

From the Collector

Sea Customs Madras

Supplying the
information
called for by
the Board
of Revenue
in their
letters dated
20th Instant
Nos 3081 and
3082 -

To do. &c.

Para 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 20th Instant Nos 3081 and 3082 and to return the enclosures C. D. and E

2. Your Board desire to be informed whether the formalities observed regarding the Porter to which enclosure E refers were followed in passing the first Batch of Beer entered in Book C. I beg to transmit the application and pass for the same -

3. Your Board desire to be informed whether the same course was followed during the 7th September to 18th October 1855 when from Mr. Cochrane's absence I conducted the duties of the Executive Department, I beg to observe that no change took place. This I respectfully submit is attributable to Mr. Cochrane not to me. I could not put a stop to what I did not know was in existence under his sanction.

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I enclose some papers, and referring to the enclosure they relate to the means adopted to ensure regularity. They shew the Officers of the Department that over the weight given by the Importer, and on that charged the duty, that is on his declaration unexamined, and upon application for a refund of the duty over paid it was returned, and the Officers of the three Departments concerned in this law modes of doing duty, made him pay the amount rateably that as I observed in para 1st of the rule of the Office, I do no more than correct errors brought to my notice or discovered by myself. Moreover I had all the duties of the Office at a very busy time of the year to for some much labour with the Exhibition, and during fifteen days of Mr. Cochrane's absence unwell and suffering, severe pain from a large swelling below the Ear. I was recommended to stay at home "by my Medical adviser but obliged to attend to all the duties of the Office."

5. Mr. Cochrane by his entry in the Book as I observed in para 9th committed a grave error and denigration of duty unknown in this Department in

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"not at once stopping this unauthorized and truly illegal proceeding and bringing what had occurred to my notice, thus henceforth rendering these goods liable to the payment of duty as was the case the moment I learnt what had occurred."

6. It is the non stoppage of such an authorized practice passing the Beer without an application or Pass, letting it go free instituting a new, unheard of and illegal proceeding by an entry in that book, and assuming the prerogative to institute this new fashion of doing duty, as wholly unauthorized as it was illegal. If any party acquainted with customs duties sees this not a word need be said he will see its dire consequences at a glance. It can never be characterized as an error of judgement because it sets aside law, Government orders, office usage and every Rule and Regulation made by me for conducting the duties of the Department. Damaged goods passed under the Rules of Government Articles not damaged under sections XX and XXII Act VI. of 1844. I issued an order respecting Sour Beer and decayed provisions and this applied to them.

I solicited a certificate to this effect, but the has sent me a private note which I do not enclose, and which this letter for a formal certificate. It seems sufficient to notify it is forthcoming if desired.

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them exclusively. An officer who knows
 anything of his duty would with one
 glance at the Book enclosure C have
 become aware of the enormity which had
 been carried on by the complicity of the
 public servants playing into each others
 hands at once the fruitful source of fraud
 while it eludes detection. Witness the
 forgery of Dock Warrants in England for
 Papers for goods. This is the glass in
 which to look at this transaction the
 difference is that one involves Rupees
 the other Tens of thousands—

I enclose a Vopels account closed
 by Mr. Cochrane from which your Board
 will learn he had learnt that every article
 must be regularly paid for and no one
 was likely to bring this case under my
 observation after Mr. Cochrane putting
 the order in the Book B will make Paper
 I enclose a paper to show the London
 practice and that of every Customs
 House corresponds with that at Madras
 All that the Head of a Department can
 do is to correct an error when discovered
 but in this case the culpable officer
 sanctions it and in such manner as to
 leave him without excuse.

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in a way which any man's attentive
 knowledge would induce him to feel
 ought not, and properly speaking could
 not be done—

I enclose the nearest application
 I can find to the order in the Book with a
 charge of duty thereon on "damaged goods"
 nothing can justify playing fast and
 loose in official matters treating one
 kind of damaged goods one way and one, or
 another. I enclose the nearest order I can
 find for the sale of damaged goods subsequent
 to the period when Mr. Cochrane made the entry in the Book and one
 subsequent to the entry of my order. I draw attention to the
 entry in the Book commencing 5th July
 1855 where fresh entries are made under
 my order dated 30th June 1855. I also trans-
 mit a Statement of Mr. Waters the yard
 Superintendent from which the Board
 will learn he had frequently remonstrated
 with the Head Manager about these goods
 passing out and had communicated with
 the Deputy Collector on the subject of
 some Beer he thought was good Mr. Cochrane
 referred to me and proposed that the yard
 Superintendent should taste Beer declared
 to be sour by the regular surveyors, but I
 declined

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declined to permit the Office being thus -
brought in collision with these parties was
matter always carefully avoided. The matters
referred to me had reference to "Sour Beers"
and not to "damaged goods" and a proposal to
take exception to the report of the surveyors.
The Board will find further information
on this paper as to the manner in which
the circumstance was brought to my notice,
the way in which the irregularity was stopped,
and the "damaged Beers" again charged
with duty.

9. Mr. Cochrane's order, in the Book would have the same effect in this office as the breaking of the shaft of the engine in the Steam Vessel, the great motive power broken the chief safe guard of the office, for the protection of the Revenue, demolished and every law, Rule, usage, practice, custom and written order of the Collector annihilated—

10. I have the honor in reply to your second letter to state that I have not been able to trace any entries of godowns rent alluded to except those already brought to notice in my previous letters.

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The entry in red ink appears to have been made at the same time as the order and to have been copied into the Department Books at the time with the order. Your Board however must not imagine that this refers to "damaged goods" they remained to be dealt with as before the passing of the order, and no change was authorized respecting damaged goods whether Beer, Twist, Sheetings, or any thing else —

11. I have to apologize to the
Board of Revenue for not forwarding
this letter a few hours earlier but every
one of the servants in the Department
who could assist me in framing this
reply is absent, sick.—

Sea Custom House of

Madras. 21st

November 1855

Signed / W. C. Underwood

Collector.

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To

G. S. Forbes Esq.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

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B. No 3127

From the Deputy Secy

Col. of Sea Customs

In reply to your letter of today's date 18th 1855, I have the honor to inform the Board of Revenue that I am unable from my own recollection to state when the Note in question was appended to Mr. Underwood's of the 3rd January 1855.

Recd. Mr. C. D. Long

his brother Mr. D. Long who was that time Manager and Inspector of this Office respectively but upon enquiring of the person who carry on the duties of those departments at present, I am informed that this Note was appended on the same day.

I beg to return enclosed

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Madras Sea Customs
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B. No 3127

Proceedings thereon. 1.

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Incont 15th October 1855

In Extract from Minutes of Consultation under date the 15th Ultimo the Board were instructed to obtain from Mr. Underwood the Collector of Sea Customs, explanation regarding the charge of reprehensible carelessness preferred by him against the Deputy Collector Mr. Cochrane, as also regarding the nature of the duties which he had assigned to that Officer since relieving him of the executive Department. The information thus obtained was directed to be laid before Government with the Board's opinion.

Pro. to Col. 2.

15th Oct 1855.

Incont 9th Nov 1855.

Mr. Underwood was immediately requested to furnish the required explanation, and the Board repeated their call on the 22nd and 25th Ultimo, but it was only on the 9th Instant that they received his reply which bears the date of the 29th Ultimo. This letter obliged the Board to refer for distinct information on one subject to Mr. Underwood and give Mr. Cochrane an opportunity of replying to the charges made against him.

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him. They accordingly addressed those two Officers on the 9th Instant and

In Mr. Underwood received their answers on the 13th and 16th Idem; a further reference was then

made to Mr. Underwood on the 20th and to Mr. Cochrane on the 24th Instant.

All the papers forming this correspondence are now laid before Government, with the following expression of the Board's opinion.

3. To commence with the charge of reprehensible carelessness preferred against Mr. Cochrane, the Board ob-

serve that Mr. Underwood's letter dated the 29th October, cites altogether 14 instances of which 11 are alleged to

have influenced Mr. Underwood in taking the executive Department from him, while the 3 last are brought

forward to show that Mr. Cochrane has continued to perform his work in an unsatisfactory manner since the

charge of the Department was recently restored to him. Besides these specific instances Mr. Underwood makes

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general accusation that Mr. Cochrane has not endeavoured to acquaint himself with the rules and precedents of the Office, that he has permitted a general laxity causing the disorganisation of the Department and carelessness of subordinates. that he has been in the habit of applying to the Collector in cases which he should have decided himself, and that he has brought odium on the Department by his carelessness, by his habit of signing every thing, and by his want of knowledge of precedents, without which he must ever fail in performing his duty with credit to himself or to the satisfaction of the Mercantile community.

At the close of Para 21 of his letter Mr. Underwood observes that by pursuing an opposite course than that of taking the executive duties from Mr. Cochrane he would have allowed the Office to get into inextricable confusion and have lost the prestige which he has earned as the head of the Department.

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& 11

To this general accusation Mr. Cochrane replies that it is difficult for him to say more than that he has endeavored to execute the duties entrusted to him to the best of his ability, under circumstances often of a discouraging nature - On some occasion* Mr. Cochrane has shown in the Board's opinion signs of inexperience and haste, but considering that he has had the executive duties of the office for 18 months, the instances now brought forward by Mr. Underwood appear to the Board neither so frequent nor important as to justify Mr. Underwood's heavy charge - On the contrary the Board are aware that Mr. Cochrane has generally given satisfaction to the mercantile community, and they must observe that if the Sea Customs House is in the disorganised state which Mr. Underwood's letter, dated the 29th ult. implies, they cannot acquit him of the principal blame - He himself is that Head of the office on whose vigilance and attention the satisfactory progress of the Customs House business depends -

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1855.

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although the executive duties may be assigned to the Deputy Collector, the general superintendence is vested in the Collector whose special duty it is to see that all the Departments perform their duties with regularity, and if he is prompt to hear appeals, correct errors, and give instructions when applied to in doubtful cases, the business of the Office can hardly fall into confusion.

5. Mr. Underwood observes (in P. 21) that in pointing out Mr. Cochrane's inefficiency and carelessness he has confined himself to instances involving principles - as it is not possible to go over a tithe of the cases which might be adduced - as this assertion might be highly prejudicial to Mr. Cochrane, the Board deem it proper to point out that Mr. Underwood has occupied a considerable time and time in preparing his letter. He has not confined himself to the call made

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made upon him, and simply described the instances of carelessness which he stated had induced him to take the executive duties from Mr. Cochrane.

Subsequent instances have been included and Mr. Underwood addressed communications to Mr. Cochrane while

preparing his reply to the calls made by Government and the Board, and founds two of his charges upon the answers which

he thus obtained. This fact and the bias which the Board regret to observe in Mr. Underwood against his Deputy, makes it fair to conclude that the case against Mr. Cochrane has been

presented in the strongest light. It has already been observed that the Board are aware that Mr. Cochrane on the whole has given satisfaction to the Mercantile Community.

6 The 14th Specific instances brought forward to convict Mr. Cochrane of "reprehensible carelessness" have now to be noticed. One of these charges, which relates to the course pursued at the

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A 5th & 9th instances

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Custom house regarding unsound provisions, is so superior to the rest in importance, that it will be commented upon in the body of these proceedings. The others which are of a far less serious nature will for the sake of clearness and facility of reference be analysed seriatim in an appendix.

7. In Paras 9 & 10 of his letter Mr. Underwood observes that between January 1854 and June 1855 - Sour Beer and unsound Provisions to the value of about Rs. 27,000 had been allowed to be removed from the Custom House yard in an unauthorised manner, without the payment of duty. In a marginal note this is stated to be such a dereliction of duty on Mr. Cochrane's part that he would be liable to be called upon to pay from his private funds the loss which Government has sustained if its precise extent could be ascertained. As one proof of Mr. Cochrane's responsibility, the Collector observes that

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that in September 1855 Mr. Cochrane put his initials to an entry in a book by the goods provisions, allowing to the effect to be put on payment of goods sent only, no written explanation having been made, and without duty on the alleged goods that it was some.

8 In permitting the beer to be taken away Mr. Cochrane is charged with having committed a grave error and dereliction of duty hitherto unknown in the Department and his conduct is styled "highly illegal". He is charged with having usurped a power of passing goods duty free which the law vests in the Governor in Council and it is remarked that having passed goods valued at Rs. 27,000 without authority it is impossible to say what the customs servants may not have effected. In the above the recommendation have been preferred against Mr. Cochrane in the strongest terms and is of a nature to impair his character as a public officer with Government, if it had been substantiated.

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9 There is a want of distinctness in Mr. Underwood's Communications which notwithstanding the calls made upon him for information still causes some doubt as to the precise nature of the Charge preferred against Mr. Cochrane. The subject will therefore be considered under these 2 heads.

1st Is Mr. Cochrane accused of having acted illegally in allowing unsound provisions and sour beer to be removed from the Customs House duty free under any circumstances or 2nd is the gravamen of the Charge against him that he allowed unsound provisions and sour beer to be taken away duty free without official examination and the ordinary formalities.

10 With respect to the 1st point blame appears clearly sought to be thrown on Mr. Cochrane for allowing unsound provisions to be taken away without duty under any circumstances. It is pointed out that it is the province of the Governor in Council to remit duty under section 17 Act 6 of 1844 and Mr. Underwood observes when this practice came under his Mr. Cochrane's observation and he learned goods were being passed duty free I am of opinion he committed a grave error and dereliction of duty hitherto unknown in

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unknown in this Department in not
at once stopping this unauthorized and
and truly illegal proceeding much as
bringing what had occurred to my
notice then henceforth Removal these
goods liable to the payment of duty as was
the case the moment I learnt what
had occurred" again Mr Underwood
Remarks "nothing in my mind can justify
his procedure" &c. "When it came to my
notice I issued the enclosed orders &
(Enclosure E) and since then these goods
have paid duty" again recommending these
goods out deliberately duty free as
was in fact recommending Act 5th of 1844
again If Mr Lochrane designally omitted
to notice the passing of these goods with-
out the payment of Revenue he signally
failed in his duty. If he did so in
ignorance he exhibited in capacity.
In another passage Mr Underwood
Remarks that Mr Lochrane irregularly
was the more striking because he was
daily treating other damaged goods in
in a different manner and charging
duty on them unless in fact there was
no difference between ones and the
others.

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11 Other similar passages might

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The Board can only
surmise that Mr Underwood
intended here to allude
not to all the goods passed
duty free to the value of
Rupees 2000 but to those
portions of them which he
afterwards observed in Para 2
of his letter dated 10th
November might have been
found fit for sale and
therefore liable to duty if
they had been properly
examined But even then
the inconsistency remains
of charging Mr Lochrane
with usurping the power
of Government and setting
aside Act 6 of 1844 by taking
on himself to remit duty in
any case when he was only
carrying out Mr Underwood's
own orders.

he adduced but these
are sufficient and the Board
have read them with sur-
prise and Concern. They
convey but one meaning viz
that unless specially ex-
empted by the orders of the
Governor in Council duty
ought to have been collected
on all the articles referred to
and that Mr Lochrane acted
contrary to law and precedent
in letting them be removed
duty free. It is therefore
with astonishment that the
Board find that the prac-
tice of allowing unsound
provisions to be removed
by their owners duty free was

Commenced and is Continued at this
moment under Mr Underwood's own
express orders. In proof of this the
Board would refer to Mr Underwood
order issued immediately after the
decision given against him by the
Supreme Court regarding the decayed
beacon on 3rd January 1854 (enclosure
D) respecting which he himself says
"Conc."

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dated 29 October

Consequently things unfit for food were not charged with duty but is permitted to be taken away. The Board would also point to Mr Underwoods 2^d Order (enclosure B) dated 30 June 1855 in which the same practice is continued as at the present time and to enclosure E which shows that he himself signed the order under which the 2^d batch of beer in the yard supervisors books and enclosure C passed out duty free.

12 Besides the gross inconsistency the Board observed with disapproval other passages in Para 9 and 10 of Mr Underwoods letter some of which they will here briefly allude to. The insinuation conveyed in the words that the practice which is condemned in Mr Cochrane is

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seems to have commenced on the 23rd January following (Mr Cochrane's assumption of the executive Department on 1st December 1853) it is alleged under orders of the late Manager. The inference which appears to have been intended to have been conveyed by the use of the word namely that Mr Cochrane has done something altogether new and extraordinary in levying godown rent on some goods which passed duty free - such godown rent being in reality no pecuniary but an ordinary charge made on all goods whether sound or unsound which are kept in the Custom

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Custom house by their owners beyond a certain number of days (See Mr Underwood's orders enclosures E & C/III) The inconsistency in censuring Mr Cochrane so severely for not treating provisions like other damaged goods Mr Cochrane is blamed in several passages in note in charging duty on all it being observed "there was in fact no difference between one and the

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other viz. damaged provisions and damaged goods, whilst in practice Mr Underwood has himself made the difference of charging duty on one and not on another - a course which he justifies in Para 3 of his 2^d letter dated 10th November on the ground that saw Deer and putrid provisions must necessarily be treated differently from other damaged goods. If these inconsistencies arise only from confusion of words Mr Underwood must be censured for not being careful regarding his expressions on so serious an occasion.

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The second point relates to the manner on which unsound provisions were passed out of the Custom House as Mr Cochrane besides being charged with a breach of rule and law in remitting duty upon them is accused of having allowed them to be taken away without application and permit or any of the ordinary checks and formalities - thus enabling the subordinate

servants

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servants / the Manager the yard, super-
-intended, and the Pass writer / to pass
out goods duty free and clear "the
Custom House of every thing" to the
loss of the Government revenue.
This procedure is denounced by Mr
Underwood in the strongest terms - it
is styled by him "truly monstrous"
and such as convicts Mr Cochrane of
being totally ignorant of business and
"unfit to conduct the executive duties of
this Department"

14 The Board quite concur that
there has been a most reprehensible breach
of rule and want of caution in allowing
provisions asserted by the Importers to be
unsound to pass out of the Custom House
yard duty free without due examination.
It is clear that even if Government
had given the Custom House Officers
discretionary authority to remit duty
on unsound provisions, all the ordinary
formalities respecting damaged goods
should have been followed. The usual
attention

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application should have been made by the owner,
and the goods should have been subjected to a
strict examination before the final permission
was given to pass them - Had this necessary
and obvious course been followed, the Board
believe with Mr Underwood that some of the
provisions which are shown by the yard su-
perintendants book (Enclosure C) to have
passed out duty free would have been found
liable to duty - such for instance as those
"rejected" for being of inferior quality, but
not unsound or unfit for use -

See Para 2 of Collyer's
letter of 10th Dec 20
November

15 The custom House
practice having been thus irregular and
defective the question arises who is responsi-
ble, and on whom is the blame to fall?
Mr Underwood declares that it was
entirely the Deputy Collector Mr Co-
chrane's doing; but the Board cannot
take this view, and they have read with
great surprise and regret what Mr
Underwood has written on this subject
Throughout

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16. Throughout his letters Mr

Underwood has so mixed up the 2 separate subjects of remitting duty without authority or unsound provisions, and allowing them to be taken out of the Custom House yard without due examination and from that much indistinctness prevails. But it will be found that he assigns 2 main reasons for throwing the responsibility on Mr Cochrane 1st Mr Cochrane having the executive duties when the practice began - and 2nd his having made an entry in the book kept by the yard superintendent (Enclosure C) as a register of all unsound provisions passed out duty free; this according to Mr Underwood's accusation deliberately and in writing giving his sanction to the irregular and illegal practice.

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The observations made by
Mr

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Mr Underwood regarding this book call for special notice. It was commenced in January 1854 and Mr Cochrane's entry in it is dated 6th September or 8 months afterwards, yet Mr Underwood's letter implies that the book was kept without any authority and was not heard of till that date by the warranted Officers. For example he observes. "It seems the yard Supervisor kept a book (Enclosure C) containing a list of these Goods so passed, and I deeply regret to say from an entry therein it appears that the existence of this book came under Mr Cochrane's notice on the 6th September 1854, and that therein he charged Godown rent as a penalty on 10 Hght of stills, spectacle and then ordered them to be passed 'duty free'." I am of opinion that he committed

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a grave error in not at once stopping
this truly illegal proceeding, and by
ing what had occurred to my mind
and again. "Whatever authority Mr
the (Superintendent) had for keep-
ing this Book it could not au-
thorize the Goods passing the Gate
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Now the Board cannot
avoid the correction that this Book was
kept in consequence of Mr Underwood's
own orders. It commences immediately
after the decision given against him by
the Supreme Court on the Bacon case
(3rd January 1854) and has obvious
connection with the determinations
he then pronounced not to
permit

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see also the present yard
superintendent Mr Walters account
Enclosure N N in Mr Underwood's
letter of 21st Oct 26th November 1855

dated 16th
in on 26th November
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permit the sale of unsound provisions in the
Custom House or lay duty upon them. of
the origin of the ~~book~~ an account
is given by the late Manager
Mr Desobry (Enclosure D in Mr
Cochranes letter) who states that after the
decision in the Supreme Court Mr Underwood would
not take cognizance of damaged provisions but ordered
them all to be passed out of the yard afterwards
when a case occurred Mr Desobry says he
took the application up to Mr Underwood with
a view to that Gentleman giving the necessary
orders, but was then told that there was no ne-
cessity for an application and that the Custom
House would have nothing to do with articles
of this description. Mr Desobry then adds, "I told
Mr Underwood there must be some Voice for
the pass writer to pass them out. I was direc-
ted by him to order the supervisor of the yard
to pass them out, and to keep a memorandum
of the quantity so passed. that it was Mr Under-
wood's intention to write to Government on the
subject. Immediately went to Mr Waters
the

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the supervisor of the Custom House yard and gave the orders and recollect mentioning the circumstances to Mr. Robinson at the time.

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This statement is supported by the other subordinates of the Office (see Enclosures C, E, F and H of Mr. Cochrane's letter) by the heading of Book C "List of all rejected articles Porter and head provisions passed from the sea custom House without an application" & by the practice which afterwards prevailed for 18 months or till the issue of Mr. Underwood's (Enclosure E).

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in his letter dated 27th October) in June last, during part of which period, or from 28th September to 18th October 1854, Mr. Underwood was himself in charge of the Executive Department. It also appears to be supported by Mr. Underwood's order regarding decayed provisions passed on 5th January 1855 (Enclosure D) so that a note in red ink is attached, directing a note to be kept of the articles to which the order applied. The Board at first thought that this note might have been added to this order when Mr. Underwood issued his subsequent instructions (Enclosure E) reforming

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the system in June last. But on requesting information on this point Mr. Underwood replied that the note appears to have been made at the same time as the order. The Board also requested Mr. Underwood, if this should have been the case to send the notes or lists of decayed provisions which were kept after the order D was issued. But on this point Mr. Underwood is silent, and it thus appears that there is no list of the decayed provisions which have been passed duty free since January 1854

see Para 1 of letter of 10th Jul 20th November 1855 and Para 8 of letter of 27th Jul 26th Nov 55 and the Book itself with its recent entries

fact Mr. Underwood found his charge that goods valued at about Rupees 27,000 had been

passed duty free on the authority of this Book, and in his letters of 10th and 21st November refers to it and adopts it as an official document.

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If then this Book is to be renewed Mr. Underwood must be considered to have taken on himself to pass decayed provisions duty free without the sanction of Government, and at the same time

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time omitted to see that a list of such articles was kept as a check on the subordinate servants of the Department. The Board can come under all the circumstances to no conclusion, but that this Book was kept in consequence of the instructions which Mr Underwood gave when the Manager Mr. Stanger showed him the necessity of some such voucher. Of the subordinate servants hands combined together to defraud the Government by passing such goods wrongfully as indicated by Mr Underwood, they would have been glad of any excuse for anything to be done in such a Register and which it is a failure and a blot on the name of the Government for themselves, under a law for the sequence of the law system which Mr Underwood's order D minimized.

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9th November 1855 from
Jd of 21st Diary Consultation
6th November & from 6.

*Enclosure to letter dated
29th October Calcutta
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Collector dated
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Beer. In charging godown rent only and no duty on this Beer, Mr. Cochrane was simply following the course which Mr. Underwood's own orders and practice enjoined, and if the entry of godown rent in this Book was an informality it was a harmless one and sprung from Mr. Underwood's own abnormal proceedings in allowing goods to be taken from the Custom House, under the designation of "bad provisions", without authority and proper precautions. To charge the whole system against Mr. Cochrane because he noted in this Book the godown rent due for a batch of the Beer then entered appears to the Board altogether extravagant.

On the 26th May 1854 or four months after the Decree of the supreme Court Mr. Underwood addressed the Board asking to be relieved from the Costs of the suit. But in that letter the question of all owing and provisions to be taken from the Custom House free of duty was not mentioned. Mr. Underwood observed that his object had been gained and not being obliged to permit that he sold in the custom House yard, and that he intended to interfere no further in similar cases, as the subject was one of a Police nature and properly belonged to the Municipal law - see also Board's Proceedings dated 22nd June 1854 and Extract Minutes of Consultation 11th July same.

21 In short on viewing the whole subject the Board are led to the conclusion that when Mr. Underwood passed his order (Enclosure D) releasing unsound provisions duty free, he intended to bring the state of the law to the notice of Government and request instructions, but from forgetfulness or some other cause omitted

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AT IV in Mr Underwood's letter
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omitted to do so. In June last the representative
of a Merchant, Mr. Agnew, appears to have
opened his eyes to the fact that from the law
system he had introduced, Beer, Soda and other
provisions not unfit for use, although rejected
on the score of quality or quantity, were being
passed out free to the loss of the Government
Revenue, and he then gave the order to direct
that provisions alleged to be unsound were
to be formally examined like other damaged
goods before orders were passed respecting
them. He now states that it was only through
Mr. Cochrane's neglect that this course had
not been always followed.

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This excuse is not satisfactory, and the
Board cannot but perceive, when the subject is
stripped of the indistinctness which has been
thrown around it, that the irregularities have
been caused by the law and unauthorized
system which Mr. Underwood introduced under
his order (Enclosure D) when the decision against
him in the Supreme Court led him to declare
that he would have nothing to do with un-
sound provisions, and that they were

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to be removed from the Custom House without
any demand for duty. Mr. Underwood now
says that he did not contemplate or intend
the consequences which have followed, or author-
ize any departure from the rules regarding da-
maged goods, for neglecting which
he severely censures Mr. Cochrane. But

Mr. Underwood's own acts are inconsistent with
this assertion. The second batch of Beer in
Book C passed out duty free by Mr. Underwood's
own order (see Enclosure E) and Mr. Underwood

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draws special attention to the formality then
observed regarding a Pass for the sake of
favorable contrast with his Deputy's subse-

note

It may here be observed that in
this case the proceedings were really
held by Mr. Cochrane. Mr. Underwood
only signing the pass or order because
that Gentleman was not present when
it was made. The Board also see cause
to believe that a regular application was
made on this occasion because the owners
of unsound provisions were not then aware
as afterwards that applications would
be dispensed with.

quent proceedings. But on
that occasion the rules for
"damaged goods" were not observed,

the Beer being passed duty
free on the mere report of the

yard supervisor. Again when the supervisor and
Mr. Cochrane brought another batch of doubtful
Beer to Mr. Underwood's notice, he directed it to
be passed duty free without the formal examination
prescribed for "damaged goods" no care being
apparently taken even to levy duty on the
empty

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*Letter of 21st
Jul 26th 1855
Para 8.

empty casks. Mr Underwood's explanation in this case appears to the Board altogether unsatisfactory. He states that he wished to avoid collision with the surgeon by whom the Beer had been examined. But this answer is beside the point: who that surgeon was, or for whom the Beer was surveyed, is not shown; but it is clear that even though this Beer had been "rejected" by that surgeon, this might have been for deficiency of quality or quantity and not for unsoundness.

It ought to have been formally examined under the rule for "damaged goods" before it was allowed to be taken from the Custom House. Mr Underwood afterwards became aware of the importance of this point on being addressed by

Mr Agnew in June last, and then repaired his previous omission. But in doing so he

condemns himself for making similar arrangements when he introduced a new system by his order D. or when his attention was drawn to the subject by the Beer,

in Enclosure E. or the other batch regarding which Mr Cochrane addressed him. Had

he done so all irregularity would have

Enclosure dated 29th
October 1855. In
his order Enclosure B and
the instructions in
noted in his order
in Enclosure D. See also Mr Underwood's
Official memorandum
some Beer of Messrs
Hobbs and Co
dated 15th August
1855. Enc. 2

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have been stopped, save the remission of duty without the sanction of Government, and Mr Underwood cannot now be allowed to throw on his subordinates the consequences of his own omission to give full clear and proper instructions.

23. It is to be further observed that precisely the same course which Mr Underwood condemns so severely in Mr Cochrane was pursued when he himself held the Executive charge from

28th September to 18th October 1854 during which period it is shown by Book Enclosure C) that 164 Casks of Beer

and Porter passed out of the Custom House without duty or regular

Examination. In explanation of this point Mr Underwood pleads

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in Cont. 26th Nov.
Paras 3 and 4.

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pleads that he was ignorant of the
illegal and irregular system which
had been introduced. But even if the
decision in the Supreme Court, his order
- sure and the cases referred to in the
proceeding have had passed from his
recollection. Mr Underwood's own words
show that he ought to have learnt
what was occurring while he was
conducting the Executive duties. In
Para 9 of his letter dated 29th
October he subscribed

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"Had common vigilance been exercised by Mr Lochrane
occasionally going over the yard and examining the
Books and mode of conducting business among the
out door officials, this would have been detected
and when discovered as a matter of course been put
a stop to." This equally condemns Mr Underwood
himself during the three weeks when he held the
Executive Department, and if his subordinates
were guilty of the gross illegalities and
irregularities he charges against them, his
reputation must suffer as the controlling autho-
rity and head of the Office, in not having discovered
them during a period of 18 months. In such
an Office where the business is conducted
in English and where the collector has
daily numerous independent sources
of information, no continued fraud or
irregularity should have escaped observa-
- tion and if Mr Underwood considered
that there were grounds for the charges of irregularity
carelessness

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Carelessness and Combination to defraud
the revenue which he now brings, the Board are
of opinion that it was his duty to have reported
the subject in June last, when he states that
he made the discovery. The circumstances
under which it has been now brought
forward cannot give it weight.

24. The Board will ^{now} quit this painful subject
as the point on which they have been called
for their opinion is ^{misfactual} Mr. Incher's inefficiency
and Carelessness; and in the present instance they
do not consider that the blame attaches to
him. There are still many obscure parts in
Mr. Underwood's letter to be cleared up
and light is wanted on some points to
show how decayed provisions were taken
out of the Customs House yard duty
free under Mr. Underwood's order -
Enclosure D. But this introduces a
new

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new and extensive subject involving the routine of
business in the Customs House, and as Government
have repeatedly called for the information required
regarding Mr. Incher, the Board deem it proper
to lay the Papers before them in their present
State and defer further proceedings until
receiving their instructions. Mean while they
will only notice some points on which
information seems necessary.

Mr. Underwood says that the note
in red ink attached to his order Enclosure
D appears to have ^{been} appended at the time the order
was issued. But he has not answered the
Board's requisition to send the notes or list of
decayed provisions which ^{should} have been
kept according to it.

2. With his letter of 2nd November Mr.
Underwood has sent an Enclosure G. G. ^{as}

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as the application upon which the 1st batch of
Beer in the Yard Supervisor's Book, No. 1000
C. was passed free of duty, but that Enclosure C
bears an entry "Import duty paid" this should
be explained.

3. Mr. Underwood should state the grounds
on which he asserts that the great bulk if not
the whole (of the goods entered in Book C) were
liable to do duty as "damaged goods" not being
unfit for use. See his letter of 10th Nov: para 2.

4. When Beer & Porter were allowed to be taken away
duty free as "four" duty was leviable on the
empty Casks. See an instance in Para 20 of

Mr. Underwood's letter of 29th Oct: and the
rule referred to in Enclosure NN to Mr. Underwood's
letter of 21st Nov: Explanation is therefore wanted
why Mr. Underwood apparently omitted this point
when passing his orders D and F and in
how many of the instances included in Book C
this duty has been levied.

Explanation

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5. Explanation appears desirable on Mr.
Underwood's observation in Para 1 of his letter
dated 10th Nov: that applications to pass Beer were
afterwards destroyed.

6. Mr. Underwood has declared that the
passing the goods entered in Book C duty free
to the extent of Rupees 27000 is illegal and
monstrous that Mr. Lockhart ought to be made
answerable to Government from his private
funds, if the exact amount of Revenue
lost could be ascertained (see
marginal note to Para 9 of letter dated 29th Oct:)-
and he denounces the Conduct of the
unconscientious servant in organizing this
illegal system in the strongest terms as the
following extracts from his letters show.

"The Manager Communicate, with
the yard Superintendent and he with the pass
writer, and between them they passed these
goods, and might have cleared the custom,
power of every thing. Having passed goods
valued

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valued at Rs 27000 without authority; it is impossible to say what they have not effected. Parag of 24th Oct. 1855.

"The Subordinate Officers possess & themselves not only of the Prerogative of the Covenanted officers of the Department but of the Governor in Council, and by their own authority and intercommunication one with another, pass out goods at their discretion and pleasure." Parag of 24th Oct. 1855.

"The enormity which had been carried on by the Complicity of the Public Servants passing into each others hands at once the fruitful source of fraud while it eludes detection" 21st Nov. 1855 Para 6. Mr Underwood should therefore explain why if he really believed such delinquency had been committed, the guilty parties were not dismissed and the case brought to the notice of the Board and Government, when according to his statement he made the discovery in June last. According to the Papers now before the Board Mr Underwood appears to have done nothing more than caution one

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one servant and suspended another for 3 days" for taking an order from an unauthorized party. (See Enclosure F and H. of Mr. Lecharne's letter of 18th Nov.) Punishments utterly inadequate to the delinquency now charged, especially as Mr Underwood points out that, on a former occasion a servant named Joseph Chetty was dismissed for an offence of apparently for less magnitude - viz. obtaining 2 Papers from another Department (see Mr Underwood's letter of 24th October Parag).

25. It only remains for the Board to express their opinion as to the course which it is desirable to pursue with respect to decayed provisions and bad Beer. The Board regret on the score of Public Health that the law does not allow Custom House officers to destroy unsound provisions after they are condemned by competent authority. But they consider that Mr Underwood acted ^{wrongly}

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wrongly and without authority in
passing them duty free. He thus promoted
the evil which he was trying to prevent. ^{as} There
is necessarily a greater risk of unwholesome

some Provisions being offered for sale
if they can be taken out of the Custom House
without a charge for duty. The Board
considers that unless the owners agree
to such Provisions being destroyed, duty
should be charged on them at the tariff
value before they are allowed
to be removed of the yard,
until the law is altered.

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The Govt. Secy. to the Com.
15th October 55/
Para 2.

In Cons. of the 15th 55

Encls. A.

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26. It remains for the Board to notice
Mr. Underwood's answer to that portion of the
orders of Government which directed him to
explain the functions comprehended under the term
"Executive Department" and the duties which he
"had intrusted to Mr. Cochrane on relieving
him from the executive, with a brief explanation
of the character of each, and to state by whom
each was performed before the present arrange-
ment was made."

27. Mr. Underwood's answer is comprised
in the 2-3-4 & 5 Paras of his letter of the 29th
of October and enclosure A of that letter.
From these it appears that on the 21st October
1853, Mr. Underwood assigned to Mr. Cochrane
certain duties therein detailed and prescribed
a certain course for enabling him to become
acquainted with the routine of the office. On the
1st December 1853, Mr. Cochrane was placed
in charge of the executive department. On the
15th August 1855 Mr. Underwood relieved
Mr. Cochrane from the executive and directed
him to resume charge of the Departments
enumerated in the Memo. of the 21st August
1853. In addition to which he was directed
to assume charge of the Department in
which

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which the monthly statements of Trade are made out, and the duty statements framed. All returns to the Board of Revenue, financial and otherwise; and the Register Department. He was directed to examine the monthly accounts and see that entries were correctly made out and to make himself acquainted with the details of the office of the Reporter of External Commerce. He was further directed to examine the accounts at the end of the day and as at present put away the cash, take out and despatch the remittance on each Monday, mustering the Shroffs, the Duffadar, and Peons before they take charge of the remittance. In the 2nd Para of his letter Mr. Underwood states that the duties thus newly assigned to Mr. Cochrane were then under the Collector.

28. Subsequently on Mr. Cochrane's return from leave he was replaced by Mr. Underwood in charge of the executive by a Memorandum bearing date the 10th October 1855 which also forms part of Enclosure A.

29. I am submitting these Memoranda of instructions to the Government, the Board will only remark that viewing them in connection with the Memoranda submitted

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B & C

in Mr. Cochrane's letter of the 16th In Cons. 26th November 1855.

by Mr. Cochrane passed by Mr. Underwood on Mr. Cochrane's obtaining leave of absence which are noted in the Margin, the Board have read them with regret as addressed by the Collector to an Officer of Mr. Cochrane's standing in the service. They feel that it is difficult to lay down a precise rule as to the arrangements which the Collector should make for sharing the duties with his deputy or as to the tone in which he should address him. They can only state that these Memoranda are written in a style which they do not consider to be justified by the proceedings before them, and it is with reluctance they add that they do not appear in their opinion calculated to advance the Public Service.

30. The Board observe that in Para 6 of his order reinstating Mr. Cochrane in charge of the Executive Mr. Underwood has ruled that "the appraiser is not to be considered under the orders of the Deputy but that the Deputy is at liberty to communicate freely with Mr. Atkinson on all matters relating to the Department under his control." To this rule Mr. Cochrane takes exception and appeals to the Board to decide whether the appraiser

* Enc. A in Mr. Cochrane's letter dated 16th In Cons. 26th Nov 55

* in para 32 of his letter -

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is to be considered under the orders of the Deputy Collector or not. There is nothing at present before the Board to show why this special exception was made by Mr Underwood and being unwilling to add to the voluminous papers which they have now to submit to the Government or farther to delay these proceedings, the Board have reserved this with other minor points for future decision.

31. In the concluding Para of his letter of the 29th October Mr Underwood requested that if explanation is required from the Deputy Collector it might be transmitted through him; the Board therefore remarks that in this stage of the proceedings they deemed it proper to refer directly to each officer when any explanation was required from him. These proceedings relate especially to Mr Cochrane's conduct, and such remarks as the Board have been obliged to make regarding Mr Underwood are incidental to that subject. Before any final opinion is formed of Mr Underwood's management of the Custom House, he will be doubtless allowed full opportunity for explanation.

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Appendix A

Specific instances of carelessness alleged against Mr Cochrane in Mr Underwood's letter dated 29th October 1855.

1st Instance

Vide Para 7 & Enclosure B of Mr Underwood's letter and Para 374 of Mr Cochrane's reply

On 27th June 1855 the Brig "Gold Digger" arrived from Puarang and Nagore, and Mr Cochrane is blamed for not returning for correction the Manifest given in by the Commander because it contained the details of some goods stated in a note to have been landed at Nagore, instead of only specifying the cargo brought to Madras such an entry was doubtfully informal and unnecessary but the Board do not perceive that it merits greater Censure. The native interested in this vessel who complained to Mr Underwood that his goods were not landed, alluded the Board presume, to goods brought to Madras, though this point is not distinctly shown in Mr Underwood's letter.

Instance 2.

Para 8 of Mr Underwood's letter and Para 5 of Mr Cochrane's reply

Mr Cochrane is charged with having caused delay and inconvenience by receiving from Messrs Arbutnot & Co an application to ship Coral for drawback in which the quantity & quality of the Coral were not given. The application has

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has not been sent nor is it shown when the occurrence took place and what delay occurred. The delay Messrs. Arbutnot & Co. are themselves chiefly responsible having omitted to enter all the necessary particulars in their application.

Instance III

This instance relates to the passing of Beer and Porter duty free, and is noticed in the body of the Board's Proceedings.

Instance IV

Para 11 and Enclosures G to K of Mr. Underwood's letter and Para 14 of Mr. Cochrane's reply.

On 10th September 1853 Mr. Underwood issued an order (enclosure G) directing that when permission was given to sell damaged goods the permit was to be granted "on the condition that the goods shall be subject to godown rent if not cleared within the prescribed period." The Board understood Mr. Underwood to accuse Mr. Cochrane of first obeying this order by entering on the face of each application an entry to this effect "Permit subject to Godown rent" and afterwards omitting to do so. But as Mr. Cochrane rightly replies there is nothing whatever in Mr. Underwood's order, which directs that the condition on which permission was to be given to sell damaged goods should be stated in writing on every occasion. The order was a standing one for

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for the guidance of the Department and simply directed to charge godown rent when due on "damaged" like on other goods, and to make this condition known to parties concerned. If Mr. Cochrane had failed to charge godown rent when due under this order, and thus caused loss to Government, it should have been distinctly shown. But there is nothing in the present papers to show that this has been the case, and the Board must view with surprise and disapproval the accusation made by Mr. Underwood. He commences by erroneously stating that his order rendered it necessary to write on every accepted application "Permit subject to godown rent." He then states that at first Mr. Cochrane obeyed the order but afterwards becoming more and more careless and disobedient put only "Permit" and finally nothing but his initials when disposing of applications. The three enclosures H, J & K sent to justify this charge all relate to transactions subsequent to May 1855 while the order G is dated in September 1853, and they prove nothing more than that, on one occasion

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Mr Cochrane wrote "Permit subject to duty" and on another only "Permit". The third paper **K** to which his initials alone are attached, is not an application to pass or sell damaged goods, as mentioned by Mr Underwood, but merely an application from the owner for permission to examine some damaged goods. Mr Underwood's charge is not therefore sustained by the papers which he has sent, and he should alter the wording of his order & if he considers it proper that the words "subject to godown duty" should be written on the face of every application when permitting damaged goods to be sold.

Instance V.

Paras 12 & 13 of
Mr Underwood's
letter.

The Collector here complains that his Deputy referred to him some ^{of the} applications occasionally for remission of the Godown rent which is chargeable after goods have been a certain number of days in the Custom House, instead of passing orders upon them himself. That doubts may legitimately arise in these cases is shown by the instance of Messrs Parry & Co. big lead to which Mr Underwood alludes, and with the information at present

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present before them the Board are not prepared to blame the Deputy Collector for occasionally seeking the opinion of the head of the Office. Mr Underwood himself applies to the Board for advice when he feels doubts regarding his duties even on points which present no intricacy.

As connected with the present charge the Board deem it proper here to notice Paras 30-31 & 32 of Mr Underwood's letter. Mr Underwood had been called upon on the 15th October to state the instances of carelessness which had led him to take the Executive Department from Mr Cochrane in August last. Instead of immediately giving this information he delays his answer and on the 22nd October requires Mr Cochrane's written opinion on a case then pending before himself, and founds an accusation upon the opinion which he thus elicits. The Board must view this proceeding with strong disapproval, and though this case is not one which should have been introduced into the present discussion they deem it right to observe that the explanation given in Para 16 of Mr Cochrane's letter acquit him in their opinion of the charge of marked inefficiency and carelessness brought against him.

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Mr Underwood's letter
to the Board dated
25th Aug^r & 18th Nov^r
1855 might be re-
ferred to in ex-
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Instance VII

Para 14 of Mr Underwood's letter
& Para 17 of Mr Cochrane's reply.

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It is asserted that property valued at 2 lacks was exposed to the weather by Mr Cochrane not attending to the want of covered room in the yard, and that the Collector had therefore to make arrangements. When this occurred is not stated, and the want of space and proper accommodation for goods in the yard has been often experienced and brought to notice. Mr Cochrane denies that he was inattentive to do what could be done in managing the yard and under the indefinite information now before them, the Board cannot pronounce him open to censure. It is not stated how long ago the case occurred and the Collector might have been consulted about arrangements on a sudden call for more room in his Deputy's absence, without blame attaching to Mr Cochrane for not being present at the moment.

Instance VIII

Para 15 & Enclosure 4 of Mr Underwood's letter and Para 18 of Mr Cochrane's reply.

A party in July last applied for Drawback on some goods, and Mr Cochrane passed an order ordering them to be confiscated under section 39 act 6 of 1844 because the application and the marks on the goods did not correspond and he thought, in the press of business that

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that the application had been not for drawback, but to pass the goods for duty. There is an instance of carelessness, but the Collector simply did his duty in allowing Mr Cochrane to correct his error and cancel the order.

Instance VIII

Para 16 & Enclosure 4 of Mr Underwood's letter and Para 19 of Mr Cochrane's reply.

Mr Underwood states that he had to pass orders on an application made on 31st May last for drawback on some Coffee in Bond, because the Deputy's inability to give orders in this simple case made the applicant clamorous on account of the delay. Mr Cochrane replies that he does not recollect the case and that there is nothing on the face of the application to show that it was made in the first instance to him. He also observes with reference to the subject of delay that Mr Underwood's order disposing of the application bears the same date as the application.

Instance IX

Para 17-18 & 19 and Enclosures N 70 of Mr Underwood's letter and Paras 20 & 21 & Enclosures J & K of Mr Cochrane's reply.

On the 4th July 1855 Mr Underwood passed an order (Enclosure J in Mr Cochrane's letter) appointing Mr Shaw to be general appraiser on the part of the Collector to estimate the value of all damaged goods afterwards when Messrs Therahouse & Co applied to have some damaged goods appraised for duty naming Mr Cammearle as their arbitrator Mr Cochrane is charged with having

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having omitted to specify Mr. Shaw as the arbitrator on the Collector's part in his order permitting the examination. This circumstance came to Mr. Underwood's knowledge after he had taken the Executive Department from Mr. Cochrane through his being called upon by the Board of Revenue to explain a complaint against himself to which his order of the 4th July had given rise. On the 10th October Mr. Underwood addressed Mr. Cochrane requesting him to state (see enclosure K in Mr. Cochrane's letter) "in what manner Mr. Shaw was deputed to act as arbitrator" regarding Messrs. Herakoose and Co's damaged goods, and "under what circumstances the Deputy Collector accepted Mr. Shaw's Certificate" of the value of the damaged goods in answer to which Mr. Cochrane pointed out Mr. Underwood's standing order of the 4th July. On the 23rd October, after he had received 2 calls to furnish the information required by Government regarding his proceedings toward Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Underwood again addressed Mr. Cochrane (Enclosure IV) directing him to state why he had not specified Mr. Shaw's name as the Collector's arbitrator on the face of Messrs. Herakoose & Co's

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two applications (see Enclosure IV) to which Mr. Cochrane answered that he had omitted this formality in the hurry of business. On this reply Mr. Underwood now finds a charge against Mr. Cochrane of making two directly contradictory statements to screen his carelessness, though the Board see no such contradiction. Two quite different questions were asked by Mr. Underwood in his Memoranda of the 10th and 23rd October. The 1st how Mr. Shaw was deputed to act and how Mr. Cochrane accepted his Certificate. The 2^d why Mr. Cochrane omitted the formality of entering Mr. Shaw's name on every application. The Board consider that Mr. Cochrane gave a straightforward answer to each and that the charge of equivocation made against him is quite unfounded. Mr. Underwood further charges Mr. Cochrane with irregularity in simply writing C. signifying examine our Messrs. Herakoose & Co's applications. Mr. Cochrane explains that this was an order to the office to examine the application whether or no it is in proper form and not an order to examine the goods as Mr. Underwood supposed. Under this explanation the Board consider it unnecessary to pursue the subject further, as

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as it has nothing to do with the reasons which led Mr Underwood to take the Executive Department from Mr Cochrane, the whole correspondence being of a subsequent date.

Instance X.

Para. 20 of Mr Underwood's letter
and
Para 22 & 23 of Mr Cochrane's reply.

It is not shown when this case occurred but the circumstances are as follows. The firm of Messrs Nisbet & Co imported some goods which were hypothecated to the ager Bank - one of the partners applied for permission to open some of the cases for the purpose of inspecting the goods with a view to their sale, and it is stated that Mr Cochrane improperly gave this permission contrary to the rules of the Office and the wish of the party who had charge of the goods. Mr Underwood, observes that the Office was thus likely to be involved in litigation and damages, and states that the Consignees were a letter of complaint holding Mr Cochrane responsible for all damages, began his part holding this Department responsible to him. In his reply Mr Cochrane denies that the transaction led to a complaint, or that he held the Department responsible to him as he gave his order knowing that he was personally answerable for his act. and he explains that he permitted the case to be opened under the impression that Messrs Nisbet & Co held the bill

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bill of Lading and Invoice. With the information now before them it is sufficient for the Board to express their opinion that Mr Cochrane erred in not satisfying himself that Messrs Nisbet & Co held the Bill of Lading and Invoice before he passed his order, but that by doing so he drew responsibility on himself, and not upon the Office.

Instance XI

P 21 of Mr N's letter and
P 24 of Mr C's reply

The Ship Prince of Wales was entered outwards for China and had shipped several consignments when Mr Cochrane learnt through the Master attendant that her destination was altered to the Mauritius and allowed several parties to ship goods for the latter place - The papers in the case are not before the Board, and it is sufficient therefore to observe that Mr Cochrane appears to have erred in not seeing that the parties who had shipped goods to China or the Straits were satisfied by the transshipment of their goods to another Vessel before he allowed goods to be shipped on the Prince of Wales.

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Wales to the Mauritius. What occurred in consequence of Mr Cochrane's act and how the cause was finally settled is not shown and the information is too incomplete for the Board to pronounce any decided opinion.

Instance III

P. 22 of Mr W's

letter and enclosure R P. 25th with a cargo was driven back by strips of weather and Mr Cochrane is charged with not having followed all the formalities prescribed by S 52 act of 1844 on the occasion. Mr Cochrane shows in reply that the Dhoney had been entered for a free port, and that consequently no duty had been levied on its cargo, while S 52 act 6 of 1844 was specially framed to protect the public interests on occasion of vessels being driven back from strips of weather, with cargoes on which duty has been levied because then a claim may be made for a refund of duty.

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duty or for permission to re-export the goods free of duty. Mr Underwood himself considered it unnecessary to put a Customs Officer on board the Dhoney in accordance with the section of the act quoted (see enclosure I in Mr Cochrane's letters) and the Board consider that at most Mr Cochrane committed a technical informality which caused no loss to Government.

Instance 13.

Para 23 of Mr W's

letter and Para 27 of Mr W's reply caused delay while searching for information how to act on some certificates being presented to him to pass some old copper sheathing imported from Prince of Wales Island. Mr Cochrane explains satisfactorily that is hesitation arose from no ignorance as to it being his duty to accept the certificates if they had been correct but they were not

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not so the name of the ship was wrongly entered and Mr Cochrane was seeking permission to ascertain the course pursued by Mr Underwood on such occasions when the case was taken out of his hands. In the position in which Mr Cochrane stood towards his superior in the Office the Board cannot blame him for endeavouring to avoid any imputation of haste or inaccuracy.

Instance 14

On 24th October 1855 application was made by Messrs Stephenson & Co to clear some Pine Boards imported from London as "American" and Mr Cochrane is stated by Mr Underwood to have irregularly raised the value upon which duty was charged from Rupees 486 the value chargeable for American Pine Boards, to Rupees 702, a notable value suitable for British Pine Boards of this description. Mr Underwood observed that instead of thus irregularly deciding the

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the question of origin Mr Cochrane should have referred the case to him for instructions as a novel one in accordance with the directions which had been given by the collector for his guidance. In reply Mr Cochrane shows that on the Appraiser objecting to pass the Pine Boards at a low value under the head of "American" the applicant himself altered their value to a market rate, which could be accepted and the Board see no ground to censure Mr Cochrane in this instance or to imagine that he intended to shew disobedience. Mr Underwood's observations regarding it being the object of the Legislature to prevent British goods being

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being under any disadvantage compared with foreign, can clearly only supply when the goods are of equal quality and marketable value, but it is not now necessary for the Revenue Board to enter into this subject as respects these Fine Boards. The point will come under consideration when the appeal to which Mr Underwood alludes is made by Messrs Stephenson & Co against the amount of duty with which they were charged.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
26th November 1855

(Signed) G. P. Forbes
Acting Secretary

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B³ No 3134
To the Collector of
Chasulpatam

Fort St George 26th November 1855

Resolved that the following letters be despatched.

To. The Acting Collector of
Chasulpatam.

Sir.
With reference to my letter of 2^d October 1855, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will expedite the despatch of the Statement respecting Fibrinous Substances required by Government.
2. The Board trust there will be no further delay in the submission of this Statement, as the returns from all the other districts have already been forwarded to Government and are now being printed.

Revenue B³ Office
Fort St George
26th Nov 1855

(Signed) G. P. Forbes
Acting Secretary
To.

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For H. S. George 26th Nov 1855

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13th Dec 31/38To the Collectors of
Sea Customs

S.

The Collectors of
Sea Customs

Sir.

The subject of the internal management of the Sea Customs Department having been brought under the notice of the Board by the recent correspondence regarding Mr. Lochrane's official conduct, I am directed to request that you will send for their perusal a memorandum which they understand to have been prepared some time back by Mr. Williamson, detailing the duties assigned to each of the subordinate departments and the rules by which they are guided.

The Board are also desirous, with reference to your official memorandum to the Deputy Collector dated 10th October last, to understand from you the nature of the appraiser's position and the reasons which lead you to consider it advisable that he should not be

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be under the authority of the Deputy Collector.

Revenue Bazaar
For H. S. George
26th November 1855Signed by L. S. Forbes
Acting Secretary.

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May 25/12

From the Collectors of Madras. Read letters submitting an enclosure

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for the within mentioned Printed Statements.
order thereon - Ordered to be supplied accordingly.

The Board proceed to take into consideration the statements noted below, and to record their remarks thereon.

Read again statement of actual charges incurred under estimate in the Revenue Department of the Madras district for July 1264.

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May 28/59

From the Collectors of Madras. 30th June 1855. Read statement of actual charges incurred under estimate in the Revenue Department for July 1264.

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May 28/55.

From the Collectors of Madras. 30th June 1855. Read statement of actual charges incurred without estimate in the Revenue Department for July 1264.

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May 28/60

From the Collectors of Madras. 30th June 1855. Read statement of actual charges incurred without estimate in the Chartered Department for July 1264.

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Fort St George 26th Nov: 1855:

May 28 68

From the Collr of Madras 30th June 1855. Read statement
 of actual charges incurred under Estimate in the
 Magisterial Departments for July 1864.

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order on the above 5 statements. Ordered that the necessary remarks
 of the Board be inserted in the proper column of the
 above mentioned statements and submitted for the
 sanction of Government.

Read the undermentioned Miscellaneous
 letters & statements.

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May 25/11

From the Collr of North Arcot: Statement of Demand Collection
 and balance of Revenue for the month of July 1855.

843

May 25/13

From the Acting Collr of Ganjam. Reporting on the
 state of the Season.

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May 25/11

From the Collr of Ganjam. Statement showing the quantity
 of Salt in Store available for exportation
 to Calcutta on Government Indent, as well as
 on private Trade, from 18th to 24th Dec: 1855.

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Read the following Papers

Revenue Department

N^o 1265

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B^o N^o 3352

From the Secretary
 to Government }

Extract from the Minutes of Consulta-
 tion under date the 16th November 1855

Resolving
 to hold the
 question of replacing
 military guards
 now furnished
 to Talook Cut-
 cherries in abeyance
 pending the orders
 of Government
 of India on the
 application made
 to them for organizing
 an efficient body
 of police for general
 services throughout
 the Presidency.

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

/ Here enter 9th October 1855 N^o 2634 /

From the above letter and the correspondence
 submitted with it, it appears that out of the fifteen
 districts under the control of the Board of Revenue
 there are Military guards permanently employed
 at Talook Cutcherries in only five. The strength
 of these guards, and the propositions of the Board
 for replacing them, as well as the cost of the
 measures suggested, may be readily apprehended
 from the table annexed.

District

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District Talook		Strength of Military Guard	Civil guards proposed in lieu			Monthly pay
			Duffa	Saigues	Prons	
Kallur	Codiaghery	1 Native 1 Havildar and 12 Sepoys				
	Origole	Furnished with a guard from local detachments		1	6	
	Pandurty salt Treasury at the Beerum goontah Talook	1 Havildar and 5 Sepoys				
	Madacolum	Overlooked by a sentry supplied by the Hoogoon Treasury Guard				
Banara	Pannad	Guarded by sentries from the detachment located at the station				
	Honore	1 Saigue and 6 Sepoys				
Malabar	Sircy	1 Havildar 1 Saigue and 9 Sepoys				
	Postoor	2 Saigues and 9 Sepoys				
Tanjore	Palghat	Strength not mentioned				
	Cochin					
Tanjore	Manantoddy					
	Manargoody					
Tanjore	Titrapoondy					
	Puttocottah					
Tanjore	Kevalore	This Cutcherry is at Negapatam, where a detachment is stationed under a European Officer				
Pensioned Military						
Annual Cost Rupees						

Civil guards proposed in lieu

This arrangement not open to objection

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2. With reference to the establishments proposed for the three Talooks of Tanjore, the Board advise the substitution of efficient peons, selected from pensioned Sepoys retaining sufficient strength and activity for the duties required and accustomed to habits of discipline, instead of the pensioned Sepoys proposed by the Collector.

In Madura it is said the Magistrate could provide a guard for the two Treasuries without Military aid

3. At the stations noted in the Margin* there are Military detachments under European Officers which furnish the guards. As to the guard at the Salt Cutcherry of Pandurty in Kallur, the Board observe that it might be dispensed with, if, besides strengthening the existing police by an addition of two armed peons and a Saigue, the Collections were more frequently remitted to the Talook Cutcherry than is even done at present.

* Honore
Palghat
Cochin
Negapatam
Madura

* District
Coimbatore
Bellary
Cuddapah

Talook
Cotacamund
Yadaker and Sandpstry
Cumbum

4. With regard to the three cases referred to in para 3 of the Board's letter, wherein Military guards are furnished, but not permanently the first will cease when the Governor General leaves Cotacamund the second may

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may be dispensed with when the Bellary District is somewhat less ripe in crime, and in the third case, that of Cumbum, it appears to the Government that the practice of applying for a Naig's guard in the lengthened absence of the Tahsildar might very well be discontinued, even if frequent as it may now be.

5. In para 15, in remarking that they leave for the consideration of Government the question of relieving the regular troops from detachment and guard duties by the establishment of local Corps under European officers, the Board draw attention to a chief cause of the inefficiency of the present police, viz. want of fit arms, accompanied by an ignorance of their proper use and an absence of discipline. They suggest the supply of a superior description of fire arm than the present old flint lock musket and the addition of a sword bayonet.

6. The Government have carefully considered the existing state of matters, as well as the suggestions and proposals submitted by the Board of Revenue and

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and have resolved, under all the circumstances brought to their notice, and hold the question of replacing the Military guards now furnished to Talook Butcherries in abeyance for a while, pending the orders of the Government of India on the application made to them for organizing an efficient body of Police for general service throughout the Presidency.

/ A true Extract /

/ Signed / J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government

845-846

B.D. No. 3139
Order thereon

Ordered that a copy of the

above Extract Minutes Consultation be forwarded to the Collectors of the Districts named below, for information and guidance.

Mellore

Madura

Canara

Malabar

Tanjore

Coimbatore

Bellary

and
Cuddalore

Extract

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B² No 3351From the Secretary
to Government

Revenue Department

No 1264

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date 17th November 1855

List of estimates of extra
charges proposed to be in-
curred in Fy 1265 in the
Districts of Guntur, North
Arcot, Madura, and Coimbatore,
submitted by the Board of
Revenue 3rd November 1855.

1. The estimates of extra charges in-
cluded in the above list are for the Districts
of Guntur, North Arcot, Madura, and
Coimbatore; and they amount in the aggregate to
Rupees 2054. 2. 11. The estimate for Guntur
contains an item of 60 Rupees "for making
and repairing brass Mercals;" but as weighments
are to be shortly introduced in lieu of measurements
of salt, it is unnecessary to make any new Mercals.
There will be no objection however to the Mercals now
in use being repaired, in order to carry on operations
in the interval, but the charge for such
repair may be included in the
Contingent

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Contingent bills. The supplemental
estimate submitted for Coimbatore is
chiefly for tables for the Sheristadars
department. Before sanctioning the
expenditure, the Government wish the
necessity of these tables to be explained.

2. With these two exceptions, the
Government sanction the remaining
estimated charges, amounting in the
aggregate, as shown below, to Rupees 1850-14-11/
one thousand eight hundred and fifty, annas
fourteen, and pice eleven.

Guntur	Rs	a	p
	1534	"	"
North Arcot	202	7	10
Madura	114	7	1
Rupees 1850	14	11	

/ A true Extract /

/ Signed / J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government

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B² No 3193

Order thereon.

Ordered that a Copy of the
foregoing be communicated to the
Collectors of Guntur, North Arcot and Madura.
Ordered also that the following
letter be submitted. To

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847-849

B^d No 3145

To the Secretary to
Government
Revenue Department

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

In Comd 27th Nov 1855

In Comd 8th September
1855 No 2404

Sir. With reference to para 1 of Extract
Minutes Consultation dated 17th November
1855, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to
submit for the information and Orders of
the Right Honorable the Governor in Council,
the accompanying letter, from the Collector
of Coimbatore, dated 15th August 1855
explaining that the Table and Chairs intended
for, are required for the servants of the
Sheristadar's Department in consequence of the
substitution of Tamil with English figures for
Maharatta in the preparation of the accounts.

2. The Board passed the Estimate because
it appeared to them that such articles were
necessary to insure the accounts being
neatly and properly written.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
27th November 1855

Signed G. S. Forbes
Acting Secretary

18990

850

B^d No 3372

From the Collector
of Vizagapatnam
Dated 30th June 1855

Fort St. George 27th November 1855

Read Statement of Extra

Tent allowance drawn by the Collector
and his Assistants in Fusly 1264.

850-851

B^d No 3154

Proceedings thereon.

The Board of Revenue

Sanction the Extra	
Tent allowance	Days
Mr. A. Robertson Collector.	6
" P. B. Smollett. Ag. D.	26
" E. G. R. Fane - P. Asst. D.	81
" J. H. Blair Asst. Collector	17
" D. in Charge of the	26
Princ. Asst. Officer	
number of days	
noted in the margin.	

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B^d No 2291

From the Collector of Ganjam
Dated 3rd August 1855

Read Statement of

actual charges incurred under
Estimate in the District for Fusly 1264

Ordered that the following
letter be sent

To The Collector of
Ganjam

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B^d No 3140
To the Collector
of Ganjam

Sir With reference to your
Statement

18991

Fort St. George 27th November 1855Dated 5th Augt In Cont
27th Novr 1855

Statement of actual charges on account
of advances for cultivation &c for Fusly
1264. I am directed by the Board of Revenue
to request that you will report the date on
which the sum of Rupees 1870 advanced
for Gifted Estates was sanctioned.

2. You are also requested to enter in
future Statements the dates of the
Sanction of Government and the
Comptroller Northern Circars for
advances for Tuccary &c

Revenue Board Office

Fort St. George

27th November 1855

Signed G. S. Forbes

Acting Secretary

B. No 2777

From the Collector of Rajahmundry

(Dated 1st September 1855)

Read Statement
of actual charges incurred under
Estimate in Fusly 1264.

Ordered that the following
letter be sent.

To The Collector of
Rajahmundry
Sir
With reference to

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B. No 3141

To the Collector of
Rajahmundry

18992

Fort St. George 27th November 1855

to your Statement of Actual charges on account
of advances for cultivation &c for Fusly 1264,
I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request
that you will report the date on which the
sum of Rupees 20,200 advanced for
Estates under Management of Court of Wards,
was sanctioned.

2. The Board observe that a similar
omission has occurred on two previous
occasions and they request you will impress
on the account Department of your Office the
necessity of supplying this information in future.

In Fusly 1262
9 1263

Revenue Board Office

Fort St. George

27th November 1855

Signed G. S. Forbes

Acting Secretary

To

G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George

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B. No 2931

From the Collector

of Chingleput

Sir,

report on Petition No 2602 of 1855

I have the honor to

from

18993

Fort St. George 27th November 1835.

from Venkatanarayana Pillay, 8th Meerapsidars
of Methavoil in the Nager Taluk.

2. The Shrotrium Village of
Methavoil reverted to Government in July
1263, and is held under Amany management;
the field money assessment not having been
introduced in it. In the first year of its
reversion, the Coodivaram or right share
allowed by the Shrotriendar, viz: ^{Coll^{rs}} $4\frac{1}{2}$ on
a gross produce of 10 Collums was continued
to the Meerapsidars, but in the
next year July 1264, a return
was made to the accounts of the
year Poudry, the year preceding
the introduction of the permanent
Settlement which only allow a Coodivaram
of $3\frac{1}{2}$ Collums.

3. There can be no doubt
that this is an inadequate return for
the labor and expenses of the cultivators

18994

Fort St. George, 27th November 1835.

a consideration which induced the
Shrotriendar to raise the warum to $4\frac{1}{2}$
Collums; and as this is the rate
prevailing in most of the other Villages of the
District, I request the sanction of the Board for
allowing the enhanced rate of Warum
till the introduction of a moderate money
Assessment in the Village.

Chingleput District

Collector's Culcherry

Sydapat, 11th October 1835.B^o No 3150

Proceedings thereon.

(856-857)

Signed / C. J. Shubrick.

Collector.

Under the explanation

afforded by the Collector in the letter above
recorded, the Board of Revenue sanction
a Coodivaram of $4\frac{1}{2}$ Collums on
a gross produce of $10\frac{1}{2}$ Collums or 45%, in
the Shrotrium Village of Methavoil held
under amany management. The collector
is requested to make it understood that the
above

18995

Fort St. George, 27th November 1853.

about sanction is given, pending the
Settlement of a money agreement now in
contemplation.

Read again Statement dated
30th June and entered in consultation of
16th and 17th October 1853 of Extra Soub
allowance drawn by the Collector of Coimbatore
and his subordinates in Fustis 1263 & 1264.

To,

No 127

G. S. Forbes Esq^r.Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

I have the honor to acknowledge

the receipt of Extract from the Board's Proceedings
dated 17th Instant No 2710 calling for explanation
of my stay at Ootacamund for 52 days, and
that of my Assistant for 20 days at Collegal.

I beg in reply to state for the Board's
information, that my residence at
Ootacamund was not continuous for

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Fort St. George, 27th November 1853.

52 days. I went there for 5 days first, and 2
days afterwards, making preliminary
arrangements for the supply of the Most
Noble the Governor General and suite and
during the remaining 45 days I was necessarily
employed in the Revenue Settlement of
the Neilgherry Talook at Ootacamund
Kotagerry, and Coonoor, and in the disposal
of many applications for lands, and water
disputes, from several parties also in other
arrangements for the Governor General & suite.

As regards my Assistant
Mr. C. C. G. Thomas's residence at Collegal,
I beg to state, that he was deputed to that
Talook for the Revenue Settlement of
Fusly 1263. He remained at the Cusbah of Col-
legal only for 10 days, and travelled from one
station, to another throughout the
Talook, for the distribution of Puthahs,
and for inspection of Marammet
Works, Roads, irrigation works &c.
He.

Vide Statement
of Senballow
ance for Fusly
1264-

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B² No 3207From the Collector
of Coimbatore } Sir,

18997

Fort St George 27th October 1855

He also traced several miles of Road, and visited several old annamite 8th in company with the Civil Engineer, to ascertain whether their restoration would be of advantage to Government, and the people, and I must in justice to that Gentleman remark that nothing but a desire to ascertain the real requirements of that isolated Salook, detained here for so many days in so unhealthy a part of the District, he was in fact in all parts of the Salook, and in many localities seldom before visited.

Ottacamund

31st October 1855

B^o N^o 3133

Proceedings thereon

858-859

Signed J. C. B. Thomas

Collector

Under the satisfactory explanation afforded by the Collector of his protracted residence at

Ottacamund and that of Mr. C. C. J. Thomas as Collegial in Thursty 1264, the Board of Revenue sanction the Extraordinary allowance drawn by each Officer for the number of days noted in the margin.

The Board wish to state that when the continuance of an Officer at any place is likely to lead to question a short explanation of the circumstances should be given in the statement to render a reference on the subject unnecessary as required by the Board. C. C. dated 30th October 1855.

Thursty 1263.	
Mr. W. M. Malle Subcollector	7
" C. N. Pochin Asst. D ^o	15
" E. C. G. Thomas D ^o	6
Thursty 1264.	
Mr. C. B. Thomas Collector	117
" M. S. Walhouse Asst. Sub D ^o	67
" J. G. Thompson Asst. D ^o	183
" C. N. Pochin D ^o	144
" E. C. G. Thomas D ^o	170

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Fort St George 27th November 1855

N^o 133

To: G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St George

B^o N^o 3237

From the Collector of } Ser.
Salem - - }

Adverting to your

letter dated the 2^d Ultimo, calling upon me for a return of Fibrous substances grown in the Sub Division of the Salem District. I have the honor to submit a Statement shewing the required particulars.

Salem.
Collector's Office. } Signed J. C. A. Brett
Of 6th. - - - } Collector
November 1855. }

Statement

To

18999 to 19001

Fort St George 27th November 1855

Statement shewing the Particulars connected with the cultivation of certain fibrous plants in the Sub Division of the Salem District

Names of Fibres	Description and content of land cultivated						Remarks
	Day	Extent	Offs. ment	Extent	Offs. ment	Remarks	
1 Plantain Trees	89	54	181	8	5	16	1
2, Tamarind plants	400	21	3	18	6	2	1
3, Pongee plants	400	21	3	18	6	2	1
4 Cocaint trees	400	21	3	18	6	2	1
5 Palm trees	400	21	3	18	6	2	1
6 Cotton plants	400	21	3	18	6	2	1

Salem, Collectors...
Office Ofsoor...
27 November 1855.

Errors Excepted. Per. / Signed H. A. Brett.

Collectors

19002

B^d N^o 3145
Proceedings thereon,

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Fort St George 27th November 1855

Resolved that the letter recorded above be submitted for the information of Government in reference to para 10 of the Board's letter of 15th October 1855 N^o 2687.

B^d N^o 3345

From the Collector of Masulipatam.

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To

N^o 89
G. S. Forbes Esqre
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

Fort St George

With reference to your Circular on the

subject of lowering the price of Salt to purchasers. I have the honor to state that a practical difficulty presents itself in the application of the instructions to retail sales.

2 The smallest quantity at present sold at the Cotaw in this District is 5 Mercals 1 totty, for Rupees 1 1/2 exactly. Under the new rules above referred to the price would be -
Rs 1-6-7-69 and these a very objectional element - small fractions would be introduced into the accounts. If instead of lowering the price the Mercal or rather totty be enlarged, this may be effected by adding to each totty 3/5 seers, and measures of this exact capacity must be made for use at each Cotaw. I think the latter is the only feasible plan of carrying out the reduction in price ordered and I have therefore desired the requisite number of new measures to be prepared and propose to conform in this manner to the Board's directions.

3 With reference to para 2 of your Circular N^o 2325. I take this opportunity of informing you

19003

Fort St George 27th November 1855

You that Salt in this District is manufactured not by a particular class of manufacturers as the case elsewhere but by daily paid Coolies under the direct superintendence of the Amunt occasionally; it is done by contract by parties who are not residents of this District and whose opinion I have therefore no means of ascertaining now.

Masulipatam
Collector's Catcherry
13th November 1855.
P^r N^o 3155
Proceedings thereon.

Signed J. Fraser
Acting Collector

The Acting-Collector of Masulipatam is requested to make use of the Mercals which he has caused to be made only until scales are supplied to him. The Sales will then be conducted by weight.

To

N^o 167

J. S. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

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P^r N^o 3405
From the Collector
of Trichinopoly

Sir
Referring to my letter of the 4th September last N^o 122 and to your Board's Order

19004

Fort St George 27th November 1855

thereon N^o 2359 dated 11th Idem. I do myself the honor to report that out of the arrear due Rupees 127-8-1 were paid up by 6 of the 8 Defaulters before the day of sale.

2. The remaining two individuals Govinda Naiken and Nullamoottoo Nadan not being able to meet the demands against them Rupees 63-14-2, their respective lands were put up to sale and sold accordingly. The lands of the former were purchased by Havildar Govinda Naiken for Rupees 65 and this sum is over and above the arrear by Rupees 15-5-2. The purchaser has paid the deposit of 15 per Cent and bound himself to make up the residue.

3. As regards the other Defaulter Nulla Moottoo Nadan, his Land

19005

Fort St George 27th November 1855

lands were not bid for by any one, owing to collusion between the parties and the lands were therefore purchased on the part of Government for a nominal price of Rupees 14-3-1, which sum is equal to the arrears due by this individual -

4 The aggregate amount realized by sale is Rupees 79-3-4, out of which the amount due by these two individuals for July 1264 has been fully liquidated, and a sum of Rupees 15-5-2 is to be refunded to the defaulter Govinda Naik.

5 I beg to submit the usual statement of the sale and to solicit confirmation of the lands disposed of -

Trichinopoly.
Coll^r's Office.
19th November 1855

Signed J. Bird
Collector
Statement

Fort St George 27th November 1855

Statement showing the result of the Sale of lands in the Villages of Murdoor and Valoodyore in the Taluk of Palgody in the Trichinopoly District July 1265

Name of the Defaulters	Name of the Villages	Amount of balance due for July 1264	Particulars of lands sold	Amount realized by the sale	Name of the purchaser	Remarks
Govinda Naik	Valoodyore	Rs 49 10 10	10 Mangal	Rs 50 0 0	Hamilton	Rupees 9 - 12 - have been deposited by the purchaser at the rates of 15 per cent.
Mulla Moottos Naik	Murdoor	Rs 14 3 4	12 Mangal	Rs 14 3 4	Govinda Naik	

Trichinopoly 19th November 1855

Signed J. Bird
Collector

19007

Bd No 3144

Proceedings thereon.

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Fort St George 27th November 1855

The Board of Revenue confirm the sale of the lands alluded to in the Statement which accompanies the foregoing letter and authorize the Collector after carrying to the credit of Government the amount of arrears against the defaulter Govindas Naickun to disburse to him the remaining sale proceeds.

To

No 220

G. S. Forbes Esq^rSecretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

Bd No 3453

From the Collector
of Madras

Reports relative to the application to his District of the water rate established temporarily in North Arcot and submits a statement which will show that the effect would be to increase considerably the assessment of newly converted land of

No 2518 dated 28th September last relative to the application to this District of the water rate established temporarily in North Arcot

I have the honor to submit a short statement which will show that the effect would be to increase considerably the assessment of newly converted land in the Madras District

1 For one crop Paddy, the average Seerwa Taster is in Madras 2 15 in Dindigul 2 7 11 -

2 For a second crop the Seerwa Taster would in Madras be only 2 15 in Dindigul nothing as the tax is considered to be consolidated -

Plantains

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4 Plantains in this District pay the same as single crop Nunjah only, and Sugar Cane $\frac{1}{2}$ in Madras and the consolidated Seerwa in Dindigul.

5 For Nunjah Mel Poonyah the change would as regards Madras be a slight alleviation but an increase in Dindigul.

6 Such being the case I should deprecate the introduction of the System into Madras with the North Arcot rates.

7 As regards the principle of the measure I beg to state that in the Madras Division the Poonyah is divided into Currunns or classes and that each of these has a corresponding Nunjah tax, so that the adjustment of the increase, when the land is converted, is a simple operation provided however the rate were lowered to $\frac{3}{4}$ for a single crop Nunjah and $\frac{1}{4}$ for a single crop Nunjah Mel Poonyah, and one half of each for a second crop. I should prefer the system of a water rate because the present one is less simple and affords Currunns an opportunity of fraud. Plantains should be treated as a single crop and Sugar Cane and Betel charged $\frac{1}{2}$ rate only.

8 The above observation applies to Madras only. In the Dindigul Division there is no

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no classification of land, and when Poonjah is converted to Kunjah, the tax is determined with reference to the rates obtaining in the neighbourhood often a very bad criterion of the capability of the land, in as much as there may be a great difference in the quality of the soil and supply of water within a very short space. We reserve to ourselves the right to consider all other circumstances which bear on the profitability of the land but how difficult it is to obtain a knowledge of such facts from Native reports. The operation too is a very tedious one, and a season is often lost while the matter is under discussion. In Dindigul therefore the substitution of the water rate system would be a great improvement but it would be necessary to lower the rate to that specified in Para 7 for a single crop and to exact more whatever for a second.

9 For Kunjah Mel Poonjah I should much prefer the water rate, if lowered to $1\frac{1}{4}$ Rupee the Canny and $1\frac{1}{4}$ consolidated in Dindigul.

10 In support of my objection to an equal charge for a second crop I beg to state that in this District the Koday, an extra (2nd) crop is generally considerably inferior to the main (Kallum) crop.

Of Rules 5.6 and 7 I fully approve the rate being altered to $2\frac{1}{4}$ Rupees.

Madura 21st November 1855

Signed R. D. Parker
Collector

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Fort St George 27th November 1855

Statement Shewing the Cultivation and Waste of Poonjah converted into Kunjah in January 12 61

Description	Divisions	Extent of Land	Poonjah termah		Kernal Rasteer		Amount	
			Amount per Canny	Average per Canny	Amount per Canny	Average per Canny	at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ Rs per Canny	Amount at the rate of $13\frac{1}{4}$ Rupees per Canny
Kunjah	Principal Division	9299 $11\frac{1}{4}$	18110	29	15227326	2	15	32548155
	Sub Division	4912 $4\frac{1}{4}$	9371	1511	14612255	58	27	1171921410
		14211 $15\frac{1}{2}$	27482	28	141139581	110	2127	49741143
Kunjah Mel Poonjah	Principal Division	1197 $13\frac{1}{2}$	2444	39	282699	10	241	209641
	Sub Division	90 $6\frac{1}{4}$	346	86	134123	88	1510	158211
		12884	2790	123	282298	231	231	22647

Madura 21st November 1855

Order thereon

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Ordered to be over

Signed R. D. Parker

Collector

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Fort St George 27th November 1855N^o 217

To

G. S. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

B^o N^o 3454

From the Collector
of Madura.

Sir

In reply to your Circular of
the 6th Instant N^o 2960, I have the
honor to state that the causes of delay
in payment of Pensions being sickness
and absence on leave, which are contingencies
which it is impossible to prevent, I do not think
their monthly regular payment can be ensured.
I do not see however that a monthly audit
is therefore precluded. A Memorandum
explanatory of non or excess payment might be
sent up to the Civil Auditor with the Statements.

Madura,

19th November 1855

Order thereon

Signed R D Parker
Collector

Ordered to lie over

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To

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To

G. S. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

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B^o N^o 3455

From the Collector
of Madura.

Sir,

In reply to the Board's
Circular N^o 2544 dated 1st Ultimo, relative
to instalments of the public Revenue, I have
the honor to state that as they exist at
present in the Madura District, they do
not appear to take money from the Ryots
before they have reaped and disposed of
some portion of their Grain.

2 The first Poonjah harvest takes
place in October. The first Poonjah Instal-
ment of $\frac{1}{8}$ is in November. An instalment of
 $\frac{1}{8}$ is also taken in November for Garden and
Nunjahmel Poonjah before which time some
Crop

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Crop or other has been reaped. The adu Koday
 Nungah Crop is reaped at the end of July &
 August and the first instalment for the same
 is in November and amounts to $\frac{1}{4}$. The
 principal or Kalum Crop is reaped in
 January and February and pays its
 first Rist of $\frac{1}{4}$ in March. The
 practice of detaining Crops in the field till
 the Rist is paid does not obtain in this District.
 I should be sorry to change the Madura Rists
 because being given and of long standing they are well
 known to the Ryots who have never complained of
 them. On special occasions when there has
 been a drought particular Villages who have
 suffered most make a request for a postponement
 which for sufficient reasons I grant.

Madura

19th November 1855. }

Order thereon

(870-871)

/ Signed R. D. Parker
Collector

Ordered to be over

To

19014.

Fort St George 27th November 1855-N^o 355

To
 G. S. Forbes Esq^r
 Acting Secretary to the
 Board of Revenue.
 Fort St. George.

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B^o N^o 3432.

From the Collector
 of Tinnevely

Sir,
 I have the honor to forward Duplicates
 of the Receipts granted to me by J. Silver Esq^r
 Acting Collector, for the amount of Cash in the
 Treasury delivered over to him by me this day
 as well as for the amount of Court deposits
 and the quantity of Stamp papers and
 Cadjans remaining unsold on this date.

Tinnevely
 19th November
 1855

(Signed) C. J. Bird.

Collector.

Duplicate

19015.

For L^d George 27th November 1855.

Duplicate No. 1.

Received from C. J. Bird Esq^r, Collector of Timnevelly, the sum of Company's Rupees 9,476.2- being the amount of Deposits from the undermentioned Courts up to 18th November 1855, according to the accounts of the Treasury.

Late Auxiliary Court of Timnevelly	Rs. 1211	10.
Civil and Sessions D ^o of D ^o	5000	"
Principal Sudder Ameen's D ^o of D ^o	3264	8.
Company's Rupees	9476	2.

Timnevelly, 19th November 1855. C. J. Bird (Signed) J. Silver

Acting Collector. Duplicate

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For L^d George 27th November 1855.

Duplicate No. 2.

Received from C. J. Bird Esq^r, Collector of Timnevelly the undermentioned Rolls of Stamps to the value of Company's Rupees 36,576.12- being the stock on hand on the 18th November 1855 according to the accounts of the Stamp Darogah.

8 — D ^o — D ^o	290	115	"	"	290	145
1 — Rupee — D ^o	293	293	"	"	293	293
2 — Rupees — D ^o	126	252	"	"	126	252
4 — D ^o — D ^o	84	336	"	"	84	336
Total	1193	1126	"	"	1193	1126
Grand Total	5093	36452	12	79	62	5172 36576 12

Timnevelly, 19th November 1855. C. J. Bird (Signed) J. Silver. Acting Collector.

No. 3

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For St. George 27th November 1855.

Received from C. J. Bird Esq^r Duplicate A. 3.

Company's Rupees 890221-3-1 being the balance of Cash up to 18th November 1855 according to the accounts of the Treasury.

Species	Coin.	Number of Coins.	Rate of conversion per % Price of Coin.	Amount.	Total.
Company's Rupees of 1835 and 1840					
Do. Half Do.		774890	100	774890	
Do. Quarter Do.		54188	50	27094	
Do. Double Annas		295023	25	73755	12.
		53915	12	639	6.
Company's Rupees of the Coinages previous to 1835					
Do. Half Do.		1816	100	1816	
Do. Quarter Do.		684	50	342	
Do. Double Annas		261	25	65	4.
Do. Single Do.		883	12	110	6.
Bombay Court Rupees		923	4	57	11.
		30	97	12	1. 29 5 3

Sliver

Do. Half Do.	5	18	14	1	2	7	1
Do. Quarter Do.	2	24	7	50		7	10
Half Pagoda Pieces	11	112	14	5	19		4
Quarter Do. Do.	14	86	11	3	12	2	3
Spanish Dollars	1	220			2	3	2
German Crowns	20	212			42	6	5
New Half Annas	103900	3	2		3246	14	
Do. Quarter Do.	99772	1	9		1558	15	
Do. Single Pie Pieces	17596		8	4	91	10	4
Europe four Pie Pieces	10619	2	1	4	221	3	8
Do. Two Do.	6082	1		8	63	5	8
Do. One Do.	3131		8	4	16	4	11
Forty Cash Pieces	29	3	14	2	68	1	2
Twenty Do. Do.	923	1	15	1	34	17	15
Ten Do. Do.	2242		15	6	67	21	12
Five Do. Do.	723		7	9	33 1/2	3	8
						52	12
Total Company's Rupees							890221

Timewelly,
19th November,
1855.

C. E. J. (Signed) L. Silver.
Acting Collector.

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Fort St George 27th November 1855.N^o 354To
G. S. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary to theBoard of Revenue
Fort St George.

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Bⁿ N^o 3433.From the A^y Coll^r
of Tinnevely.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Board my having this day received from C. J. Birds Esq^r Collector in charge of the Office of Collector and Magistrate of this District as also of the Balance of Cash in this Treasury amounting to Com pangs Rupees 890,221-3-1 and the amount of Court Deposits and the quantity of Stamp Papers on hand, for which I have duly passed my receipts to him in Duplicate.

Tinnevely,
19th November
1855.

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Order thereon.

(Signed) J. Silver
Acting Collector.

Ordered to be submitted for the information of the Government.

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To

G. S. Forbes Esq^rActing Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

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Bⁿ N^o 3403.

Sir,

From the Superintendent
of Stamps

I have the honor to transmit a Statement of the balance due to P. Apparo for Papers and Cadjans supplied for the use of the Stamp Department amounting to Rupees One hundred and sixty three and annas two (163-2--) which I request may be passed and returned.

Fort St George.
General Stamp Office.
21st November 1855.(Signed) F. Lushington
Superintendent of Stamps

The

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to receive a sum of money to relinquish all future claims on account of the Enams in question, but have preferred holding the Enams during their natural lives.

2 I have issued fresh Summs to all the parties in possession of these Enams, with the exception of one stroola Bungaroo in the Village of Daachoot, attached to the Sydapoor Talook, who is reported to have died, and whose Enam will be resumed, and beg to send a list of the incumbents in whose names the Summs are issued, and also copy of the same for the information of the Board. The detailed account, shewing the extent and income of the Enams enjoyed by those who practised the swinging festivals, &c have already been furnished to the Board on the 21st November 1854, some alterations in the names of the incumbents

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incumbents have however been found necessary in the course of the present enquiries, as explained in the Columns of Remarks.

3 I have been prevented from furnishing this information earlier owing to one of the holders of the Enams in question having been ill of the small pox, and further enquiry having been found necessary.

Nellore: - - - - }
Collectors Office - - } (Signed J. B. Elton
22nd November 1855 - } Collectors

Names.

Venachamp

Sedamachoo
preparing the
swing and beam

Tamultalpoor — Vellapoor — Govindoo Venangoo — For the Metta Gortoo
Cherkoo's Sonangoo — swinging Sowable
Guddum Venatangoo — festival Mangany with 3 rooms
of Sees.

Vadichoolai — Luchegadoo — D^o

Metta Gortoo 2 In the Statement already
sent the name of Condoo-
gadoo, the adoptive fu-

-ther of Litchegadoo
was entered because
he was then alive, but the

Litchegadoo also was
enjoying the Mannem since
then 10 years.

— Mahomaloort 1 Puttum Venatangoo D^o Mangany 23 $\frac{1}{2}$

— 2 Puttum Chengadoo — 6h

— 3 Puttum Chalam —

— 4 Puttum Unkeadoo —

— 5 Puttum Tamoo —

— Puttum Chengadoo — Mettoos D^o 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cutto. 6h

Mannemson

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granted in

Compensation

for the loss of

and by the way

very festival

Sadamate cumbampoon — Vella boyana — For the swing Mangany Gortoo
Naurapah — festival 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
6h

Davagoodoor — Pundoolapadoo Regaly Seetamoo — For the swing Metta Gortoo 2

— Pretty party Venachamp again festival

Angola

Venachang
dedemachos
preparing the
swing in the post
and beam

Tomultalpoor — Vadapooray — Gorindoo Venangoo — For the Metta Gortoo.
Cherkoo's Ponnogandoo — swinging Soreable
Guddum Venetogandoo — festival Mangany with 3 Booms
of Soot.

Vaducheral — Luchegandoo — D²

Metta Gortoo 2 In the Statement already
sent the name of Candoo-
gandoo, the adoptive fi-

ther of Luchegandoo
was entered Candoo-
he was then alive, but the
Luchegandoo also was
enjoying the Mannim's law
then 10 years.

Pavoor — Mahomaloot 1 Puttum Venetaramoodoo D² Mangany 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ 64

- 2 Puttum Chengadoo —
- 3 Puttum Chalun —
- 4 Puttum unkeadoo —
- 5 Puttum Tamoodoo —
- Puttum Chengadoo —

Mottosoo D² 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ 64
Culta.

- Mannimoon
- Mannimoon
- granted in
- Compensation
- for outlaws
- and by the King
- ing festival

Gortoo
10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 64

Sodamite cumberson Nalla boyana — For the swing Mangany
Narapah — ing festival

Davagoodoor — Pundoolapadoo Jegely, Seetaramoodoo — For the swing Metta Gortoo 2
- ing
- festival
- festival
- festival

Verachamp

Sedimentation
preparing the
during the
and beam

Tommultalpoor — Vellapoor — Govindoo Venaragoo — For the — Metta Gortoo
Cherkoo Ponnogandoo — during
Guddum Venaragandoo — festival Mangam with 3 forms
of Sees.

Vadachenda — Luchegandoo —

Dr

Metta Gortoo 2 In the Statement also
sent the name of Condo-
gandoo, the adoption for

— then of Luchegandoo
was entered. Luchegandoo
he was then alive, but the
Luchegandoo also was
enjoying the main view since
these 10 years.

Paroor — Mahamadoot — 1 Puttum Venaragandoo — Dr Mangam $23\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{64}{64}$

- 2 Puttum Chengandoo —
- 3 Puttum Chalum —
- 4 Puttum Unkandoo —
- 5 Puttum Vamandoo —
- Puttum Chengandoo —

Dr

$11\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{64}{64}$

— Mainion or
— Mainion
— granted in
— Compensation
— food with ears
— and by the living
— ing festival

Padamate cum lampam — Metta koyand — For the Spring Mangam $10\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{64}{64}$
Mavrapah — ing festival

Davagandoo — Dundoolapandoo Jegaly Seetaramandoo — For the Spring Metta Gortoo 2
— Inetty party Venaragandoo festival

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Angole

Chennacooty

Gillab Vengados

Mullavarapoo Bungavengados

Soroor Contados

Santabundla Venados

Santabundla Ramados

Sydapooram

Siddharavaram Valooroo Govindas

Jorapilly

Valooroo Jangados

Chackeral Chercho

Conkerla Pullab

Davchoor

Chroala Bungaroo

Vellase
Collector's Office
22nd November 1853

Order thereon

E.E. Jn (Signed) J.B. Elton
Collector
of Tellicoogoo

Ordered to be recorded

To

Gentoo

Dr Melto

In the account sent already
the name of Sillab Nankadoodas
erroneously entered as Spaci-
-fid in the account receiv-
-ed from the Tellico, but in
the present enquiry it has
been ascertained that the per-
-sons herein named are ac-
-tually enjoying the Maniam-

Dr Mangamp

Dr 16 1/2

for making

Said Maniamas Dr 5

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for making

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N: 143

To G. S. Forbes Esq

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

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Dr N: 3444

From the Collector
of Salem

Adverting to the Board's

Circular dated the 6th Instant calling
upon me to state whether it would be
possible to ensure the regular payment
of Civil Pensions monthly or otherwise as they
fall due, I have the honor to state that
it does seem possible to ensure
the regular payment of civil Pensions.

Any difficulty that there
may be in the case arises from the temporary
inability of the Pensioner, in consequence of
sickness or other cause, to appear at the re-
quired time. Greater regularity on this point
might be secured by subjecting the Pensioner

to

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to some penalty for non appearance without
cause

3 In this District there are
59 Persons in the receipt of Pensions granted
allowances and Refroom allowances, ei-
ther from the Talook or Huzoor Treas-
uries. In 28 Cases the payments are
monthly, and in 31 Quarterly.-

Salem, Collectors Office, }
Ossior, 22nd November 1855. } (Signed H.A. Brett
Collector

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Order thereon.

Ordered to lie

over.

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To J. S. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

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B. N. 34.34.
From A. Stokes Esq^r }
On special Duty. } Sir,

I have the honor to request
that the B. Board will be pleased to submit to
Government my application for two months
privilege leave of absence to visit Juntoor
and Mysore to which I believe I shall be
entitled after the 1st of December, from the
date of quitting Madras. To obviate any
difficulty, I beg to state that I do not
intend to leave Madras until I have
sent in my reports on all the Regulations
and acts which I have been directed to
revise, and that I shall be prepared
to pay immediate attention to any further
instructions which the Government may
see fit to give me connected with this
work, whether they reach me while on
leave or otherwise.-

Madras, }
24th November 1855. }

Signed J. A. Stokes
On special duty.

Order thereon.

Ordered to be submitted

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thru the channel of the Civil Auditor for
the

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favorable consideration of Government.

Read Endorsement. dated 30th

October 1855 from the Collector of Madras
on Petition No. 75 dated 27th May 1855.

883
B. N. 3142.
Proceedings thereon.

The Board of Revenue
concur in the opinion of the Collector
that there is no objection to allowing
the Petitioners to sue for their share in
the Shrotrium, and accordingly resolve
to communicate the Collector's Endorsement
for the information of the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council,
with reference to the order of Government
dated 26th June 1855. on the above
noted Petition.

Resolved that the following letter be despatched

To The Principal Commissary of
Ordnance.

884
B. N. 3151
To the Principal
Commissary of
Ordnance

I am directed by the Board
form them when the salt scales are intended
for, are likely to be completed, and the
cost of each set.

The aggregate number of
scales

1930

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scales required will probably be about
250 and their early supply is of much
importance.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
27th November 1855.

Signed G. F. Forbes
Ag. Secy.

B. N. 3402.

From the Secretary to Government
dated 20th November 1855

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(for information)

Read Extract,
authorizing the defence, at the public
cost, of O. S. No. 72 of 1849 in the Principal
Sudder Ameer's Court at Masulipatam.

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Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

No. N. 1909.

From the Collector of Canara.

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Order thereon.

papers required for 1856.

Ordered to be supplied

889

accordingly.

No. N. 2268

From the Collector of Guddapah

Read Statement of

actual charges incurred under Estimate
for Fushy 1264.

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No. N. 2579

From the Collector of Chingleput

Read Statement of

actual charges incurred under Estimate
for Fushy 1264.

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Order thereon.

passed.

Resolved that the necessary orders be

Received

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892

Received the undermentioned.
Miscellaneous letters and Statements.

Mr. N^o 2526. From the collector of Rajahmundry. Salt account current
893
Mr. N^o 2520 from 1st July to 30th September 1855.
From the collector of Tanjore.

894

Register of Petitions
referred for disposal for October 1855.
Mr. N^o 2519
From the collector of Tanjore.

895

Register of the States of Canyap
at the Amicut for October 1854 - 1855.
Mr. N^o 2518
From the collector of Tanjore.

896

Bazar Prices of Grain for
October 1855.
Mr. N^o 2523.
From the collector of Bellary.

897

Submits the monthly
report on the season up to the 15th Instant.
Mr. N^o 2524
From the collector of Coanara.

898

Reports on the state of
the season.
Mr. N^o 2516
From the collector of Tanjore.

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Statement showing the quan-
tity of Salt in store and available for exportation
to Calcutta on Government Indent & on private
Trade from 16th to 29th October 1855.
Mr. N^o 2517
From the collector of Tanjore.

900

Statement showing the quantity
of Salt in store and available for exportation
to Calcutta on Government Indent & on private
Trade from 30th October to 12th November 1855.
Mr. N^o 2525.
From the collector of Masulipatam.

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901

Read the following Papers.
Public Department.

Memorandum.

B^o N^o 2310.
From the Deputy Secretary } With reference to the Memorandum
to Government. } from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated
5th Instant N^o 2939 the Deputy Secretary to
Government has the honor to forward Copies of the
Orders therein referred to and one Copy of Mr.
Bayley's Memo.

Fort St. George }
15th November 1855 }

Signed / W. H. Huddleston
Deputy Secretary to Government
Public Department

N^o 1N^o 610.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated
10th May 1855.

Read the following letter
from W. H. Bayley Esq^r /
Forwards 50 Copies of a
Memo on the Balance in
use at the General Treasury
for the Library in the
Government Office. -
Here enter 1st May 1855.

The Right Honorable the
Governor in Council willingly accedes to Mr.
Bayley's application that Copies of his useful
Memorandum on the Balance in use at the
General

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General Treasury be placed in the Library of the Government Office.

2. The Governor in Council however, thinks that the Memo might with advantage be communicated to the other Presidencies. He therefore resolves to send five (5) Copies of it to each of the Governments of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay.

3. One Copy will also be sent to every Collector or Government Agent, and they will be requested to state whether, in their opinion, the Balance might be advantageously introduced into their Treasuries in lieu of the scales now in use. The Military Board will also report whether the Balance could be made up at the Arsenal and, if so, at what cost.

4. It is observed that in a recent despatch, the Court of Directors have decided that it be considered as a general rule that "25. Copies of every document published or printed for the use of the Government or its Officers shall invariably be transmitted to them two copies when the document is printed, and the remainder by early opportunities." The present Memo perhaps can hardly be regarded as falling within the above category.

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category. Mr. Bayley will, however, be asked if he can spare 25 Copies - or, if not, what number he can spare for transmission to the Honorable Court.

(True Extract)

(Signed) W. Huddleston

Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 2.

Public Department.

Extract from a letter from Mr. H. Bayley Esq. dated 14th May 1855.

2. I would take the liberty of suggesting that when the opinions of Collectors are requested as to its use, that they are informed that it is equally accurate and the index points out the same deviation for any weight below 2000 Rupees, but the arms of the Balance are not made to bear a weight above 2000 Rupees and an extra strain might injure them. The principle could of course be extended to Balances to weigh 5000 Rupees by the use of more metal in the workmanship, but as 2000 Rupees is the limit that is found desirable in the Government Treasury, a Balance of larger dimensions does not

seem

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Seem necessary in the Moguliel.

3. It will be observed that the index marks deviations of 1 Tola and $\frac{1}{2}$ a Tola whatever be the weight in the scale. Pond and this constitutes the peculiarity of this balance. The ordinary Bent lower balance is limited in use to one constant weight -

N^o 634.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 16th May 1855-

Read the following letter from W. H. Bayley Esq^r

Here enter 14th May 1855-

Resolved that paras 2 and 3 of the foregoing letter be communicated to the several Collectors or Government Agents to whom Colonel Smith's Memorandum on the Treasury Balance is sent.

(True Extract)

(Signed) W. Huddleston

Enc 3. Printed Pamphlet - Deputy Secretary to Government

B^d N^o 3160

Order thereon -

Ordered that a copy of the papers received from Government with Official Memo. under date 15th Instant and W. H. Bayley's Pamphlet, be forwarded to the Collector of Malabar with reference to his letter dated 16th October 1855.

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B^d N^o 3378

From the Sec^y to Government -

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Revenue Department.

N^o 1268.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Under date the 17th November 1855.
Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue -
(Here enter 16th October 1855)

N^o 2697

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the purchase of Mr Taylor's Press, at Narsapoor, with its Materials for Rupees (388 - 13.) Three hundred and thirty eight and annas thirteen and grants Authority for the disbursement of the Charges incurred by that Gentleman in working it from 1st January 1854 to 31st July 1855, amounting to Rupees (552 - 9 - 4)

Total charges of working the Press up to 31st July 1855 as per the sundries Nos 83-15-11

Sum provided by Office or arrangement 211-6-7

Remainder 552-9-4

five hundred and fifty two annas nine and piece four. The press will be employed hereafter as proposed by Mr. Purvis in printing official Papers and elementary Books &c. for educational purposes, the cost of the establishment being met by reductions in the Official Establishment.

When the Iron Press from America is supplied to the District this small Press may be, as the Board suggest either transferred to one of the smaller Districts as Kurnool, or be applied to educational purposes. The Government resolve to transfer the Board's present letter with its enclosure from the Collector of Rajahmundry dated 8th September last to the Public Department in view to its being considered whether the Press will be required for the purposes last mentioned.

(True Extract)
(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government

Ordered that a copy of the Board's letter dated 16th October 1855, with 12 Copies of the above extract, be forwarded to the Collector of Rajahmundry who will communicate to Mr Taylor the above order of

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B^d N^o 3157

Order thereon -

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905

N^o 1272

B^a N^o 3408-

From the Secretary
to Government

Extract from the Minutes of
Consultation in the Revenue Depart-
ment under date the 20th November
1855. -

Read the following letter
from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
(Here enter 1st November 1855 N^o 2963.)

The Right Honorable the
Governor in Council sanctions the pay-
ment of the sum of Rupees (440) four
hundred and forty being the value of 220
Copies of the Circular Orders of the
Board of Revenue for the year 1854 at
Rupees 2 per copy.

To The President & Members (A true Extract)
of the
Board of Revenue.

(Signed J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government)

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

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B^a N^o 3409

N^o 1278

From the Secretary
to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
in the Revenue Department, under date the
21st November 1855.

Read the following list from
the Commissioner for the Northern Circars.
(Here enter 11th October 1855)

* 1853-9th March - 1271
1853-13th June - 610
1855-23rd January - 120
1855-1st June - 659
1855-13th July - 847
Para 6.

The Government observe that the
calls for information made on the Commissioner
in the orders of Government noted in
the margin have not been included in
the foregoing list, they therefore resolve to
direct that the omission be supplied in the next
quarterly return, should replies not have been
intermediately furnished. -

To The President & Members
of the
Board of Revenue.

(A true Extract)
(Signed J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government)

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

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N^o 128.

To G. J. Forbes Esq^r
As Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

B^a N^o 3115
From the Collector
of Salem.

Sir, With reference to para 4
of

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of the Board's Proceedings dated the 12th Instant, requesting me to give the correct date of the Government sanction for Catoonabey's Pension, as no document dated 16th January 1855 is traceable among the Records of the Board's Office. I have the honor to inform you that, thro' an oversight in my Office, the 16th January 1855 was erroneously inserted for 16th January 1835, the correct date of the Govt's sanction, and to request that the Board will cause this alteration to be made in the Tabular Statement -

Salem Collectors Office, (Signed) H. A. Brett
Ofsoor 24th October 1855- } Collector.

Order thereon -

(909-910)

Ordered to be recorded,
the necessary alteration having
been made.

To

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Bst No 3180

From the Collector
of Chingleput } Sir,

To J. S. Forbes Esq^r

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

Referring to Contract from the Board's proceedings of the 28th February last, I have the honor to forward herewith translation of the Decision given by the Principal Sudr Ameen's Court, in suit No 1 of 1835. The Board will observe that judgment is given in favor of the Plaintiff Puttaly reddy who purchased the mootah of Velicand. I do not concur in the correctness of the decision, but as so far as the Collector is concerned, he is relieved from the costs of the suits, it does not appear necessary to appeal from it -

Chingleput District, }
Collector's Cutcherry, } (Signed) C. J. Shurrick
Sydapat, 1st November 1855. } Collector.

Decree of the Principal Sudr Ameen's Court at
Chingleput in original suit No 1 of 1835 -

Plaintiff	Defendants
Puttaly reddy	The Collector of
Vakeel	Chingleput
Thondavaray Moodelly	2 Goorowareddy
	3 Venkataswamy Reddy
	Supplemental
	Defendants

It is admitted on both sides that
the Plaintiff purchased the mootah in question at
auction.

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livelihood Viz: Tellicul, Thoolatye, Manalpaury,
Oroocumben, Ambapamray, Sooralvalichapamray, Condim-
-paury, Oulcooroo, Paramapamray, Mellicoosoor, Oodoombum-
-paury, Semmanally, Tellitodoo, Parayencadooroo, Paramboocolum,
Congary al Vattooculy, Pamboly, Tornyadoo, Mookoovaly,
Choricul, Colliamapundol, Palacadaoor, Naicooroor,
Chetacul, Parooncooroor, Vengaly, Tottynary, Pillicul,
Ponnumbary, and other places.

About 15 years ago one Palanyandy Chetty took
from Government a contract for the produce of these
forests, and after him, Soobraya Chetty, Sengodanaiy,
Abboochaakra Rowten, Aroonachella Moodely, Appana
Moodely, Narraim Naicken, Veeruppalchetty, Samalin-
gum Pillay, Venkatachella Moodely, Ramasawmy.

Naicken and Sooppache Chetty were the Contractors
in the subsequent years. During their Contract, we
gathered the Hill produce of these forests in the
localities above mentioned, and delivered them to the
Contractors, and earned our livelihood from what they
used to give us in return. They have had Pattaks
from the Circar, in which the localities above described, are
stated to belong to the Coimbatore District, that
these localities, belonging to the Coimbatore district
will be clearly proved by the records in the Pellaahy Talook
Catcherry, and the above Contractors who are now living in the Annama-
lay, Town will bear testimony to the fact.

From the year 1853, we the poor Raders

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enjoy the full benefit of our labour. Consequent,
the liberal orders of the Board, by disposing of
the Hill produce (which we gather) at our
pleasure, without the intervention of a Con-
-tractor or any payment to Government.

When Surveyor Mr. Mahon made a survey
of this Forest tracts, and prepared a plan thereof
our ancestors, as well as Ramana & Mooppen, one of the
individuals who have addressed this Petition, and the
other two Raders now present, Viz: Ambaly, and
balanda mooppen, were present with Mr. Mr. Mahon
when exploring these forests, and have known from
him that the localities above described belong to the
Coimbatore District. The ^{hill} produce of these localities such
as Cardamoms &c. has been gathered by us
and we continue to live in Parayencadoor itself
from the time of our ancestors.

On the 17th of this month, when two
of our Raders mamaday, and Semmaloo with two
boys, were returning to home, with the Cardamoms
they had gathered at Choricul, two persons, named
Ramamoorthy and Cunden, belonging to Mr.
Kohlhoff Conservator of the Cochin Government
apprehended the above Raders and boys, seized from
them 14 Baskets of Cardamoms, 3 Crowbars and one
bunbly which they had, and after abusing them
and

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and threatening to send them handcuffed the next day to Cochin, took them that night to Mr. Kohlhoff's Bungalow at Parumbacorum, and after leaving them there the poons slept away, our Raders taking advantage of that opportunity ran to us and reported the matter. Besides this they (the Cochin people) often annoy us by preventing us from attending to our vocations. During the time the contract system was in force, we had not had so much difficulty, but since its abolition we are compelled to suffer so many hardships.

Independent of this Mr. Kohlhoff with a view to make us the slaves of the Cochin Territory offers presents to us and often advises us to leave the Coimbatore limits, and settle ourselves within the Cochin Territory - to this we are not willing to consent. The Cochin people give so much trouble to us with a desire to get themselves possession of Pargueadavos and other places where there are many Teak trees. We the Raders, 200 souls, in number, including males females, and children, now suffer much hardship. altho the Teak Forests may be made over to the Cochin Government, yet we request you will get the orders of the Collector permitting us to live in Parumbacorum

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gather the Will produce as usual and sell them at any place we like. What could we the poor wild inhabitants do if we are treated so harshly by the Cochin people? Under these circumstances we respectfully request you will be good enough to institute an enquiry into the matter of the above Mamady and 3 others having been apprehended, abused, and detained in custody, and write to the Collector to get us back the property seized from our Raders and protect us.

Mark. Ramanda Moospen.

Paulmoospen

Vijapoory Moospen

Ponna Moospen

True Translation

(Signed) E. B. Thomas

Collector.

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B. N. 3163.

Proceedings thereon - Previous to submitting the foregoing letter for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Govr in Council, the Board of Revenue request information as to the number of Raders required for the Government Forests Conservancy, the remuneration proposed to be given to them, and what rent it would be advisable to pay to the Cochin Government in the event of its being determined to rent the jungles from them.

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B. N. 3265

From the Collector
of Tanjore -

To J. S. Forbes Esqre
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George -

1. I have have had the honor to receive your letter of the 13th ultimo.

2. I am afraid that I can give no further explanation respecting the necessity for the increase I require in the estimated amount for the pay of Votia Goomadahi, than I laid before the Board, in submitting the statement for July 1854.

3. I then shewed the Board that the number of

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ryots had increased from 26,826 in July 1845, to 37,071 in July 1853, and that the numbers of land to be entered in account, had, in the same period, increased from 5,64,564 to 8,83,453 and I hoped that the explanation would have been sufficient to ensure me the aid I required.

If however the Board consider it insufficient, I have no other to offer, and the settlement must either progress slowly, or I shall be reduced to the expedient I was obliged to adopt last year, in consequence of the Board's sanction not being reached in October, not having reached me till the July had closed, and divide among a larger number of Goomastahs, the amount sanctioned for a smaller number. This however gives but a more expittance to each and obtains the services of very second rate men.

Tanjore,
Vellum,
7 Nov. 1855.

(Signed) M. Forbes
Collector.

B. 3161.

Proceedings thereon.

(916-917)

The Board will recommend the full sum of Rupees 1,600 for sanction. The information now supplied was called for, because it appeared from the statement that the similar increase solicited and sanctioned for the previous July had not been expended, and there was nothing to show that the inconvenience had resulted in consequence.

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No 103

To

G. S. Forbes Esq^rActing Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Fort St. George,

Sir,

B. N. 3264

From the Collector

of Tanjore.

Petition N. 23
of 1855 enclosed.

I have the honor to reply to the Board's

proceedings of the 18th ultimo.

2. The corruption charged against the Tahsildar of Tritapondy was alleged to have been practiced many years ago. Vyasa Row was Tahsildar of Tritapondy when I came to Tanjore in 1853, and had been so for four years, and the acts charged are said to have occurred when he was in Tritapondy, which talook he left for Tritapondy.

3. The date of the charge is therefore at least about seven years old, and was brought forward only after an interval of six years, on Vyasa Row being again sent to Tritapondy.

4. The Tahsildar exhibited the greatest energy in carrying on the extensive Maramm of his Talook in last year, when work to the value of 60,000 Rupees was done, and the demand on the Mearasidars for the labor of their people being urgent, they shewed an inclination to be rid

of

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of an active Sasildar. —

Under these circumstances, I did not consider it expedient to institute inquiry into petitioner's charge of corruption. —

/ signed / H Forbes

Collector

Under the circumstances stated in this Report, the Board approve of the Collector's refusal to entertain the charge preferred by Petitioner after an interval of at least six years. —

To
G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Fort St George,

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated 9th ultimo requesting to be informed how many sets of scales and weights will be required to enable me to give effect to the intention of Government to substitute weights for measures in the sales of salt, I have the honor to inform you that under the authority of Government dated 14th and received with an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board dated 19th September 1839, nineteen sets.

Tanjore,

Vellam 17th November 1835

B^o N^o 3170

Proceedings thereon

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B^o N^o 3326

From the Collector of
Malabar }

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Sets of scales and weights were supplied to this District in the early part of the year 1820, with the view of selling salt by weight, but owing to the objections which were found to exist to this alteration as reported to the Board under date the 22nd January 1841, and referred to in the proceedings noted in the margin, it was resolved that the receiving and issuing of salt by measurement should continue, and that it be sold by weight only whenever the purchaser insisted on it. —

It is to be remarked that these weights and measures are of English Construction and were furnished from the arsenal at Bombay. —

Should it be deemed advisable for the reasons set forth in the proceedings of the 25th ultimo, to require that salt should hereafter be delivered by weight, I would request to be furnished with one set of the improved scales and weights to be prepared by Mr Bayley, from which others might, with facility, be furnished from the

From Board 29th April 1844
To — B^o — 7th May —
From B^o 10th Do
To — B^o 23rd Do
From B^o 13th Jan^y 1845
To — B^o 21st April 1844

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Calcutta

10th November 1855

the Beypoor Iron works.

[Signed] J. Clark.

Collector.

To

The Collector of

Sir,

Malabar

(920-921)

B^d N^o 3171

To the Collector of
Malabar

In reply to your letter of the 10th November, mentioning that 19 sets of scales and weights were supplied for the use of your district from the Bombay Arsenal in 1851, and requesting that one set of the improved scales which it has been proposed to devise for weighing salt, may be sent as a model from which the number required for the district of Malabar may be constructed at the Beypoor Iron works. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that as some time is likely to elapse before the new weighing machine is ready, you will in the mean time make use of those supplied from Bombay, in the event of this being no longer available, scales of the ordinary description must be procured either from the Beypoor Works or by Indent on the Military Board.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
28th November 1855

[Signed] G. S. Forbes

Acting Secretary

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B^d N^o 3311

From the Secretary
Military Board

Fort St. George, 28th November 1855

N^o 1290

Indent Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Military Board,
Under date 12th November 1855.

Read Extract from the Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue,

[Here enter N^o 2957 dated 5th November 1855]

Resolved to request the Board of Revenue to be good enough to state what they desire should be done that is whether they wish the supply to be made by the Stationery Depot, or whether they have instructed the Collector to purchase the French foolscap paper.

[True Extract]

[Signed] A. H. Hope.

Secretary.

922-923

B^d N^o 3168

Order thereon

Ordered that the Military Board be requested to cause the French Foolscap paper required by the Collector of Madras to be supplied from the Stationery Depot.

N^o 368

To

G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Fort St. George,

B^d N^o 3349

From the Collector of

Sea Customs Madras S. P. Para 1.

Sir

Application has been made to this Department to grant certificates on goods Imported at Madras to be returned

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to the Home Customs House authorities, the Certificate required,
I should state, the Articles are for consumption and use here in the
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As many of the goods are Imported expressly
for re-exportation, they are not for consumption and use here in the
ordinary sense of the words, and, I do not feel justified in giving the
Certificate as required. If His Lordship considers that the words
consumption and use apply to their exportation for that purpose
in a legitimate way, and that this would justify the grant of the
Certificate, I will give it to the various parties, requiring it on appli-
cation to that effect. Upon the other hand, Government do not
consider it advisable, to direct its Officer to grant the Certificate,
in these words, it would be advisable to communicate with
the Home authorities to inform them, that all
Munitions of War, are passed for Import and Export under
Special restrictions by an Officer appointed by Government to
which authority he refers, in all doubtful cases. Under
these circumstances, I apprehend no difficulty would be
thrown in the way of the receipt of Certificates, with the
emission of the words above noticed. I have given a
letter, similar to the one enclosed, to all parties, and
I have no doubt it will prevent inconvenience pending a
decision by Government. —

3
The practice of this Office is always to
provide for present emergencies and then take orders for
future guidance. —

Sea Customs House,
Madras, 10th November 1853.

I Signed W. E. Underwood
Collector

19062

Fort St. George, 28th November 1853.

Enc. No. 1

No. 345

To
Messrs. Bainbridge & Co.
Madras

Gentlemen. —

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter dated 26th Instant and
to state I have given the usual certificates of
Import, but am not authorized to state, that
the goods are intended for Consumption and use
in Madras, as this involves a Certificate in
respecting all goods imported for which
Certificates are required by the Home
authorities, and many of such goods
are re-exported some to places not
Subordinate. —

2
I will however address the
Government requesting that authority to
Communicate with the Home Government
with.

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with a view to your not being put to inconvenience by my not furnishing a Certificate in the words required. —

3 I have given you this letter in Duplicate, one on thin paper that you may be enabled to send one Copy to London, and I trust it may be considered a sufficient authority, to relieve the parties who gave the Bonds pending any Communication to the Home Government. —

4 You are aware that no arms or ammunition can be Imported or Exported without special license. The Rule is that the Head of this Department is authorized to grant Permits, with instructions to Communicate with Government before doing so, in any instance. —

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instance where there may be grounds to presume that the parties are not acting bonafide, or propose to ship or land such goods under suspicious circumstances. A special order is given in each instance. —

Sea Customs House, ——— }
Madras 26th October 1853.

Signed W. E. Underwood
Collector Sea Customs

[True Copy]

Signed W. E. Underwood
Collector Sea Customs.

(924-925)

B^a N^o 3162

Proceedings thereon.

The Board observe that Mr. Underwood should have forwarded with his letter a Copy of the Application, and one of the forms of Certificate which he has been requested

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requested to grant.

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Mr Underwood

is also requested to state if

this application is the

first of the kind.

and if not so

what course he

has hitherto

followed.

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No 173.

To: J. S. Forbes Esq

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

Fort Saint George.

Bd No 3379.

From the collector

of Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose
an indent in duplicate on the Principal
Commissary of Ordnance for scales and
weights required for weighing salt in the
District.

It may be advisable that the
scale in which the salt is to be placed
should have sides to it.

Tanjore, ...
Vellum 17 November
1855

(Signed) H. Forbes

Collector.

No 1.

To: The Principal Commissary of Ordnance

Fort St. George.

Sir,

Please to order the delivery of the under-
mentioned articles to the bearer.

Description.

No.

Remarks

Scales	30	Required for the use
Scale beam triangular set	30	of the salt depart-
Balance beam for	30	ment for Tanjore.
Weights from one maund up to what	30	
ever weight of salt the scale will contain	30	

Tanjore, -

17 November 1855.

(Signed) H. Forbes

Collector.

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Order thereon.

(926-927)

Ordered to be recorded.
An Indent has been already prepared
for the scales alluded to in the fore-
going letter.

To

No. 189.

J. S. Forbes Esq.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort Saint George.

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B. No. 3396.

From the Collector }
of North Arcot. } Parat.

I have the honor to report
for the information of the Board of
Revenue, that it has long been the custom
in this District, to charge no interest
on arrears of Revenue in Ryotwar Villages.
and Circular Order Board of Revenue
13th April 1837, has sanctioned the
previous practice.

2.

In the Circular dated the 30th
of April last, however, the Board direct
the Collector to attach lands for arrears
of Revenue and to charge interest
on arrears.

3.

The Board are aware that
the Collections in this District, are
not regulated by a Kisthundy, but
by the harvest, and I would propose
therefore with their sanction, to calculate

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the interest from the commencement of the
month, subsequent to that which immediately
follows the harvest, that is if
the crops are reaped in May, that
the interest should be calculated from
the 1st July.

In

Circular orders to this
effect were in fact issued by the
sub Collector in charge, but I
consider that to decide the period from which
to calculate interest on arrears of Revenue,
is a matter that does not rest
with the Collector.

North Arcot-
Collector's Cutcherry.

Chittoor, 19th November
1855.

B. No. 3158.

Proceedings thereon.

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that until a regular plan is established in the
regarding the occupancy of the above
on are the objection either on Public
rounds. The upset price
related at 8 years Quit rent

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appears to the Board fair and liberal, they resolve therefore to sanction its being carried out as a temporary rule -

To,

No. 138.

G. H. Forbes Esq.

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

Sir,

I have the honor to

forward Copy of a letter from Major Minchin, dated 28th August last, on behalf of General Cleveland, together with a Plan of land applied for by that Gentleman, measuring 5 Cawnies, at Coonoor, and to request the Board's sanction to dispose of the same by Public Auction as usual; there will be no public inconvenience by granting the land in question.

2. A specification of the land applied for is enclosed.

Ootacamund.

19th November 1855.

(Signed) C. B. Thomas
Collector.

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No. 1.

To, The Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir,

I have the honor to request at the desire of Major General Cleveland that you will be good enough to allow the piece of land, described in the enclosed sketch, to be sold by public Auction, to allow him to become the purchaser of the same. It is I believe less than 5 Cawnies and adjoins his property at Coonoor.

Belfort, Coimbatore,
Coonoor.

28th August 1855.

(Signed) F. Minchin

/ True Copy /

(Signed) C. B. Thomas.

No. 2.

Collector.

Memorandum.

General J. W. Cleveland applies for a piece of land at Coonoor, measuring 5 Cawnies, bounded as particularized in the Plan. The occupancy by General Cleveland of the above land is of no objection either on Public or private grounds. The upset price thereon calculated at 8 years Quit rent is

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is 4-5-13-4 at 1-2-4 per Cawnny per annum
 Vide para 7 of the Board's Manual - the land is
 for building purposes.

Ootacamund,
 19th November 1855, } Signed G. B. Thomas
 B.D. No 3187. } Collector

Proceedings thereon.

(930-931)

Under para VI and VII of the
 Manual of Instructions for the grant of lands
 on the Neilgherry Hills the Board of Revenue
 agreeably to the recommendation of the
 Collector direct that the land applied for by
 General Cleveland, consisting of 5 Cawnies be put
 up to public auction at the up set price of Rupees
 4-5-13-4. Calculated at 8 years Quit Rent; and that
 it be knocked down to the highest bidder or to
 the applicant if there be no advance upon the up set
 price, subject to the conditions and limitations
 of the said Manual.

To,

No 141.

G. S. Forbes Esq.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to

transmit

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B.D. No 3415.

From the Collector
 of Salem, }

19072

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transmit for publication in the
 Board's Office, an Advertisement
 relative to the proposed sale of
 certain lands under attachment in
 the Talook of Denkenicottah, for
 arrears of Revenue, for Fusly 1264,
 and to propose that the sale shall
 take place on Thursday the 20th
 December next at Denkenicottah.

2.

The arrears due from the
 defaulter, Venkataraman Streeputty,
 amounts to Rupees 26-15-9.

Salem, Collector's Office,

Oofsoor,

20th November 1855.

Signed A. A. Brett

Collector

List

19073.

Fort St. George

N^o 1 List of immoveable property belonging of the Government demand for Fusly 1264 in the

Names of the Village	Name of the Defaulter	Fuslies	Puttah Beriz	Collection	Balance due to Government
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1	2	3	4	5	6
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Venkataraman
Theepully

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Sundaresan Pulley

Salem, Collector's Office
Oosoor,
November 1855.

28th November 1855.

to the undermentioned individuals sequestered on account
Talook of Denken Coottah Zillah Salem.

Number	Name of the field Sequestered	Extent	Assessment	Probable Value
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7	8	9	10	11
337	Byravarurthos Poonjah	3 24 12	8 16	
327	Puccayadam — D ^o —	2 27 2	4 28	
328	D ^o — D ^o —	3 18 2	5 66	
369	Beallathamurum D ^o —	9 32 10	8 52	15 " "
382	Sholacuttay — D ^o —	" 1 3	" 10	
381	— D ^o —	" 1 5	" 16	
4	Tamarind Trees —	" " "	1 8 "	
		19 25 12	37 10 2	

Signed H. A. Brett
Collector

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Fort St. George 28th November 1855.B^d N^o 3159

Proceedings thereon.

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The Board of Revenue authorize the sale, for arrears of Revenue, of the lands alluded to in the foregoing letter, and direct the publication in their Office of the advertisement forwarded by the collector, the date of sale being altered to Monday the 31st December next. Mr. Brett will be pleased to make a corresponding correction in the advertisement published in the District.

To N^o 169

G. I. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir

Para 1.

I do myself the honor to transmit the prescribed advertisement for the sale

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B^d N^o 3429

From the collector
of Trichinopoly

19076

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sale of certain lands of this District, the property of Ryots in the Talook of Lulgoody, who have failed to satisfy the

Fusly 1260	61-13-9
" 1261	8-13-7
" 1262	121-7-3
" 1263	54-12-5
" 1264	119-12-3
Total	368-11-3

demand for arrears of Revenue due on account of Fuslies as per Margin.

And I solicit your Board's sanction for the sale taking place on a

day to be fixed at the Board's Office.

2 The arrear for these fuslies amounts in the aggregate to Rupees 368 - 11 - 3 and is justly due by these proprietors who shew no intention or inclination to make good the Government demand, notwithstanding the service of the legal notice upon them. I have no alternative than to let the law take its course.

Trichinopoly
Collectors Office,
21st November 1855

/ Signed / J. Bird
Collector.

Advertisement

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Fort St George 28th November 1855.B^d N^o 3166

Proceedings thereon.

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Under the circumstances
represented by the Collector
the Board of Revenue authorize
the sale, for arrears of Revenue,
of the land alluded to in
the foregoing letter, and
direct the publication in their
Office of the advertisement
forwarded by Mr. Bird,
Monday the 31st of December
next being fixed for the day
of sale.

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Fort St George 28th November 1855N^o 310

To.

G. S. Forbes Esq^rActing Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Fort St George

Sir,

(936)

B^d N^o 3420From the Collector
of Chingleput }

I have the honor to forward
herewith an Indent in Duplicate for a
copy of the Madras Almanac and Army
List for the year 1856, required for the use
of this Office, and request that the same
may be ordered to be supplied to me from the
Male Asylum Press, agreeably with the Notification
published in the Fort St George Gazette under
date the 23rd October 1855 Page 1257. These
Books used to be issued to this Office
till very lately, and their want is greatly
felt.

Chingleput District...
Collectors Cutcherry...
Sylapet, 22nd November 1855

Signed C. J. Shubrick
Collector

Indent

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Incident for the undermentioned Books required for the use
of the Collectors' Office in the District of Chingleput:-

Name of the Books	N ^o of Copies required	For what purpose required
The Madras Almanac for the year 1856	1	Necessarily required for references of the names of Officers &c in the transaction of business
D: Army List Chingleput District, Collector's Cutcherry,	1	
Sydlapet, 23 rd November 1855		

Signed C. J. Shubrick
Collector

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B^o 3165

Proceedings thereon, The Collector is requested to purchase from
the Male Asylum Press the Books alluded to in
the foregoing letter, including the cost &
in the Statement of Contingent
Charges.-

N^o 2407

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B^o 3430

From H. Thomson Esq

Acting Secretary, Marine Board

S^r

The Chief Engineer

Department of Public Works

I have the honor by desire of the
Marine Board to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 18th Ultimo and 2^d instant
forwarding for the consideration of this
Board

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Board a report upon the proposed establishment
of a Harbour of Refuge in the Peithub Cove &
adjoining the Port of Sedasheghur on the
Western Coast, with Plans; and to inform you
that they have recommended the same to the
favorable notice of Government whose decision
thereon will be communicated to you.-

The Original Plans forwarded with
your letter of the 18th Ultimo, are herewith returned,
also Letter from the Civil Engineer 3^d Division
dated 24th October 1855.-

Madras,
Marine Board Office
23rd November 1855

Signed H. Thomson
Acting Secretary

N^o 2383

S^r

J. Pycroft Esq

Chief Secretary to

Government

Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor, by desire of the Marine
Board, to submit for the favorable consideration of the
Right Honorable the Governor in Council Copies of Correspon-
dence, with Plans, received from the Chief Engineer enclosing
a very able and interesting report drawn up by Lieutenant
Taylor

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Taylor, J. N. with the Board's observations thereon, on the proposed establishment of a Harbour of Refuge, as well as a great Commercial Port in Baithub Cove in Sedaseghur Bay on the Malabar Coast.

2 The Board are of opinion that a Port of the above description would be of the greatest utility along a sea Board, such, as that of the Western Coast, where there is not at present a harbour where vessels of any burthen can run for shelter with any degree of safety during the S. W. Monsoon, and as this great want, on a line of 600 Miles of Sea Coast will be supplied by this new Harbour, I am desired by the Marine Board to recommend the project to the favorable notice of Government.

3 With reference to the proposed Canal in para 5 of Lieutenant Taylor's report, the Board request me to state that their want of knowledge of the Locality of the proposed Canal and the results to be eventually realized by it, preclude them from forming a very decided opinion on the necessity of its immediate formation, but as water carriage is far more preferable to land Carriage

for

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for all Merchandize, they willingly second Lieutenant Taylor's views on this subject, especially as the outlay cannot exceed 3000 Rupees a mile, and as the mouth of the River must be entirely sealed up during the S. W. Monsoon rendering it quite impossible for Boats even to quit the River, it is of great importance that either a Canal or a cheap Rail should be laid down between the Cove and the River.

4 With reference to the 25th para of Lieutenant Taylor's report, the Board are of opinion that the largest of the Oyster Rocks is a better position for the erection of the light house than Cannan Head (where a Beacon or Obelisk would be quite sufficient) especially as these Rocks are stated to be 160 Feet above the level of the sea, and as they are situated about 3 Miles further to sea-ward would be a better guide for vessels running in, and as they can be approached with safety at all times vessels could run under their lee during the night and anchor till day light when they would be able to take up a good berth in the proper anchorage.

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5 As immediate measures on the part of Government may however be taken to establish the Port as a Harbour of Refuge, the Marine Board advise that a Light House, Flag staff and Beacon, be sanctioned, and as 10,000 Rupees will cover all these necessary works, the Board feel assured that a want so severely felt as a safe place for vessels to approach during the violent gales of the South West Monsoon, will be deemed cheaply secured by the outlay. —

6 On receiving the Orders of Government, the Board will submit an Estimate for a Marine Establishment to be located there. —

7 As the knowledge of this fine Harbour may lead to the settlement of Merchants and induce vessels to resort to the Port, the Marine Board recommend that the papers connected with the place be published in the Fort St George Gazette, and they venture to suggest that the Reports of the Chief Engineer be also made public, and that the Revenue Board be applied to for information — and produce for which this Port will form the Outlet

The

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8 The Board desire me to enclose a Minute recorded by Captain Bider, whose nautical experience in matters of this kind they feel assured will be an additional weight to the Board's present report. —

Madras

Marine Board Office

21st November 1855

Signed H. Thomson
Acting Secretary

Minute.

The increase of traffic, under sail and by steam, along the Malabar Coast renders it highly expedient to form a Harbour of refuge and a Commercial Port between Cape Comorin, and Bombay, and the locality of Adalashaghur Bay, sheltered as it is in the S. W. Monsoon by Carwar Head, presents an eligible and favorable position for such a Haven. The plan and the admirable survey forwarded by Lieutenant Taylor shew that all he has suggested is feasible. —

I am however of opinion that the outer or Westernmost Oyster Rock offers a better site for the erection of a Light House

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House than Carwar Head. as that position is upwards of three miles to seaward and in thick weather the discovery of a Light, indicating the approach to danger so much further to windward, would be a great advantage. I would therefore recommend calling Lieutenant Taylor's attention to the suggestion. The Oyster Rock is 160 feet above the level of the sea which is a sufficient elevation for the display of a Light. —

I may also observe that the N. W. Winds prevail from the early part of March until the setting in of the S. W. Monsoon about the end of May, but stormy weather has been experienced with fatal consequences to shipping in the Malabar Coast in April. —

To keep a certain depth of water in the projected Canal, and guard against that silting which most likely will occur, it will be necessary to provide ample means for securing the Canal by dredging. —

The only other question which should be considered by the Board is, whether the capabilities of Trade, present and prospective, would warrant the great undertaking contemplated by Lieutenant Taylor. — Comprising the formation of a Canal. Sea Walls

or

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or Break waters, a Light House &c. —

I am therefore of opinion that the Board should endeavour to ascertain what amount of traffic is likely to be gained if the Mercantile community, both European and Native, could be sure of having access to a safe and eligible port at all seasons. It is but reasonable to suppose that the port dues, pilotage, &c., would be levied at such a rate as would eventually remunerate Government for the outlay occasioned by the formation of such a Harbour and that those charges would in all probability be less than those incurred at Bombay. At all events the projected Harbour well deserves the most favorable consideration, as it would be a port of refuge for vessels which may be disabled, and on an approaching storm native craft would readily resort to it for shelter. —

Under these circumstances, it should be ascertained what is the produce of the Country adjacent to Sedashaghur, and to what extent every encouragement to Commercial pursuits, both Exports and Imports would advance those pursuits and also to enquire how the produce of that locality, and the demand for importation is now carried on. —

The only safe Harbour is Cochin, but with its narrow entrance, it cannot be considered as a Port of Refuge at all seasons. —

/ Signed Chas. Bideau

/ True Copies

/ Signed W. Thomson
Acting Secretary

Forwarded to the Secretary, to the Revenue Board for his information. —

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Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded

Resolved that the following letter be despatched
Comparative

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 Comparative

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 Month of

November 1855
 June 1855 in July 1854

Names of	Current and Arrears		Extra Sources Current and Arrears				Total Fund and Extra Sources Current and Arrears					
	Increase Decrease		Increase Decrease		Increase Decrease		Increase Decrease		Increase Decrease			
	12 Rs	13 Rs	14 Rs	15 Rs	16 Rs	17 Rs	18 Rs	19 Rs	20 Rs	21 Rs	22	
1 Ganjam	700	44,654	u	453,312	632,815	I 179,503	u	135,558	15,757	5	22,415	u
2 Vizagapatam	444	53,942	u	269,107	270,714	1,607	u	14,69,609	15,25,158	55,549	u	u
3 Rajahmundry	320	29,395	u	42,609	44,418	1,808	u	24,450	24,92,504	47,483	u	u
4 Masulipatam	510	u	98,139	407,099	302,322	u	V 104,777	15,287	48	13,25,882	u	202,916
5 Guntur	702	u	46,972	171,717	54,699	7,528	u	18,63,990	18,64,701	28,311	u	u
6 Nellore	895	280,207	u	51,638	51,829	u	4,557	18,36,134	21,10,784	27,565	u	u
7 Cuddapah	838	18,585	u	312,573	305,689	u	6,884	22,36,553	24,15,627	17,897	u	u
8 Bellary	423	260,222	u	57,205	52,439	u	47,655	21,96,059	24,08,626	21,256	u	u
9 Purnool	839	99,345	u	127,072	122,932	u	4,140	7,54,566	8,49,771	95,205	u	u
10 Chingleput	465	18,44	u	265,120	45,814	W 19,302	u	12,67,741	14,62,606	19,486	u	u
11 North Arcot	785	u	81,695	168,363	135,447	u	32,916	17,80,144	16,65,532	u	11,461	u
12 South Arcot	1404	u	29,469	43,100	41,905	u	11,957	24,01,880	23,60,454	u	41,426	u
13 Tanjore	221	24,636	u	937,923	92,102	u	16,895	4,50,377	47,33,249	22,947	u	u
14 Trichinopoly	057	u	187,985	63,707	57,416	u	6,291	14,50,749	12,56,473	u	19,427	u
15 Madurai	760	u	383,919	476,370	519,700	43,330	u	25,32,049	21,91,460	u	34,058	u
16 Tinnevely	596	u	21,747	585,452	497,993	u	87,459	26,43,794	25,34,589	u	10,920	u
17 Coimbatore	684	u	14,416	187,624	186,259	u	1,365	25,23,950	23,77,940	u	14,600	u
18 Salem	075	u	24,249	209,581	203,371	u	6,210	19,47,905	19,17,446	u	30,459	u
19 Canara	321	u	17,634	764,130	690,106	u	Y 74,024	26,94,791	24,44,427	u	2,50,364	u
20 Malabar	855	9,987	u	718,094	740,203	22,109	u	23,08,962	23,41,058	32,096	u	u
21 Madras	875	u	6658	1234,356	1113,308	u	Z 12,104	1300,890	1173,183	u	127,707	u
22 S. Sea Customs	23137	12,11,822	12,01,815	570,541	565,401	u	5140	570,541	565,401	u	5140	u
				10167680	10169302	532940	531318	43580810	43592439	1574330	1562701	
				u	u	1622	u	u	u	11629	u	
				993461	9869269	u	67192	41592866	41528188	u	64678	
				23129	300033	68814	u	1937944	2064251	76307	u	

Revenue Board,

Signed G. L. Forbes
 Acting Secretary
 General

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General Comparative Abstract of the Collections in the various items

	Tusly 1263	Tusly 1264	Increase	Decrease
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Land Revenue	334,13,130	334,23,137	10,007	
Extra Sources				
Alkarry	22,12,924	20,84,584	"	12,83,40
Sundry Small Farms &c	3,12,878	2,71,638	"	4,12,43
Salt	46,66,954	50,09,794	3,42,840	"
Sea Customs	10,08,741	10,24,588	15,847	"
Moturpha	11,42,490	10,56,047	"	86,443
Stamps	5,74,595	5,60,101	"	14,494
Sayer	2,47,258	1,62,553	"	84,705
Tobacco			"	18,40
	18,40		"	
Total Extra Sources	10,16,7680	10,16,9302	1622	"
Grand Total	4,35,80,810	4,35,92,439	11,629	"
Particulars.				
Collections to the end of May	380,18,578	389,01,260	8,82,682	"
Ditto in June	55,62,232	4,69,1,779	"	87,10,53
Total	4,35,80,810	4,35,92,439	11,629	"

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Fort St George
28th November 1855

/ Signed / P. S. Foster
Acting Secretary
Revenue

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Remarks on the fluctuations on the Revenue
for the month of June 1855.

Land Revenue. - Current.

A This increase occurred under two heads viz
"Permanent Settlement" and "Amalg including Rents
for one year." The increase in the former arises from
the favorable state of the season of Tusly 1264 and the
consequent realization of the whole amount of
Peishkush, and in the latter to no remission
for loss of produce having been granted as
in the preceding year.

B The decrease of only Rupees 4,6719 is owing
to the Collections having been made with greater
punctuality notwithstanding the decrease of
Rupees 57,538 in the Demand for the year.

C This increase is attributed to the more
favorable nature of the season of Tusly
1264 than that of Tusly 1263.

D This increase is caused by the Demand
in the current year being larger than that
of the preceding Tusly.

E Vide Remarks for letter C.

F Vide Remarks on letter C.

This

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G This increase has been consequent on the augmentation of the Demand of Fusly 12.64.

H This decrease is attributed by the Collector to the expectation of the Ryots of the grant of large remissions as in last fusly to the recent practice of the Rists being sent to the Talook Treasuries by the Tahsildars and Tahsildars unaccompanied by the Muzungars and to the removal in consequence of the investigation of the Porture Committee of the illegal means of compulsion employed to collect the Rists.

I This decrease is nominal and is solely occasioned by the large amount of reduction made and the remission granted in the assessment of the lands of the district under the sanction of the Board and Government.

J This decrease is owing to the Beriz of Fusly 12.64 being less than that of Fusly 12.63 on account of remissions granted in the 4 dry Talooks, to the abolition of all petty cesses, and to the refusal of the Ryots to receive Pattahs and pay up their Rists.

K This decrease was occasioned by the Collections being closed up to 30th June, by the Collections of certain Talooks not having been included

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included in the Demand Collection and Balance statement and by the unfavorable nature of the season.

I This decrease arises from the remissions granted in the assessment on Garden land and from the adverse state of the season.

M This decrease has been caused by the closing of the accounts for the Fusly on the 30th June, the march of H. M. 12th Lancers, two native Corps and a detachment of M. C. Artillery thro' certain Talooks during the time of the Revenue Collections.

Land Revenue - arrears.

N This decrease is owing to 11 days Collections not having been included in this as in the preceding Fusly in consequence of the alteration of its termination.

O This decrease has arisen from the amount of arrears at the commencement of the Fusly being less than that at the beginning of the preceding year.

P This increase in the arrears is owing to heavier balances having been outstanding at the commencement of the Current year.

Q This increase is owing to the demand and the collections being greater than in the last

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last Fusly.

R Vide Remarks on letter T

S Vide Remarks on letter O

Revenue Extra Sources.

T This increase is owing to a larger supply and sale of salt in this Fusly than in the last year.

U This decrease was occasioned by the falling off in the sales of salt for inland consumption, and by the abolition of the Strom duties.V This increase occurred in consequence of the Lumbodies having resorted to the salt depôts twice in this and only once in last year.

W This increase has been principally occasioned by an augmentation in the sales of salt.

X This decrease occurred chiefly under the heads of salt and Maturpha and was occasioned by the Collections of Fusly 1263, including the receipts of the first 11 days in July, and the want of punctual payment of the latter tax in Fusly 1264.

Y This decrease principally occurred under the head of salt, and was partly occasioned by the earlier closing of the Fusly this year, and

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and by the reduction in the price from 120 Rupees per garce of 120 Indian Maunds to 90 Rupees per garce of 100 Indian Maunds.

This decrease occurred chiefly under the heads of abkarry and salt. The decrease in the former was occasioned by the demand in Fusly 1263 being unusually high, and by the discontinuance for a certain period of sales by the heap, in order to force the sales at Ornavoor.

Season Report for June

There were slight showers during this month in most of the districts except in South Arcot and Tanjore, where no rain fell, cultivation has commenced in several districts; and the crops in others are in a thriving state. The price of grain is higher in Rajahmundry and lower in Guntoor than in last month. Six Tanks in Guntoor, Nellore, Kudlapali, Kurnool, and Salim, have received a supply of water either from rain or the river freshes.

The delay in the transmission of this statement was occasioned by the late period at which the statements are from

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Chingleput 24th Augt/55
 Cuddapah 21st Sept/55
 Narset 22nd Nov/55

from some Districts were received—

Revenue Board Office

Fort St. George,

28th November 1855.

/Signed/ G. S. Forbes

Acting Secretary

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B. No. 3164.

To the Collector of
Cuddapah—

Sir,

Cuddapah.

With reference to their proceed-
 ings dated 29th October 1855, I am directed
 by the Board of Revenue to request
 you will inform them whether Moorthiah
 Condiak has made over to you, duly
 endorsed, the amount (Rupees 24,800)
 which he proposed to deposit in your treas-
 ury, for the support of the Choultry built
 at Cuddapah by his late father.

Revenue Board Office

Fort St. George.

28th November 1855.

/Signed/ G. S. Forbes

Acting Secretary

Received

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Fort St. George 28th November 1855Received the undermentioned
Miscellaneous letter and statements

942

M. No. 2529.

From the Collector of Tinnevely. Return of Village offi-

cers referred to in Regulation VI of 1831.

suspended or dismissed during the month

of October 1855.

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M. No. 2531.

From the Collector of...

Tinnevely

Informing that no

person was charged under

Regulation IX of 1822 during last
month.

944

M. No. 2530.

From the Collector of Tinnevely. Informs that no per-

son was confined in it in pur-

suance of sentences passed under Regular

tion IX of 1822 during last month.

945

M. No. 2532.

From the Collector of Tinnevely. Register of Petitions
referred by the Board for disposal

for

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for October 1855.

M^o N^o 2527.

From the Collector of Rajahmundry. Reports

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on the state of the season.

M^o N^o 2534.

From the Collector of South Arcot. Rain report for

948

the month of October 1855.

M^o N^o 2535.From the Collector of Masulipatam. Rain re-
port for the month of October
1855.

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M^o N^o 2528.From the Collector of Rajahmundry. State-
ment shewing the quantity of
Salt in store available for ex-
portation to Calcutta on
the 15th November 1855.

Read

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B^o N^o 3295From the Secy
to GovernmentExtract from the Minutes of Consultation in the
Revenue Department under date 13th November 1855.Read the following Papers-
N^o 1246.Read the following Extract from the
Proceedings of the Board of Revenues.Submitting a report from the
Collector of Tanjore and Petition
from Somasunderum Pillay and
recommending that sanction be
granted for the refund of Rupees
173-5- due to the latter as shewn
by the accounts. (Here enter 5th November
1855 N^o 2954)The Right Honorable the Governor in
Council sanctions the refund of the sum of Rupees
(173-5-) one hundred and seventy three and annas five
represented in the above Proceedings to be due to
Somasunderum Pillay of Tanjore.To the President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue.(A true Extract)
Signed/ J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government.B^o N^o 3182.

Order thereon.

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Ordered to be communicated to the
Collector of Tanjore with reference to his letter dated 29th
In Cont^l 5th Nov/55. September 1855.

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B^o N^o 3298From the Chief Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the
Secy to Govt. Ecclesiastical Department under date 13th November 1855N^o 378.Read the following letter.
To.

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Fort St. George, 28th November 1855.

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for October 1855.

M^o N^o 2527.

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Somasunderam Pillay of Tanjore.

To the President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue.

(At the Extract.)
Signed J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government.

B^o N^o 3182.

Order thereon.

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Collector of Tanjore with reference to his letter dated 29th
In Cont. 5th Nov/55. September 1855.

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B^o N^o 3298

From the Chief

Secy to Govt.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the
Ecclesiastical Department under date 13th November 1855.

Read the following letter.
To.

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Fort St. George 29th November 1855.

N^o 1313.

To.

J. D. Bourdillon Esq^r
Secretary to Government of
Fort St. George.

Sir.

The Honorable the President in Council having been informed that there are numbers of Presbyterians in India not belonging to either the Established or free branch of the Church of Scotland, such as "Dutch, Irish, and English Presbyterians, and Scotch Dissenters besides the free Church," I am directed, in continuation of my letters of N^o and dates noted in the Margin, to request that under the authority of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council you will furnish a supplemental Return in the accompanying form, shewing the number of persons of the above mentioned description who may be residing in the Presidency town of Madras and in the several Districts under the Government of Fort St. George.

* N^o 647 dated 18th May 1855
N^o 706 dated 1st June 1855.

Fort William.
the 12th October 1855.

Signed / C. Beadon
Secretary to Government
of India
Supplemental

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Supplemental Return shewing the number of persons of the Presbyterian persuasion, but not belonging to either the Established or free branch of the Church of Scotland, residing under the Presidency of Madras.

Town and Districts.	No of Residents Male and female including children	In the Civil service	In the Military service	Unconnected with the Government	The aggregate of Column 3-1 and 5- will correspond with the total number of persons shown in Column 2.
1	2	3	4	5	
		This Column will include all non military persons in the service of Government Covenanted and Uncovenanted and their families.	This Column will include persons of all grades in the army and their families.	This Column will include merchants, Traders, Mechanics &c and their families.	
N.B. Care should be taken to prevent the same persons being shown both in this and in the Return called for on the 18 th May last.					

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Fort St. George 29th November 1855.

Resolution.

Para 1. Resolved that the Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, to whom copy of the foregoing letter and form will be furnished, be requested to procure information in regard to the number of the Dutch, Irish, Englishes & American and other Presbyterians not belonging either to the Established or free Church of Scotland, and Scotch Dissenters besides the free church, resident within the jurisdiction of H. M. Supreme Court.

2. Resolved also that copy of the letter and form be supplied to the several Magistrates in the provinces and to the Resident of Travancore and Cochin and that they be directed in communication with the several Presbyterian Ministers of the classes above alluded to within their Districts to send in similar returns for the provinces under their respective jurisdiction.

(True Extract and Copy)
Signed / S. J. Croft
Chief Secretary.

Ordered to be recorded:

Extract

To the President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue.

Order thereon

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B. No. 3299.

From the Secy^y to Government.Fort St. George 29th November 1855.

No. 1255.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 14th November 1855.

Read the following letter from the Commissioner for the Northern Circars

(Here enter 18th October 1855. No. 124)

From the Statements submitted by the Sub Collector in charge of Masulipatam with his letter of the 14th September, and laid before Government by the Commissioner of the Northern Circars with his Proceedings dated 18th October 1855, it appears that of the sum of Rupees 66,081-14-9 on account of Revenue establishments debited to the Proprietors of forty five estates in that District, which came under management between Fushies 1247 and 1261, the sum of Rupees 43,844-15-11 only is properly chargeable to them, and that the remaining sum of Rupees 22,236-14-10 is an overcharge, of this latter amount Rupees 16,195-4-3 appertains to estates that have lapsed to Government and Rupees 6,041-10-7 to estates still in the possession of proprietors.

2. The former sum the Commissioner states, does not require any adjustment in as much as in each case balances exceeding the amount of

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of the surcharge remained due to Government after carrying to account the sale proceeds of the ~~estates~~ Estates, the latter sum of Rupees 6,041-10-7 due to Estates which have not lapsed to Government, the Commissioner recommends should be refunded with the exception of Rupees 64-4-11 belonging to the Vissanapettatah Mootah, which he proposes to retain in deposit pending the issue of the law but now in progress in respect of that property.

3 The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the mode of adjustment proposed, and agreeably to the Commissioner's recommendation, sanctions the refund of the sums overcharged on account of Revenue Establishments to the proprietors to whom they are due amounting in the whole to Rupees (6,041-10-7) Six thousand and forty one, annas ten, and pice seven.

4 This adjustment will close all the overcharges connected with Revenue Establishments and henceforward on estates coming temporarily under the Collectors' Management, such Establishments will be employed separately and the cost adjusted on the release of the property.

5 The Governor in Council observes from the concluding para of the Commissioner's proceedings that there

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there is an early prospect of receiving the Moyenzabitah for the Masulipatam District. if submitted by the Acting Collector it should have the approval of the Collector.

To the President and
Members of the
Board of Revenue.
(955 955)
Order thereon.

(A true Extract)
/Signed/ J. D. Bourdillon.
Secretary to Government.

Ordered to be recorded

(956)
B. No. 3410.

No. 1273.

From the Secretary, Extract from the Minutes of Consultation to Government in the Revenue Department under date the 20th November 1855.

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

Submitting a letter from the Acting Collector of Madras and stating their opinion that the foreigners or other persons who do not pay land revenue should not be exempted from the payment of assessment on lands so occupied and that a fair rent should be fixed before granting them permission certificates.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council agrees with the Board that foreigners occupying ground situated with the Kuttum of any Village should be charged with Quit Rent thereon at a moderate rate, this should be the rule, however the land may have been

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been acquired and whether the parties pay land Revenue otherwise or not.

To the President and
Members of the
Board of Revenue

(A true Extract)
Signed J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government

B. N. 3178.

Order thereon

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B. N. 3413.

From the Secy.
to Government

Reviewing
the report on the
large amount of
wastage in some
cargoes of salt
shipped from
Ennore requesting
to explain the cause
of the disproportionate
sized bags by the
Collector of Madras
and state whether
it may not be
changed appro-
ving some of
the rules propo-
sed and dis-
approving others
stating that no
allowance will
be made for was-
tage in shipping
and in case of
purchasers
undertaking
the shipment
the cost of the
same will be de-
ducted from the
price and desi-
ring that as far
as possible salt
should be stored
at Madras for
shipment.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in
the Revenue Department under date the 20th
November 1855.

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

(Here enter 27th September 1855. N. 2500)
In the Extract from their Proceedings the
Board of Revenue furnish information and explana-
tion in reply to Extract Minutes Consultation July
10th 1855. N. 829 transmitting for enquiry and report
a letter from the Board of Revenue at Calcutta
of the 16th June enclosed in one from the Secretary
to the Government of Bengal dated 19th Idem.
respecting the large amount of wastage in some
cargoes of Salt shipped from Ennore.

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The Calcutta Board gave a

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a list of Eighteen Vessels reported to have shipped
1,90,794 Indian Maunds on which there was a net
deficit of 21,579½ Maunds or about 11 per cent.
They remarked that the wastage was greater in
European than in Country Vessels, and adverting
to the fact that the same difference was observable
in the case of the Coringa Shipments under Ven-
catorreddy's Contract, they expressed suspicion
that short weight is habitually given to the Commanders
of other than native craft. They also adverted
to the Statements of some of the Captains as to
the causes of the deficiency of the "Shand" that
bags contained 30 or 40 lbs instead of a Maund
of the "Nonpareil" that the cargoes of three boats
that were swamped were charged as shipped, and
of the "Gloucester" that the salt was wet before
being weighed and put on Board - and lastly,
they suggest for consideration whether means
should not be adopted on this coast, for
ensuring the delivery on board of the full
quantity weighed proposing the use of a tally
between the deliveries on shore and the receipts
on board. This letter was sent for report to
the Board of Revenue of Fort St. George
as respects the Proceedings at Ennore,
and that part of it which relates to
Coringa

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Coringa was sent to the Commissioner of the Northern Circars for his report. The Board of Revenue reply in the paper above recorded but the Commissioners reply has not yet been received.

3. The Board lay before Government a very full report from the Acting Collector of Madras, as well as one in still more detail from Mr. Campbell the Superintendent of Salt in that Collectorate, giving particulars of the circumstances under which the Vessels enumerated by the Calcutta Board took in their cargo, and also describing the system in use generally. The Government have given careful consideration to these papers, and they are of opinion that they fully explain all the circumstances which appeared to the Calcutta Board to bear a suspicious appearance.

4. It appears that all the ships mentioned in para 2 of the Calcutta Board's letter except the "Marian," took in their cargoes of Salt in the months of September to December 1854, and that in every case either it was raining, or there was a heavy surf at the time. The Officers of the Salt Department were desirous on several occasions to stop shipment till better weather but the commanders of the Vessels were anxious

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anxious to get away, and pushed on the operation as quickly as possible. This state of affairs fully accounts for the large deficit exhibited in the out-turn of these ships, and the opposite state explains the smaller waste in Native Vessels, and the contrast holds good it appears as a general rule, and not merely in the present instance.

Uniformly European Vessels are anxious to complete their loading and get to sea as soon as possible, and they also lie in deep water, while Native Vessels on the other hand not only anchor much nearer the shore, but with characteristic disregard of the value of time, they are never in a hurry but prefer to wait for fair weather to make their shipments. Hence the wastage in transit to them and on board so far as it may result from a moist condition of the Salt, is much less than in European Ships. Another cause is also assigned which the Government at Calcutta had the means of verifying though this Government has not viz, the Commanders of Native Vessels insist on having the Salt weighed on board at Sullacca, whereas European Commanders disregard the waste in transport and allow their Salt to be weighed in the yard.

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5. With respect to the particular complaints adverted to above it appears that the Commander of the "Illumi" was led to suppose that the bags contained less than the proper quantity, because they were not nearly full, it is not stated that he found the deficiency in any case by actual trial. But it is explained by the Collector that the bags used to convey one maund are large enough to hold three or four, and this fact seems to account for the mistake. Mr. Cunliffe adverts to the disproportionate size of the bags from his own observation, but he does not explain the cause of this arrangement and the Government resolve to request the Board to explain it and also to state their opinion whether it might not advantageously be changed. The statement of the Captain of the "Glover" that the cargoes of these boats swamped were charged and for the Captain of the "Impress" that which was put on board was, appears to be correct. But as to the first, Government should undertake to bear the loss incurred in shipping and the swamping of boats is one of the consequences

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of pushing forward shipment at unfavorable times and as to the wetness of some Salt this certainly ought not to have occurred the Salt having been wetted in transit to the stores from whatever cause it ought not to have been put on board ship.

6. The actual circumstances of the shipments of these Vessels as described above fully account for the large wastage on their cargoes adverting further to the comparison of that wastage with that on Vessels from other ports on the coast and especially from Coringa*, it occurs to remark that the difference would result on the supposition of over deliveries elsewhere as well as on that of short deliveries at Ennore and on this point the statement made in Mr. Campbell's letter (Para 8) as to Venkata Reddy having attempted to obtain extra weight at Ennore and having boasted that he had received it at other Ports deserves attention. But even independently of such a supposition the smooth water and absence of surf in the Bay of Coringe are sufficient to account for a material difference in loss by weather in putting the Salt on board. As respects the "Marion" noticed above the

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Letter from the
Calcutta Board
Para 3.

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Collector professes himself unable to explain the deficient out turn as that ship was loaded in fine weather he can only conjecture that may have met with bad weather on her passage up the Bay

7. As regards the passage from the platform to the boats, there seems room for increased carefulness at Ennore, and it is not clear that pilfering may not take place in that part of the process at Madras Mr Campbell seems to have taken effectual means to secure the corresponding part of the transit and his attention should be directed to the same object at Ennore.

The recent case at Coringa shows the necessity of such precaution. With reference to the suggestions of the Calcutta Board of Revenue for the use of the check and tally system it is observed that it is already in operation see Collector's letter Para 6 and Mr Campbell's Paras 22 to 24 on the whole the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is of opinion that the explanations furnished by Mr Campbell afford proof of his activity and zeal in labouring to promote the efficiency of the Department over which he is

placed

*From Government of Bengal 23rd January - 1855
Order of Govt 12th February - 1855
From Commissioner Southern Circars 6th September - 1855
No 110
Extract Minutes Consultation 30th October 1855 No 1199.

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placed and are fully sufficient to do away the unfavorable impressions received from the complaints made at Calcutta.

8. In their remarks (Paras 20 and 24) on the obligation incurred by Government when engaging to put the Salt on board Ship the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is of opinion that the Board have not rightly defined the real conditions of that engagement, it is to be remembered that the price charged for the Salt, Vizt, 15 Rupees the hundred Maunds is no more than its actual cost to Government up to the time of its leaving the scales at Ennore and Madras in particular this very question whether Salt could be sold at that price without loss has recently been under discussion and the Board even held the negative opinion such then being the fact that the price charged only represents the actual cost to Government up to the delivery at the Platform it seems clear that Government cannot be called on to make good any subsequent loss or waste except indeed such as may be clearly owing to any defect in their own arrangements whether from its being put on board wet as in the case of the "Noupareil" from theft between the scales and the ship or other neglect on the part of Government servants.

*Boards Proceedings
18th April 1855
No 906
Paras 11-12

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9 It does not appear to Government that the undertaking to ship the Salt implies a contract to "put on board the full quantity invoiced" (Boards Proceedings Para 24) The reason why Government undertake the shipment appears to be no other than the prevention of fraud and smuggling by the surreptitious landing and sale of Salt sold at cost price for export and Government are bound to no more than to take ordinary care of the article such as would be taken by the owner if the shipment were left to him. It is stated by Mr Campbell that 2 per Cent wastage ought to be allowed as matter of course on the process of shipment but obviously there is no reason why Government should bear this because as already said the price which they charge leaves no margin for compensating subsequent waste or risk much less would it be fair that the Government should bear all the loss occasioned by the reckless haste of Captains to get their cargo on board in spite of weather and put to sea. The legitimate check on such Proceedings is the loss thereby occasioned to those concerned in the Cargo and if that were withdrawn the waste from this cause might be expected

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to increase largely.

10 For the foregoing reason the Government must withhold approval from several of the rules proposed by Mr Campbell and recited by the Board in Para 19 of their Proceedings Rules 2, 3 and 4 proceed on the assumption that Government is liable for all wastage but as in fact that liability fairly rests on the Shippers the rules are unnecessary. Rule 1 for the selection of the most suitable Salt for export, should be adhered to as far as practicable, with respect to Rule 5 every facility should be given for the attendance of an Officer of the ship or an agent of the purchaser at the time of weighing, and Government will be prepared to consider favorably any proposition for providing accommodation for European Officers so attending as suggested by Mr Campbell. But as the attendance is simply desirable as a protection to the Shippers Government cannot make it a condition of sale. Rules 6 and 7 are very proper and the Government will be quite ready to authorize the outlay necessary to give effect to them. It seems highly desirable also that Contracts for the supply of boats to be supplied whenever wanted should be

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be entered into as proposed in Rule 9.

11. Adverting to the actual conditions of the Government engagement to put the Salt on board ship, as now explained, it may here be useful to point out that the use of the check unduly cannot be extended so far as the Calcutta Board seem to think. Under the circumstances just stated the real security to the Shippers is to check the weighing and generally to watch the Proceedings between the scales and the ship, the ship receipt also has its use in certifying that the proper number of boat loads and bags has come on board, or in bringing deficiencies to light. But as a general rule the price to be paid by the purchaser will be regulated by the weighing and not by the ship receipts.

12. In the latter part of their Proceedings the Board treat of the correspondence between the Collector of Madras and the Chamber of Commerce in pursuance of the order of Government of the 31st May, on the question whether the conveyance of the Salt from the shore to the ship cannot be undertaken by the shipper

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shipper. On this subject it is not necessary to record any lengthened remarks. The proposition was made by Government with the simple object of increasing the facilities of trade, and they regret that it was not so accepted by the chamber. They must observe however that it does not appear to them necessary that a purchaser of Salt should deposit the amount of the duty, as proposed by Mr. Cunliffe, and this proposition may have led to misunderstanding for the reasons above given no allowance could be made for wastage, but in case of the purchaser undertaking the Shipment, the cost of that operation to Government would be deducted from the price of the Salt. The proposal of an export Depot at Clive's Battery has already been under consideration, and the subject was postponed pending a decision as to the branch canal to the Royapuram Beach, it seems inexpedient too to entertain the question until the future footing of the salt Revenue shall be determined.

13. The Shipment will now go on upon its present footing. As far as practicable Salt will be stored at Madras and Shipment will be made

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made there and it is hoped that with increased storing
rooms and with the canal improved it will be practicable
to discontinue storing and shipment at Ennore altogether.
With reference to the end of Para 19 of Mr. Cunliffe's
letter of 31st August 1855 the Government believe
that the Chamber of Commerce have signified the
readiness of the trade to pay the Port hire from
the Cotours to the beach and their preference of Madras
as the place of shipment rather than Ennore, even
with that additional charge.

Resolved that Extract of this minute
as well as copy of the Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue to which they relate of the Collectors letter
of the 30th July and of Paras 1 and 2.5. to 20 and 22
to 24 of Mr. Campbell's letter of the 23rd idem
be transmitted to the Government of Bengal
in reply to Mr. Morris's letter of the 19th June
1855 and for the information of the Board of
Revenue at Calcutta.

To the President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue

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B^o No 3194

Order thereon

/ Atms' Extract

/ Signed / J. D. Boursillon
Secretary to Government

Ordered to be communicated with
the Board's Proceedings to the Acting Collector of
Madras who will furnish the explanation called
for by Government in Para 5. His attention is also called
to Para 10 -

From

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From the Secretary } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
to Government } Revenue Department under date the 21st
November 1855.

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No 1275

Read the following letter -

No 543

To, The Secretary to Government
of Fort Saint George
Dated Fort William,
the 6th November 1855.

Sir,

In continuation of my
letter No 368, dated the 19th June last, I
am directed to forward herewith Copy of
a letter No 1231 of the 6th Instant, from
the Officiating Junior Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, on the subject of
the deficiencies in the cargoes of the
Salt laden Vessels "Omega" and "Aga
Bakher" from Ennore.

/ Signed / G. G. Morris.

Under Secretary to the
Government of Bengal
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To,

No 1231.

The Secretary to the

Government of Bengal.

Fort William, the

Sir,

6th November 1855.

In continuation of my letter No 680 dated the 15th June last, I have the honor, by direction of the Board of Revenue, to bring to the notice of the Honorable the Lieutenant Governor the following further instances of excess deficiency in the outturns of vessels bringing Madras Kiskutch Salt from Ennore on account of Government.

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On the Salt said to have been supplied on the "Omega" for the whole of

Shipped as per advice	30,330--	which the Ben-
Delivered at Sulkha	26,091--	gal Government
Deficiency	4,239--	will be debited;
Wastage allowance at 5 per Cent	1,516-20	the deficiency
Excess deficiency	2,722-20	therein is very nearly

14 per Cent, that is to say beyond the authorized limit by Maunds 2,722-20. There is no reason to suppose

that

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that any portion of the cargo was surreptitiously made away with during the vessel's passage up the Hooghly, for a preventive Officer was continuously on board, from the time she reached Diamond Harbour, and nothing unusual appears to have occurred during the voyage, as the Captain on entering the vessel at the Calcutta Custom House stated in his manifest that he had no cause to suppose that the deficiency would exceed the prescribed allowance. It remains therefore, the Board remark, to be seen whether the full amount alleged to have been shipped, actually reached the vessel.

3^d

Shipments,
Outturn,
Deficiency,
5 per Centage,
Excess deficiency,

Mds

12,180

11,044

1,136

609

527

The "Aga Bakher" another vessel from Ennore, shewed a deficiency in her outturn, above 9 per Cent, on the salt said to have been shipped.

In this case, as proved by a letter of the Superintendent of salt at Madras dated 1st September last, the short deliveries occasioned by the surf, were brought to the knowledge of the above Officer; but it does not appear whether the figures entered

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entered in the Collector's advice to this Office, represent the quantity delivered from the stores at Ennore or that actually put on board. In connexion with this vessel, I am desired to cite what is stated by the Commander in accounting for the excessive deficiency. "The system," says Captain Ross "of weighing in Ennore is so carelessly executed that loss must result from the bottom of the scale which receives the salt becoming clogged, and remaining so for some weighings till no attention is attracted to the subject; and feeling convinced that a deficiency must follow from what I had seen, I left Ennore 3,000 Maunds short of the cargo indented for, and objected to sign a clean receipt."

At the same time, the Board direct me to point out that from a memo appended to Mr. Collector Cunliffe's letter, put in by Mr. Ladd, Agent of the "Judge Shaw" it would appear that the inaccurate scale from which the salt of the "Aga Bakhsh" was taken, was the same at which the

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the salt of the "Judge Shaw" was weighed. If so, the cause would seem to have been carefully inquired into and removed.

/Signed/ A. V. Bayley -

Officiating Junior Secretary.

/True Copy/

/Signed/ G. G. Morris

Under Secretary to
Government of Bengal.

The Board of Revenue will be requested to obtain and submit explanation of any particular circumstances affecting the shipment on the two vessels named. Their attention will be particularly directed to para 3 of the Calcutta Board's letter.

/A true Extract/

To

The President
and Members of the
Board of Revenue.

/Signed/ J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government.

B. N. 3181.

Order thereon.

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Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of Madras for report.

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Bt No 3423

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No 1281

From the Secretary } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,
to Government } Revenue Department, under date the
22nd November 1855.

Read the following.

No 4048.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Honorable the President of the Council of India in Council, in the Financial Department, under date the 19th October 1855.

Read an endorsement from the Home Department No 1241 dated the 5th Instant, forwarding for consideration and orders a letter from the Government of Fort Saint George No 1057 dated 18th Ultimo, regarding the rates of pay proposed for the Pons of the District of Malabar.

Resolution

On the 18th August last, this Government (Financial Department) sanctioned certain additions and alterations in the Hoogoor and Talook establishments of the District of Malabar.

attended

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	Rs	Proposed scale	Difference	attended
Total of former scales	825	1116-8		with an increase
Deduct Kolhar and Pons of the Wajiaud Talook	490	390		of Rupees
	335-4	726-8	291-4	+ 291-4 per month
Add present establishment of District Pons	3-331-4	3230		The Govern-
Total	3666-8	3956-8		ment now
		3666-8	290	propose to
Decrease now sanctioned			1-4	reduce the
				pay of all

Pons in the District to two rates, viz, 5 and 4 Rupees instead of 9 rates, ranging from 5 1/4 to 2 Rupees and the Honorable the President in Council is pleased to sanction the arrangement which is attended with decrease of 1 Rupee 4 Annas, on the increase of Rupees 291-4, sanctioned in August last.

Order

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Home Department for communication to the Government of Madras, and a copy of the letter from that Government, with its original accompaniments be returned.

(A true Extract)

Signed of C. H. Lushington

Secretary to the Government of India
No 1396

Copy forwarded to Government

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of Madras with reference to Mr. Secretary Bourdillon's
letter No. 1037 dated 18th September.

Fort William

Home Department

the 2nd November 1855.

/Signed/ J. W. Dalrymple

Under Secretary to the
Government of India.

Ordered that the above sanction be
communicated to the Board of Revenue, with
reference to their Acting Secretary's Letter dated
3rd September last No. 2285, and also to the
Offices of Account and Audit.

To

/A true Extract/

The President
and Members of the
Board of Revenue.

/Signed/ J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government.

B. No. 3177

Order thereon.

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B. No. 3424

From the Secretary
to Government

Ordered to be communicated to the
Collector of Malabar, with reference to his predecessor's
letter dated 7th August 1835.

No. 1280.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue
Department under date the 22nd November 1835.

Read the following.
No. 4126.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Honorable
the

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the President of the Council of India in Council
in the Financial Department, under date
the 19th October 1855.

Read an endorsement from the Home De-
partment, No. 1240, dated the 5th instant
forwarding for consideration and orders a letter from
the Government of Fort Saint George No. 1062 dated
the 18th ultimo, with enclosures, regarding the grant of a
Pension to the widow of Mostahbar Khan Tahir
a descendant of the former Jaghirdar
of Runjangaoody in the District
of South Arcot.

Resolution

When the Carnatic came under the
British Government the Jagheer of Runjanga-
oody, in the District of South Arcot, was
resumed by this Government, but was subse-
quently restored to Mahomed Hoofair
Khan Tahir, on account of services rendered
by him to the Government, on the under-
standing that the Jagheer would lapse to Govern-
ment on his death, which it accordingly did
and in lieu of it a life pension of 2,000
Rupees per annum was granted to his son

Mostahbar.

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Mootahbar Khan Taher, who died on the 27th December 1854, leaving a widow, aged 59 years and two grand daughters.

The Honorable the President in Council is pleased on the recommendation of the Government of Madras to grant a pension of 500. Rupees per month to Sara Begum, the widow in question, to take effect from the 1st December 1854, on the distinct understanding however that it shall lapse finally at her death.

The date of Mootahbar Khan Taher's death.

Order

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Home Department, for communication to the Government of Madras, and that the original papers be returned, copies being kept for record in this Office.

/A true Extract/

/Signed/ C. Hugh Lushington.

Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 1414.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, with reference to Mr. Secretary Bourdillon's letter.

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Letter No. 1062 dated 18th September

Fort William.
Home Department.
The 8th November 1855.

/Signed/ J. W. Dalrymple.
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Ordered that the above Proceedings be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings of the 4th August last No. 1987, and also to the Offices of Account and Audit.

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

B. No. 3189.

Order thereon.

(964-965)

Ordered to be communicated, with the Board's Proceedings to the Collector of South Arcot with reference to his letter dated 20th June 1855.

No. 136.

To J. A. Forbes Esq.

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort Saint George.

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B. No. 3234.

From the Collector of Malabar.

The Sub Collector who disposed of

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of the case noticed in the Contract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No 2329 dated the 8th September last, states "that the period of suspension has not been fixed, as the enquiry relative to the same is not yet closed, owing to the pressure of other more important business." so soon however, as it may be practicable for me to do so the useful report will be made.

With reference to the cause remarked upon in Contract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 16th Utters, which was also disposed of by the Sub Collector, he informs me that "the period of suspension has not been fixed pending the enquiry which is being made into his conduct."

Calicut.

1st November 1855.

B. No 3184.

Proceedings thereon

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Signed J. Clarke.

Collector.

The Board observe that the causes referred to should have been entered.

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entered in the Returns as suspensions pending enquiry.

No. 231.

To G. J. Forbes Esq.

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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B. No 3291.

From the Collector of South Arcot.

Reporting the culpable carelessness and neglect of duty by the Cuddalore Tahsildar, and recommending his suspension from office and pay for two months.

Sir I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to submit the following for the consideration and orders of the Board of Revenue relative to an instance of culpable carelessness and neglect of duty by Narayana Sanyal, the Tahsildar of the Cuddalore Taluk in this District.

In the month of September last I directed him by a written order to make a personal inspection and furnish correct measurements of the work which I had ordered to be executed to one of the irrigating Channels from the Trivandrapoornamicut under an ordinary.

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ordinary estimate, amounting to Rupees 340, which as no water had been allowed to enter the Channel he might have done with very little trouble.

3. He proceeded to the spot taking with him the Talook Maistry, one of my Office Goomastahs, and some of the parties who had been executing the work by contract, and after going thro' the form of inspecting and measuring, he reported to me the result, with a Bill, for work performed, amounting to Rupees 318-11-3.

4. Trusting to him, I directed that the sum should be duly debited, but a short time afterwards I learnt that nothing like the quantity of work which he made out to have been executed, had been really performed, but that the Contractors had received advances, amounting in the aggregate, to Rupees 310-"" without any pains being taken to see that they

did.

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did the work properly or to the full extent.

5. Upon enquiring into the matter I found the original accounts of the person deputed by the Contractors to carry on the work, by which it appeared that only 189 Rupees worth had been done.

6. Upon calling upon the Contractors for an explanation, they admitted that work to the value of only 189-^{Rs} 3-⁸ 5-^P was really performed, and they refunded the balance above that some of the advances which had been made to them. Their statements were corroborated by other circumstances, so that there was no room to doubt the fact.

7. The Tahsildar, in his Defence, merely stated that the complaint was a false one, and was got up against him by the Talook Sheristadar thro' malice.

8.

This Tahsildar has, I regret

not.

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to state, shewn himself on other occasions, besides the one specially alluded to, careless and negligent in performing his duties, but for the present instance, I beg to request that the Board will be pleased to sanction his suspension from office and pay for two months.

9. Should he not hereafter show more energy and zeal, I shall solicit the authority of the Board for his transfer to the situation of a Taluk Sheristadar, where he will have less arduous business to discharge than he has where he now is -

Toth Arcot.
Collectors Cutcherry.
Cuddalore.
10th November, 1855.

Signed J. A. Hall
Collector

B^d N^o 3176

Proceedings thereon.

(968-969)

The Board of Revenue sanction the suspension of Morris from my rank, Tahsildar of Cuddalore, for two months, and on further proof of neglect of duty will be prepared to approve the step which Mr. Hall proposes to take in that case.

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To

G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Fort St. George,

(970)

B^d N^o 3375

From Acting Collector
of Canara.

Sir,

It is with regret that I have to report for the information of the Board, that I have received intelligence of the death of Mr. A. Poulton, agent to the Bombay Government for the purchase of Timber, and Assistant Collector Forest Department in this District.

This event took place at Shendashegar on the morning of the 6th Instant.

Collectors Cutcherry.

Mangalore.

13th November 1855.

Order thereon

Signed W. Fisher

Acting Collector.

Ordered to be Submitted to Government

with the following letter.

To

The Secretary to Govt.

Government

Revenue Department.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will lay before the Right.

(970-971)

B^d N^o 3174

To the Secretary to

Government.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Canara reporting the death of Mr. Poulton, Assistant Collector in the Forest Department and suggesting

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of the supply of timber to the Deccan has been shown to be a question of great importance and the Board are satisfied that the services of an Officer competent to hold charge of the Forests and regulate their working, to lay out roads as contemplated by the Acting Collector and to map the rivers will find full scope with very great advantages to the Government.

5 The Board therefore propose, should the Government approve of it, to direct the Acting Collector to submit a report, stating his views for the future arrangement of the Forest Conservancy of Canara.

6 They would suggest at the same time that the Acting Collector be authorized, should he deem it advisable, to appoint an uncommissioned Officer of his establishment to take temporary charge of the Timber, and transact such duties as he may see fit to entrust to him, on a salary not exceeding the sum of Rupees 300 per annum being the amount of salary payable to Mr. Patten by this Government. This will enable

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Mr. Fisher at once to relieve Mr. Robinson, the Sub Collector, of a portion of the extra duty now devolving on him.

Revenue Board Office,

Fort St George,

29th November 1835

Signed by S. Forbes

Acting Secretary

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To

G. S. Forbes Esq^rActing Secretary to the
Court of Wards

Fort St George,

B. No 3365

From the collector
of Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for sanction a Statement of expenditure incurred in constructing a Bungalow at Madura for the use of the Tutor of the Minor Zemindar of Sheva-gunga, amounting to Rupees 3738 - 1 - 0 as an Estimate of Rupees 3500 sanctioned on the 13th March 1834.

2 The Civil Engineer who inspected the Building on the 8th October last reports favorably both of workmanship and materials used in the Bungalow, but remarks of the Outhouses, which are built of mud, that he fears that they will not last long on account of white Ants. An except will be observed in some items to the amount of Rupees 640 - 9 - 2

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met partially by a saving in others of Rupees 102-8-2. The cause of the excess is explained in Captain Horsley's Diary, copy of which is forwarded herewith for the information of the Court. The gross decrease is owing chiefly to more economical execution and partly to a Milk hedge estimated at Rupees 27-13-0 not having been planted.

3 There were other things required to render the Bungalow habitable which were not provided for in the Estimate, and which, as it was desirable that Mr. Fletcher should enter into an occupation as soon as possible I ventured to order as "Emergent". I subjoin a Statement of them.

Statement

Errecting 2 Wells, one cased with stone and the other with pots — No 150 — " — "	The wells were absolutely necessary and the Verandahs being narrow there would have been a mass of profuse glare in the house without Pundals
Rattan Mats to 4 Rooms of the Bungalow — No 100 — " — "	On Mr. Fletcher requesting Mats and Pundals also, I considered that holding only a temporary and not a lucrative appointment, he could hardly be expected to furnish them himself. I trust, therefore, that the cost of these which when the well is completed will amount to Rupees 501-1-0 will be sanctioned.
Four Pundals with Planks, Ropes, iron hooks, &c — No 60 — " — "	
Errecting Pundals to Verandahs — Rupees 181 — 1 — 0	
Pundals — Rupees 501 — 1 — 0	

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4 I beg also to take this opportunity to submit an Estimate, amounting to 105 Rupees for enclosing with a wall the compound both of the Minor's and Tutor's Bungalow on the side adjoining the Public Road from Madura to Trichinopoly. From the vicinity of a populous Town, it is exposed to the depredations of numbers of donkeys, Bullocks, and other animals which no fence of frail materials will avail to keep out. The matter will become worse, if the proposed Bridge is built. The road which is already near the Bungalows will then approach nearer, as coming to the River at present at a sharp angle, it will require to be provided with a longer sweep — the ground for which must be taken from the Zemindar's land.

Madura,

14th November 1835.

Signed P. D. Parker.

Collector

Statement

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Dr. J. H. George 29th November 1883.

Statement of actual expenses of constructing the underground Building in the Minor Seminary of Shuangyang in the District of Madaya.

Contents of work.	Estimated and performed	Amount in Pice and Annas.	Inspected by the
with frames, bolts, hinges,			
bolts, &c. complete	" " " 262.8 "	215 10 "	
14 Pairs of Wooden Doors			
with D ^o D ^o	" " " 56 " "	494 "	

12 pairs of Wooden windows	" " " 180 " "	149 12 "
Shutters with D ^o D ^o		
5 pairs of Panel windows	" " " 72 " "	85 4 "
Shutters with D ^o D ^o	" " " 10 " "	" " "
1 Wooden door case	" " " 108.4 "	113 4 5
Excavating foundation and		
foundries	" " " 52.13 "	35 10 "
" Dub Houses "		
Raising mud walls		
Cubic yard	243/16 " 189 "	
Roofing with jungle		
wood & gongys, bamboos		
roofs, nails, and paint		
Square feet	" 2508 " 299 280 12 "	279 9 "
6 Bottom Doors with		
frames &c. complete	" " " 48 " "	48 " "
7 Window shutters with D ^o	" " " 33 " "	33 " "
Door for Bandy room	" " " 12 " "	12 " "

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1 Gate	"	"	7	"	7	"
2 posts for stable	"	"	1	8	"	1 8
Plastering the walls with clay and sand	"	"	15	"	10	1
white washing them with Chumum	"	"	"	"	"	"
Building a portion of the small food building	"	"	"	"	"	"
North of the present one and which was afterwards abandoned	"	"	"	"	21	7
Plastering the floor with mud and sundries	"	"	22	"	8	"

1441 " 1583 "

March 1854.
 Clerk on the 13th
 Charles Brown
 Director of the
 Government of Madras

Compound wall formed with masonry hedges and with a gate	"	"	"	"	"	29	3	"	"	"
1 Assistant Pay for 10 months at 5 Rupees per month	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	80
1 Government Pay for 20 months at 5 Rupees per month	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	100
Mensum	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3500
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3581

Madras,
 13th November 1853.

Signed P. O. Parker,
 Collector

Enclosure

Collected by
 Mr. J. H. D. Parker
 29th Nov 1853

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Enclosure No 2

Extract from the list of Examinations made
by Captain W. H. Forsley, Civil Engineer, 8th
Division during the Month of October 1855.

Madura District.Bengaloor for the Sutorof the Shevagumgal Minor Zamindarof Madura.

Amount of Estimate Rupees 0.500 — " — "
Sanctioned by the Court of Wards.

on the 13th March 1855.

I inspected this building at the request
of the Collector to give my opinion in regard to
the rate per Cubic feet proper to be paid for the
timber supplied by the Contractor; who complains
that the amount paid to him is insufficient.
In the Estimate, 1 Rupee per Cubic feet of wrought
Jungle wood, is allowed, whereas the Contractor, it
appears, has supplied partly teak and partly Vengay
wood, and has been paid at an average rate of
Rs. 1 1/2 per Cubic feet for the Beams and Joists
and Rupee 1.3 per Cubic feet for the wood
used in the Doors and window shutters which also
are partly teak and partly Vengay.

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I have examined the building and the
timber used therein and am of opinion
that it would be only fair to the contractor
to give him the estimate rate of 1 Rupee per
Cubic foot for the total quantity of timber
supplied by him for beams and joists, and
Rupee 1 1/4 for the timber used in the Doors
and windows, as he has been at the trouble and
expense of having the latter sawn up and
prepared for the carpenters. It is a curious
fact that the agreement made with the
contractor does not specify at what rate
the timber is to be supplied, nor does it,
I am told, mention the quantity required
for the work. This document, therefore,
is of no use whatever in the settlement
of the question. The expenditure has
already slightly exceeded the Estimate,
and if the timber be paid for at rates
recommended above the excess will be
still greater. It should be mentioned,
however, that by an oversight 200 terrace
Joists of 4" x 5" scantling were omitted in
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Extract from the list of Examinations made
by Captain W. H. Corsey, Civil Engineer, 8th
Division during the Month of October 1855.

Madura District.Bengal for the Fortof the Shevaganah Minor Symmetricalof Madras.

Amount of Estimate Rs. 8,000 — " —
Sanctioned by the Comd. of Works.

on the 13th March 1855.

I inspected this building at the request
of the collector to give my opinion in regard to
the rate per cubic feet proper to be paid for the
timber supplied by the contractor; in compliance
that the amount paid to him is insufficient.
In the Estimate, 1 Rupee per cubic feet of wrought
Jungle wood, is allowed, whereas the contractor, it
appears, has supplied partly teak and partly Vengay
wood, and has been paid at an average rate of
Rs. 14-1/2 per cubic feet for the beams and Joists
and Rupee 1-3 per cubic feet for the wood
used in the Doors and window shutters which are
are partly teak and partly Vengay.

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still greater. It should be mentioned,
however, that by an oversight 200 terrace
Joists of 4" x 5" scantling were omitted in
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the Estimate and thus the amount was Rupees 258 less than it ought to have been. But for this the Estimate would have more than covered the expenditure and that notwithstanding sundry extra works and the pay of a Maistry and Goomastah, the former for 10 and the latter for 20 months, not allowed for in the Estimate. The Building appears to be well built and the materials are of good quality. The out houses I fear will not last very long, the white ants have already made their way up through the mud walls to the roof and if not removed will speedily destroy the timbers.

Abstract of Measurements
Brick in Chumam 6 feet 1668 $\frac{7}{10}$ or cubic yards 617 $\frac{1}{10}$
at Rupees 1-15-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees 12107-1-6.

Flooring

Sq^{re} feet 2961 $\frac{7}{10}$ Flooring with 1 layer of wall Brick on edge and
Sq^{re} B^l over in Chumam at 00-3-3-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 00 96-1-2.

Plastering Sq^{re} feet 19937 $\frac{7}{10}$ at Rupees 1-15-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per 100 Sq^{re} feet
Rupees 389-11-9.

Wrought wood cubic feet 737 $\frac{7}{10}$ at 00-7-2-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 00 835-11-
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ + 7-15 Pairs of half Panel and half Venetian Doors with
frames, hooks, hinges, bolts &c complete at Rupees
11-6- each Rupees 215-10-
3x6-4 Pairs of Panel doors with frames at 00-12-5 00 119-4-
3 $\frac{1}{2}$

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3 $\frac{1}{2}$ + 5 12 Pairs of Venetian window shutters with frames at
Rupees 12-5- 00-11-7-12-
3x4-6 Pairs of Panel Window shutters with frames at
Rupees 10-11- Rupees 65-4-
Excavating foundation and sundries Rupees - 113-4-5.

Total Rupees - 3119-12-
Amount of Estimate 00- 2996-2-
Excess Rupees - 123-12-
Out Houses.

Mud Wall cubic feet 5104 or cubic yards 189 at 4-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 00-53-11-6.

Square feet 2997 roofing with Jungle wood Vengay, bamboo reapers,
nails and paintiles at 00-9-5-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per 100 Sq^{re} feet 00-279-9-3.

3x6-6 Batten doors with frames hooks hinges &c complete
at Rupees 8 Rupees 48-
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ + 3-7 Window shutters with frames complete at 500 each 00-35-
6x8-1 Door for Bandygroom - 12-
5x4-1 Gate - 7-
2 Posts for Stable - 1-8-
Cost of constructing a portion of the mud wall for D^o
building north of the present one and which
was afterwards abandoned 00-21-6-10-
Total - 458-2-7

Amount of Estimate Rupees - 1774-1-5
Savings Rupees - 15-14-5

Remaining for compound Walls as per Estimate Rupees - 29-13-
1 Maistry's Pay for 10 months at 00-6 per mensem 00-60-
1 Goomastah's Pay for 20 months at 00-5 00-100-
Total of Excavation Rupees - 3738-
Amount of Estimate Rupees - 3500-
Excess Rupees - 238-
/Signed/ W. H. Horseley Captain
Civil Engineer 8th Division
/True Extract/
/Signed/ R. D. Parker
Collector Estimate

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N^o 3
Estimate of the Expense required for constructing the undermentioned Compound wall in the District of Madras.

Measurements				Particulars of work:				Price	Per	Archie	Work
ft.	in.	ft.	in.								
				Machinist							
				16 " November 1855 }							
				Signed / A. Pulvermacher							
				True Copy.							
				Signed / R. D. Barber							
				Collector							

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B^d N^o 3186.

Proceedings thereon.

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as thereon. Under the explanation afforded by the collector and Civil Engineer, the Court of Wards sanction the actual expenditure incurred in the construction of a Bungalow at Murchura, for the use of the Tutor of the Minor Zemindar of Sheragunge amounting to Rspees 3738-1, being Rspees 238-1 in excess of the sanctioned Estimate.

2. The Court also sanctioned the charges incurred on emergency for sinking two Wells for purchasing, Rattan Mats, and Pankahs, and for erecting Panchals to the Verandahs of the Bungalow amounting to Rupees 501-1-0.

3 The Court are of opinion that the erection of a wall around the compounds of the Minors and Tutor's Bungalows had better be delayed till it is determined whether a Bridge is to be built or not over the river near the Buildings.

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Official Memo

B^d N^o 3308

From the Atollary } The Acting Collector of Madras
of Madras } has the honor to forward, as requested, Duplicate

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of his memo of the 18th ultimo on the subject
of the tax on Kilns.

Madras
15th November 1855

Duplicate

Signed / B. Cunniff
Acting Collector

N^o 199
Official Memo:

In reply to the Official Memo N^o 2729
from the Acting Secretary Board of Revenue
the Acting Collector of Madras begs to state
that a Chinnam Kiln situated in any part
of the collectorate on land, the property of
Government, pays as Ground Rent seven
Rupees monthly under the late orders of the
Board in modification of the former tax
of 10-8-0. The terms "Quit Rent" and "Ground
Rent" as in use in this collectorate are apt to
confuse. Quit Rent is the designation of the
tax on land which is private property
which varies from 1 to 5 Rs. per bannam
and is collected annually.

Ground Rent is the term for the
demand on shops, bannamhalls, Kilns, &c.
situated on Government land, and is col-
lected monthly.

Madras, 18th October 1855

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Order thereon.

Signed / B. Cunniff
Acting Collector

Ordered to be over

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J. G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary Board of Revenue
Fort St George

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B^o N^o 3342

From the collector of
Sea Customs Madras } Para 1

* dated 12th Nov^r
1855

Minutes Com^{tee}
Government

dated 25th Sept^r
1855

N^o 919 Para 1

I have the honor to transmit

Copy of a letter from Mess^{rs} Oakes Patridge & Co.
and with reference thereto respectfully to recommend
that the restriction sanctioned may be so far
held in abeyance, that I may at my discretion
be permitted to allow these parties to sell Goods.

2 Mr Patridge, the individual more
immediately concerned is dead, The other parties
were absent and as the restriction has deprived
the firm at least of /4,000/ forty thousand
Rupees. I cannot but express a hope that
His Lordship in Council will accede to
my respectful request.

Sea Customs House
Madras 16th November 1855

Signed / W. E. Underwood

Collector Sea Customs

N^o 1

J. The collector of
Sea Customs

Sir, Requiring to sell by Public Auction
some of our Wines and Spirits, as undermentioned now

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lying at the Bonded Warehouse we have the honor to request your permission.

The restriction on sales in the Custom House being in the time of Mr Patridge the then resident Partner who is now deceased and Interests having also changed, we trust there will be no objection.

Madras November 12th 1855 } / Signed / Oakes Patridge & Co

Ships	Goods	Quantities
"British Tar"	Brandy	4 Hhds
"Gratitude"	Sherry	1 —
"Nile"	do	3 —
"Georges du Courson"	Brandy	50 Cases
"Acacia"	Portwine	57 Pipes
"Trafalgar"	Sherry	24 Hhds
"Halifax"	Gin	8 Hhds
"Hambury"	Gin	47 Cases
"Halifax"	Sherry	94 Cases
"East Lothian"	Brandy	1 Butt
"Dochanthes"	Portwine	4 Hhds
"Madras"	Sherry	8 Hhds
	Portwine	27 Cases
	Sherry	20 Cases
	Blanc	13 Cases
	Old Spinn	14 Hhds
	Whiskay	2 2 ¹ / ₂ Cases
		16 Cases
		28 Cases
		9 Cases

(True Copy)

/ Signed W. E. Underwood
Collector Sea Customs

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B^o N^o 3173

To the Secy to Govt
Rev Dep^t

For to St George 29th November 1855

To The Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the consideration and orders of Government a letter from the Collector of Sea Customs dated the 16th November 1855 in which he forwards an application addressed to him by Messrs Oakes Patridge & Co praying that they may be permitted to sell in the Custom House premises a large Consignment of Wine and spirits.

2 The parties applying for permission to sell these goods were prohibited by a special order of Government dated 25th September 1849 from effecting any further sales in the Custom House, this order resulted from the disclosure of a Collusive sale by Messrs Oakes Patridge & Co of Certain woollens and was passed by the Government after a full enquiry into the Circumstances of the case —

3 It is now urged by the Members of the firm, as at present Constituted, that Mr Patridge the person principally Complicated in that transaction is dead, and that for six years the prohibition has been in force

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force to the great disadvantage of the Firm. Mr Underwood on these grounds recommends that the order of Government may be held in abeyance, and that he may be permitted at his discretion to allow these parties to sell goods.

In forwarding the case for the decision of Government the Board direct me to remark that as the fraudulent transaction which led to the prohibition to sell goods in the Custom House, seems to have been followed by considerable loss to the firm, they are led to recommend that the prohibitory order may be now withdrawn in the persuasion that it has acted as a sufficient punishment, and will be a warning for the future against similar discreditable proceedings.

Revenue Board Office.

Fort St George.

29th November 1855

Signed / G. S. Forbes

Acting Secretary

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Fort St George 29th November 1855N^o 371

To

G. S. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

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B^o N^o 3353

From the Coll^y of }
Sea Customs - - }
Madras - - }

Sir,

Pura 1 It appears that the Dhoney Dyalalchurny N^o 940 Sindal Appasawmy received on board Rice at Tranquebar for Ceylon and not being able according to the Statement of the parties concerned to reach the Port of destination landed the Cargo here. The party obtained a Certificate from this Department, that the grain had been landed here, with a view to his obtaining a return of the duty -

dated 31 Oct^r 2
/ 55

I now beg to enclose a letter to my address from the shipper of the Rice from Tranquebar in which he states that the Collector of Tanjore is of opinion that the grain having been landed at Madras the return of duty is receivable from this Department -

3 I beg to transmit his letter to the Board of Revenue

for

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for such orders as they may see fit to give, with the expression of an opinion that the goods having been actually carried from Port to Port under the principle of the provisions of act VI of 1848 the party is legitimately entitled to a refund of the duty at the Port where it was paid or such portion of the Grain as was actually landed in the East India Company's Territories

This principle was carried out when Collectors in the Provinces took a deposit equal to the amount of duty on Grain exported, and returned it on a Certificate that it had been landed in the East India Company's Territories -

Sea Customs House
Madras
16th November 1855

Signed / W. E. Underwood
Collector Sea Customs

Ordered that the following letter be sent in consequence -

To The Collector of
Tanjore

Sir,
I am forwarding to you the accompanying copy of a letter with

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B^d No 3176
To The Coll^r
of Tanjore

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the original enclosures from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, relative to an application for refund of duty charged on the export of 597 bags of grain from Tranquebar for Ceylon, but subsequently landed at Madras, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request you will report what amount of duty was collected by you on the rice in question and whether any circumstances which are not shown in these papers exist to invalidate Petitioner's claim to a refund -

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
29th November 1855

Signed / G. S. Forbes
Acting Secretary

No 216

To G. S. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

B^d No 3416
From the Collector
of Nellore -

I have the honor to request instructions

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Madras

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George
29th November 1855

Signed G. S. Forbes
Acting Secretary

No 216

To, G. S. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sr,

B^d No 3416
From the Collector of Nellore

I have the honor to request instructions

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instructions on the following points connected with the Board's recent orders, Circular No 2325, on the subject of 424 Mercals being considered the equivalent of 120 Indian Maunds of salt.

2 The Pankala Superintendent has asked what amount is to be demanded from persons taking salt by the heap. To wholesale dealers who are willing to purchase salt by the heap as it stands, and the next in order of sale the price is 114 Rupees a Garce. In the Garce to be considered 400 Mercals as laid down in Para 17 of the salt Rules, or 424 Mercals the near equivalent of 120 Indian Maunds, which are there declared to be equal to a Garce. If so is the

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the deficiency of 24 Mercals per Garce to be made up to those purchasing salt by the heap as above described; and generally to all persons who buy a Garce at a time.

Nellore
Collectors Office, } / Signed J. B. Elton
20th November } Collector

(980-981) 1855

Bd No 3185

Proceedings thereon When a party purchase a heap of salt of 4,000 Mercals (or 10 garce according to the old reckoning he should be charged at the rate of 114 Rs per 424 Mercals or Rupees 10.75-7-7 the present 10 garce heap, instead of Rupees 1140 as formerly.

2. In future a change in the manner of preparing the heaps will be desirable, so that they may be adopted to the altered price, but on

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on this subject the Board purpose
to send instructions hereafter

3 The diminution in the profit
to Government consequent on the
increased quantity of salt now

delivered to purchasers at
the equivalent of the Indian
maund should be pointed
out by the Collector in
his report for the year.

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Fort St George 29th November 1855

To
G. S. Forbes Esq^r

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

B^d No 3173
From the Collector
of Bellary

Sir,

Para 1
the Sannabunddy,
The Head Assistant
Mr Chase appointed
to officiate in the
Subordinate Court.

At the commencement of
I have just been deprived
of the services of one of
my assistants and am
left with only one now.
Mr Horsley. This will
put me to considerable inconvenience as I must
leave the Hoogoor and town of Bellary without
an assistant.

I have also been requested to form one
of the Committee for the examination of Mr R. Horsley
at Bellary on the 17th Proximo. At that time I should
be engaged in the settlement of the Western
Talook at a great distance from Bellary and the
public business will be interfered with and could it
be satisfactorily arranged that Mr Mayne and
Mr Chase should form the Committee for
examining Mr Horsley, it would be a great
convenience to me by enabling me to carry out any
plan.

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Fort St. George 29th November 1855.

Plan of tour of the District. and should be glad if the Board would obtain my exemption from that duty.

3 In consequence of having so little assistance, I must leave the Hoogoor Treasury now under the charge of the Cashkeeper which will render it necessary for me to leave larger sums in his hands than as a general rule collectors are allowed to do.

4 The Board's orders respecting the immutably require that each Talook be settled within its own limits. I have frequently found this rule to be very inconvenient and sometimes impracticable in this large district, and with the very limited European assistance that I have I trust the Board will have no objection to my relaxing the rule occasionally during the present. Immutably, as I purpose settling some of the Talooks at central places very convenient for the assemblage of more than one Talook together, which plan will enable me to carry on the settlements without materially interfering with the transactions of my various other duties, which are much impeded.

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Fort St. George 29th November 1855.

impeded by the lengthened separation of the Heristadors from my Head Quarters I have the honor to re-request you will obtain the orders of the Board for my guidance at an early date.

Bellary Collectors Office,
on Circuit at --
Ramandrog, ...
24th November 1855.

Signed C. Pelly
Collector

B² N^o 3188

Proceedings thereon.

983

The collector is informed that the Board of Examiners have been requested to relieve him from attending on the Committee for examining Mr. Horsley, or to postpone the examination till a more convenient time.

2 Under the peculiar circumstances in which he is placed, the Board authorize the collector to relax the rule referred to in para 4 of his letter and they trust to his discretion to make arrangements convenient as far as possible to the people.

Ordered also that the following letter be sent.

To,

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Fort St. George, 29th November 1853.

To

The Secretary
Board of Examiners.

982-984

B^d No 3190

To the Secretary Board
of Examiners.

Sir,

In forwarding to you the
accompanying Extracts (paras 1 and 2) from
a letter from the Collector of
Bellary received this day. I am directed by the
Board of Revenue to request, that in order the
Circumstances stated by Mr. Pelly
arrangements may be made to relieve
him from attending on the Committee
for Examining Mr. Horsley
or to postpone the examination till a more
convenient time.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,

29th November 1853.

M^d No 2533

From the Collector of Salem

985

21st

November 1853.

Read letter requesting to
be furnished with copy of certain statements.

Ordered that the following
Official Memorandum be sent.

Signed G. S. Forbes

Acting Secretary.

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Fort St. George, 29th November 1853.

985-986

B^d No 3187

To the Collector
of Salem.

Official Memorandum.

The Acting Secretary

to the Board of Revenue has the honor to
forward to the Collector of Salem a
copy of the statement required by
him.

Revenue Board Office,

Fort St. George,

29th November 1853.

Signed G. S. Forbes

Acting Secretary.

Resolved that the following Official

Memorandum be sent.

987

B^d No 3180

To the Banarase Translator

to Government.

to Extract Minutes Consultation

dated 30th July 1853, the Acting

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

has the honor to request the Banarase

Translator to Government to

favor.

With reference to

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Fort St. George, 29th November 1855

N^o. 3335-3349
18m
3390 and
on address to M^r.
E. Matthy of 1855.

favor the Board with abstract translations
of the Petitions and Collectors orders noted
in the margin. —

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
29th November 1855.

Signed G. S. Forbes
Acting Secretary.

Official Memorandum. —

B^o N^o. 3179

To the Malayalam

Translator to Government

988

With reference to Extract
Minutes Consultation dated 30th July 1855
the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has
the honor to request the Malayalam Translator to
Government to favor the Board with abstract trans-
lations of the Petitions and Collectors orders noted
in the margin. —

N^o. 3121 - 3274
18m 18m
3275 - 3361
18m 48m
of 1855.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
29th November 1855.

Signed G. S. Forbes
Acting Secretary.

M^o N^o. 2391

From the Collector of Sea Customs.

989

Read Statement of
Contingent charges incurred in the Sea Customs Office for
the Month of September 1855. —

989-990

Order thereon.

Ordered to be supplied —
accordingly. —

From.

19166

Fort St. George, 29th November 1855

M^o N^o. 3299

From the Secretary to Government

991

Read Extract
dated 11th November 1855
sanctioning the refund of sums over charged on
account of Revenue Establishments to the proprietors
to whom they are due. —

991-992

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded. —

M^o N^o. 3112

From the Secretary to Government

993

Approving of the
dated 21st November 1855
Proceedings of the Sub Collector of Rajah-
mundry authorizing the making over of
certain lands free of assessment to certain parties
who have surrendered lands for the new peltah at
Narsapur. —

993-994

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded. —

Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous

995

letters and Statements. —

M^o N^o. 2530

From the Collector of North Arcot. Statement of Demand
Collection and Balance for the Month of
August 1855. —

996

M^o N^o. 2545

From the Collector of South Arcot. Average Bazar Prices of Grain for
the Month of October 1855. —

997

M^o N^o. 2539

From the Collector of Malabar. Return of Petitions referred for disposal
for October 1855

From.

19167.

M^s N^o 2540

From the Acting Collector of Canara. Reports that the Statements of offences under Regulation IX of 1822 are blank for last month. —

998

999

M^s N^o 2541

From the Acting Collector of Canara Reports that the Statement of Bullion and specie is blank for last month. —

1000

M^s N^o 2542

From the Acting Collector of Canara. Statement of the value of Gold and Silver Bullion and specie imported in the month of October 1855.

1001

M^s N^o 2543

From the Collector of Nellore. Reports that there were no exports or imports of Bullion for October 1855.

1002

M^s N^o 2537

From the Acting Collector of Madras. Acknowledges the receipt of 1000 Salt Rowannahs. —

1003

M^s N^o 2545

From the Collector of South Arcot. Statement showing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta on the 30th September 1855. —

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Read the following Papers

N^o 90

To B. Cunliffe Esq^r
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

From the Acting Collector of Nellore... } In acknowledging receipt

on the 14th Current of a Circular from your Office bearing date 7th idem. & N^o 1106, I have the honor to state, in reply, that with reference to the probable contingency of Mr. Cotton's early resumption of his appointment I should prefer leaving the matter in abeyance for him to reply to. —

With reference however to concluding para of my letter to the Board under date October 5th 1855, N^o 733, and to the circumstance of the ameliorations therein adverted to having been hitherto but partially sanctioned, with prospective effect from the ensuing fiscal only, I take occasion to express my own opinion, as to the inadvisableness of holding any

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any Local Agricultural Exhibition in this District earlier than 1857:-

Sellore District
Collectors Office
Tistnapatam
16th May 1855.

/ signed / J. Battliff.
Acting collector

1004-1005 Order thereon.
Vide to Sellore
1st December 1855

Ordered to lie over.

Sig

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

1006
B. N. 12.01
From the Acting
collector of Ganjam.

Sir, I have the honor to state that the end of April or early of May will be the best time for the proposed Agricultural exhibition, I beg leave to propose that the names of the committee be sent me as early as possible, that due publicity may be given to the intentions of Government and the place of the exhibition, and that large prizes be offered for seed paddy, and it is by care in saving and selecting the seed that shall soonest

19170

Fort St. George 30th November 1855

Soonest improve the crop; you are aware that seed paddy is kept with more precaution than that meant for sale.

Ganjam District
Collector's Cutcherry
Chutterpore 21st May 1855

/ signed / W. F. Moore
Acting collector

1006-1007 Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over.

Vide Ganjam
3rd Decr 1855

N^o 2353
From the collector of Tanjore. Read letter

1008

Reporting upon the time

when the exhibition

of battle &c may be held.

1008-1009

Order thereon. Ordered to lie over.
Vide to Tanjore 3rd Decr 1855

To

19169

Fort St. George 30th November 1855

any Local Agricultural Exhibition in this District earlier than 1857:-

Nellore District
Collector's Office
Tistnapatnam
15th May 1855.

/ Signed / J. Battliff.
Acting collector

Ordered to lie over.

Sg.

To B. Cunliffe Esq.

Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

1006
B. N. 12.01

From the Acting
Collector of Ganyam.

Sir, I have the honor to state that the end of April or early of May will be the best time for the proposed agricultural exhibition, I beg leave to propose that the names of the committee be sent me as early as possible, that due publicity may be given to the intentions of Government and the place of the exhibition, and that large prizes be offered for seed paddy, and it is by care in saving and selecting the seed that shall

19170

Fort St. George 30th November 1855

Soonest improve the crop, you are aware that seed paddy is kept with more precaution than that meant for sale.

Ganyam District
Collector's Office
Chutterpore 25th May 1855

/ Signed / W. Knoe
Acting collector

1006-1007 Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over.

Vide Ganyam
3rd Decr 1855

N^o 2353
From the collector of Tanjore. Read letter

1008

Reporting upon the time

when the exhibition

of battle &c may be held

1008-1009

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To

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Fort St. George 30th November 1855N^o 160To G. S. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary to the
Board of RevenueB^d N^o 3201

From the Collector, Sir.

of Tanjore
Reports
on the privileges
conferred on
holders of
Survamaniam
land.

I have the honor to reply to the
Boards' Proceedings of the 10th of May last
N^o 1182, and should have done so earlier
had I not met with great delay on the part
of the officers of the Rajah's Durbar, from whom
I endeavoured to obtain information from the
Palace records that might throw light on the
privileges conferred on holders of land
granted on Survamaniam tenure by the former
rulers of the country.

2. The result of all the enquiries I have
made, has been to leave the case where it
was and the sicca sunnuds in possession of the
maniamdars is all that their claim rests upon.

3. The question of whether these lands
should be charged with a water cess has
never been made the subject of previous correspondence.

As.

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Fort St. George 30th November 1855

4. As regards the third point on which
the Government desire to be informed namely,
as to the state of the lands when the grants
were made, whether they were really poonyah
lands, not receiving, or entitled to, canals or
irrigation; there is nothing by which a judgment
can be formed, excepting the sicca sunnuds
in all those grants the land given is
specifically mentioned as munnah or poonyah,
and it must, I conclude, be assumed, that
the entries were correctly made. It is not
possible now 200 years after the date of some
of the grants, to obtain any more satis-
factory evidence, of what kind of land was
given nor does not appear to be necessary,
for I have not supposed that the order
of Government for charging a water cess was
intended to have retrospective effect & Enam land
cannot be irrigated in future without its description
at the time namely whether it was wet or dry being easily ascertainable.

Tanjore Vellum
3 November 1855/ signed / G. S. Forbes
Collector.

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Fort St. George 30th November 1855N^o 160To G. S. Forbes Esq^rActing Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

B^d N^o 3201

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holders of
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3. The question of whether these lands should be charged with a water cess has never been made the subject of previous correspondence.

As.

19172

Fort St. George 30th November 1855

4. As regards the third point on which the Government desire to be informed namely, as to the state of the lands when the grants were made, whether they were really poonyah lands, not receiving, or entitled to circular irrigation; there is nothing by which a judgment can be formed, excepting the sicca sumunds in all those grants the land given is specifically mentioned as nunyah or poonyah, and it must, I conclude, be assumed, that the entries were correctly made. It is not possible now 200 years after the date of some of the grants, to obtain any more satisfactory evidence, of what kind of land was given nor does not appear to be necessary, for I have not supposed that the order of Government for charging a water cess was intended to have retrospective effect & Canam land cannot be irrigated in future without its description at the time namely whether it was wet or dry, being easily ascertainable.

Tanjore Vellum
3 November 1855/ signed / G. S. Forbes
Collector.

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Proceedings thereon. - 1.

Submitting a letter from the collector replies to the enquiries addressed to him by the Board, as directed in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 1st May. -

2. The Government desired to be informed whether the claim advanced by holders of Sicea Sannuds in the Tanjore district to have the benefit of canal irrigation for their Enam lands, free of charge, had formed the subject of previous correspondence whether any evidence was produced in support of the Sannuds, and what was the description of the lands at the time the grants were made. -

3. Mr. Forbes Explains that his reply has been delayed by the difficulty of obtaining answers from the Officers of the Tanjore Durbar to the enquiries which he addressed to them on this subject. He states that no previous correspondence has passed regarding these claims & that no evidence is adduced

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in their support beyond the Sannuds. -

4. These documents however always specify the character of the land granted, whether nanyah or Poonjah & this entry of description may be thought to be regarded as generally correct as the grants are mostly of very old date, no other means exist of establishing the condition of the land at the time they were executed. -

5. The Government expressed their concurrence in the opinion given by the Board regarding the claim of the enamdars to irrigation from Government sources without charge, no further proof is brought forward in this letter in support of these claims, and the Board consider that, with the exception of lands registered as nanyah at the date of the grant, Surva manims are liable to a charge for the use of water taken from Government works. They concur with the collector that it is not desirable to give this order retrospective effect, by now claiming payment for water used

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used in past years; but they would make the rule applicable in future to all Surva manisms which are shewn by the Sumunds or Registers to consist of Poonyah land, when water is taken for them from a public work either newly or otherwise.

They resolve to submit the letter of the collector of Tanjore, with their remarks, for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

To,
G. S. Forbes Esq^r
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

A after
Bd N^o 3436
From the Collector
of Madura...

Sir,
With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 16th Instant I have the honor to state that a copy of the Decree of the Privy Council is not on the Record of the Madura catchery. Vol. 1 of the Select Decrees of the Sudr Adalat in appeal suit contains one/n^o 18 of 1814 Page 101 which lays down the

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the doctrine adverted to in Para 10 of my letter of the 27th September last, and a note states this to have been affirmed by the Privy Council. I should think that the decree of the Privy Council must be on the records of the Sudr Adalat.

Madura } / signed / R. D. Parker
19th November 1855 } collector

Ordered that the following letter be sent.

To J. B. Norton Esq^r
Government Pleader
Sudr Adalat.

Bd N^o 3192
To Government Pleader } Sir,
Sudr Adalat. } With reference to your letter dated 16th November 1855, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward to you the accompanying letter from the collector of Madura, dated 19th November 1855, from which you will observe that no copy of the decree of the Privy Council required by you is on his records. He however refers to a decree of the Sudr Adalat reported at page 101 - of the Select Decrees of the Sudr Adalat.

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Inlms 16th Nov 1855
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Inlms 30th Nov 1855
After N^o 3436

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Vol. 1 and which appears to have been affirmed by the Privy Council. -

2. The Board doubt not that your attention has been given to the opinion expressed by the Sudder Udalt on a former occasion in reply to a reference from Government, that a widow is not competent under the Hindoo law, to dispose absolutely of the Estate she has inherited from her husband to the prejudice of his next heirs - see Circular Order of Board of Revenue Vol. 1 Page 239. Note 2. -

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
30th November 1855

/Signed/ G. S. Forbes
Acting collector.

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To, G. S. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Bd No 3485

From the collector of
Canara

In reply to your circular
No 2960 dated 6th November 1855. I have the honor to inform you that I do not think it would be possible to ensure the regular payment

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of pensions. Most Pensions in this District are payable monthly, they are almost all small in amount, and many of the recipients are old and sickly people, or reside at such a distance from the Talook cutcherries as would render monthly attendance a great hardship, if not impossible. -

Collectors Cutcherry
Mangalore
23rd November 1855

/Signed/ W. Fisher
Acting collector

Order thereon. -

Ordered to lie over. -

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No 224

To, G. S. Forbes Esq^r
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Bd No 3476

From the collector of
Madura

Sir. My last report on the season was dated the 10th Instant since then there has been no rain, but in lieu bright clear and cool weather, such as might be expected in January. There is still a supply of water in

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on some Tanks, but it is being rapidly exhausted evaporation as well expenditure on irrigation Great anxiety is felt for the fate of the Nungah Crops and Poonyah Crops generally are languishing - To the end of October there was on the whole, an increase in Cultivation over the corresponding account of last year, but what is unripe is in jeopardy - The Poonyah Crops hitherto harvested have yielded indifferently.

2. The Price of Rice last week was $10\frac{1}{2}$ the Madras measure, which is very high, but yesterday it rose to 1 Rupee for $8\frac{1}{2}$ measures and applications have been made to me to prevent Exportation and interfere with the market in other ways - to all which I have of course refused to accede.

3. No general complaints of unhealthiness have yet been made, but I hear of fever prevailing in parts of the District.

Madura.
26th November 1855

/ signed / P. D. Parker
collector
P.S.

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P.S. I regret to say that since the above was written some shops and a market situated in the Eastern part of the Town have been plundered of grain - I was first aware of a disturbance by hearing the noise of a number of persons passing my cutcherry which is near the Pagoda in the centre on learning the cause I immediately sent all the Peons at hand to the spot and having taken measures to collect all the available Peons on my own & the Judicial Establishment and written to the Commanding Officer for the Services of his Detachment, I proceeded to the spot In the way I met the Police Ameen, who told me that about 100 Cullums of grain had been robbed from the Market but that he had restored order & captured 2 Prisoners - I therefore returned to the cutcherry for the purpose of countermanding the detachment, but had no sooner arrived, than persons came running in to say that a mob. of weavers had returned and were looting shops - As I was starting again Lieutenant Boardman and his

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his detachment came up and ~~we~~ proceeded together to the scene of plunder, on our approach, the Rioters endeavored to make their escape from the shops, but the Peons succeeded in capturing 23. The Sepoys did not use their arms, but their presence was of essential service to intimidate the Rioters, who were too numerous to yield to the Police alone, and I deem it my duty to mention the great rapidity with which Lieutenant Boardman came to my aid on the receipt only of a private note, which I despatched previously to forwarding an official letter.

I am preparing a Proclamation to explain to the people how such disturbances, and all interference with the grain market, defeat their end, and raise the price of grain still higher by deterring sellers from bringing

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bringing it into the Town.

Military guards in aid of the Police have been placed about the Town, and I do not apprehend a renewal of the disturbance which was not of the serious character of those which occurred last year in Trichinopoly I am unable to state at present what quantity of grain is said to have been stolen.

Madura

26th November 1855/ Signed / R. D. Parker
CollectorB^d N^o 3191

Proceedings thereon.

(1016-1017)

In forwarding the above letter for the information of Government the Board notice with satisfaction, the promptitude with which this

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this attempt at plunder was
defeated by the ready co-operation

of Lieutenant Boardman with

Mr. Parker and the Police.

Ordered that the above
letter be immediately submit-
ted for the information of Govern-

ment with a copy of the Proceedings
thereon.

To

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Resolved that the following letter be

despatched.

To The Secretary to Government.
Revenue Department

Sir,

I am directed to submit
for the consideration of the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council the accompanying

reports from the

Collector of the
District noted

in the margin

regarding Channam

Quarry rents, the

subject of which

was referred to the

Board in Extract

Minutes Consultation

of 6th July last.

The

question originated

in a representation

from the

Military Board

to Government

of the scarcity

of Channam

for Public

works, owing to the measures adopted

by the Collector of Chingleput to realise

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No. 3197

To the Secretary to

Government

Submitting with

reference to Extract

Minutes Consultation

of 6th July last the accompanying

reports from the several

Collectors regarding Channam

quarry rents and recommending

the remission of the

rents in certain

districts.

No. 2221 From Bangalore 26th July in Cons: 6th August 1855

" 3167 From Vijayapattam 26th October in Cons: 3rd November "

" 2267 From Rajahmundry 22nd in Cons: 17th August "

" 2006 From Masulipatam 8th September in Cons: 23rd

October "

" 3178 From Sautoor 29th October in Cons: 3rd November "

" 2053 From Nellore 20th in Cons: 24th July "

" 2000 From Bellary 17th in Cons: 24th July "

" 2762 From Sturval 20th in Cons: 28th September "

" 1997 From Chingleput 16th July in Cons: 25th "

October 1855

" 2057 From Salem 21st in Cons: 30th July "

" 2287 From D^o 8th August in Cons: 31st October "

" 2111 From North Arcot 25th July in Cons: 6th August "

" 2045 From D^o 12th September in Cons: 31st October "

" 2095 From South Arcot 18th in Cons: 23rd July - "

" 2034 From Tanjore 17th in Cons: 23rd July "

" 1970 From Trichinopoly 14th in Cons: 16th July "

" 2019 From Madurai 17th in Cons: 21st July "

" 2352 From D^o 13th August in Cons: 13th November "

" 2069 From Tirunelveli 19th in Cons: 30th July - "

" 2200 From D^o 8th August in Cons: 18th November "

" 2099 From Coimbatore 20th in Cons: 27th July "

" 2233 From Coimbatore 30th July in Cons: 7th August "

" 2047 From Malabar 17th in Cons: 23rd July "

" 1990 From Madras 17th in Cons: 26th July "

" 2172 From D^o 1st in Cons: 23rd August "

" 2496 From D^o 31st August in Cons: 14th September "

" 2677 From D^o 18th in Cons: 20th September "

works, owing to the measures adopted
by the Collector of Chingleput to realise

the

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the rents of the Quarries from which the supply was drawn.

3 The Collector reports that there are 8 Quarries, the property of Government in the Chingleput District, four of which to the North of Madras on the Pulicat lake are alone at present of value from facilities of transport. They were

all rented out as usual from July 1263 for 3 years or to July 1265, and after a brisk competition owing to increased demand for the Railway and other works, realised the sums shown in the Margin. The renter of the first Venad, is stated to have been generally regular in his payments, but the holders of the other three more productive Quarries fell into arrears, owing, as they declared, to the failure of water in the Canal and their farms were attached in October last.

4 In January last, the Collector states that he received an application from the Superintending Engineer Presidency Division for 100 Carries of shells. The demand was promptly met from

Venad — 200
 Erookum — 936
 Chinnaboreolum — 215
 Yellvoor — 925
 2275/12m
 Theptthar
 South of
 Chinnabore — 75
 2350 Total

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from the Erookum Quarries which were released on the renter's making satisfactory arrangements for the payment of his arrears. The remaining 2 renters were unable to give the same guarantee and their Quarries necessarily continued under attachment.

5 In February last, the Superintending Engineer again addressed the Collector, complaining of the exorbitant price charged for shells by the Erookum renter, and was informed that he could be supplied with any quantity of shells from the 2 attached Quarries on payment of 5 Rupees per Carry (towards the liquidation of the rents) and the cost of digging them up. The Superintending Engineer's Contractors are however represented to have delayed taking advantage of this permission, and a very small quantity of shells was procured before the water in the Canal failed.

6 The Superintending Engineer appears then to have forwarded an offer from his Contractors for the rent of the 2 attached Quarries.

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Quarries for Rupees 800, or 340 Rupees less than the previous Contract. The Collector did not consider that the state of the market rendered a reduction necessary and having applications from other parties, proposed reletting the Quarries by open Competition as heretofore. The representations of the Military Board however and their offer to guarantee the annual loss to the Collector induced him to make over the Quarries to the Superintending Engineer's Contractors.

7 From the above detail it seems clear that the want of water in the Canal was the main cause of the renter's failure and not (as the Military Board assume) the measures adopted by the Collector to realise the dues of the State. The inconvenience to the Superintending Engineer's Department might it seems have been lessened if his Contractors had fully availed themselves of the offer made by the Collector in February last.

8 The Board do not see that objection can be taken to the Collector's measures for realising

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realising the rents. his proceedings being such as are usual on such occasions and as

Mr. Shubrick on assuming charge seems to have done all in his power to meet the existing difficulty.

9 The Board learn by the accompanying Memorandum from the Chief Engineer's Department that Lime can be procured in abundance at St. Thomas Mount.

10 With regards to the system to be adopted for the future, the Board do not see that any change is imperatively required. There seems no reason why when situated as in Chingleput on Government land Channai Quarries should be altogether exempt from taxation. The vicinity of the Presidency renders them of value, and there must be a steady demand for their produce. On the other hand, as the amount of the rents is under 2500 Rupees, this limited taxation cannot be supposed to affect the supplies to Madras or the price in any inordinate degree. The rents will of course adjust themselves to the demand

From Captain
Callender Chief
Engineer Dept.
Public Works
30th August in
Consultation
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demand, and it will be the interest of the renters to furnish as large supplies as they can.

The Public Works Department can, if necessary, retain one or more of the Quarries to provide Lime for Government works and the others may probably be subdivided so as, if possible, to

prevent their being monopolised unless the quarries are reserved by Government for their own use, they must, in the Board's opinion, be rented as heretofore if they pass at all into private hands, they should do so by public competition. There are too many sources of supply for price to depend upon these quarries. The rents will be determined by prevailing prices not prices by these rents.

The extension of the canal both North and South of Madras will bring into the market the produce of the Nellore and South arcot quarries, and if, the price admits of it, the Railway will also be effectual in lessening the demand on the few Quarries now in operation.

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N^o 3168 From
Chengalpet
1st in Case 3^d
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In a subsequent communication the Collector reports that a tax is also levied under the head of Small Farms &c on the manufacture of Churnam. The usual charge is 1 Rupee per kilu, but one large kilu in the neighbourhood of Madras is charged 5¹/₄ Rupees per annum. The entire Revenue from this source, in the last July, was only Rupees 28³/₄ and the Board propose instructing the Collector in future to charge all kilus merely with the assessment of the land they occupy.

The Board propose issuing the same instructions in regard to brick kilns which the Collector incidentally mentions as liable to a similar charge when on land not paying assessment. The amount of this Revenue was only Rupees 41 in July 1264.

The Board have already addressed Government regarding the license fee and Dist rent charged on Churnam kilns in the Madras Collectorate, and the former item has been abolished.

Pro to Govt
20th July 1835

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From Madras
1 in Cons 23^d
August 1835.

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The Acting Collector has since informed the Board that he was mistaken in the amount of Quit Rent levied, and that instead of Rupees 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ per annum, as he understood that sum is charged Monthly except during the 2 monsoon Months, when the kiles are exempt. The rates charged on property of different descriptions in similarly favorable localities is given in his letter of the 1st August 1835, and on a due consideration of these,

To Madras 23^d
August 1835.

the Board have directed that each Kile shall be charged with a Monthly rent of 7 instead of 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees for 10 Months in each year -

Since fee — 4
Rent 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rs.
for 10 M — 105
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Present charge
7 Rs. for 10 M } 70
39

Note.
The Board have authorized remission of Quit Rent where from scarcity of water in the Canal the kiles are stopped. —
Pro Collector
Oct 1835.

The relief thus afforded is Rupees 39 per annum on each Kile, and the holders of such property are placed in a far more favorable position than the owners of Firewood stores, which pay, if occupying the same extent of land viz 3 grounds, from Rupees 42 to 21 per annum, and apparently for the whole year instead of only for 10 Months.

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In his letter of the 18th September the

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Cons. 7 in Cons.
21st August 1835
Para 3.

Dated 18th in
Cons. 120th Sept^r
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the Acting Collector furnished the information required by Government, regarding the proposals for working quarries in the Vysarpady and Tondiarpetta divisions. These are, it seems, in Government land, and the Acting Collector did not consider that the sums offered for the privilege would counterbalance the inconvenience which would result from allowing the ground to be broken up and become a public nuisance. Mr. Cunliffe reports that the deposits of shells has proved more abundant than was at first supposed, and he has since rented the 4 sites by public competition. One did not prove productive and the rent was cancelled; the other realised respectively 80,500 and 145 Rupees, or in the aggregate Rupees 725.

The Board will now review the reports from the more distant Collectories.

In Ganjam, there are no quarries of shells. Churnum is made from lime stone and along the coast from shells and.

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in July 1264, was levied from six persons and realized only Rupees 10½. The Board recommend its discontinuance in future.

8th The Collector of Tanjore reports that there are no quarries of shells in that district.

9th In the 5 Districts of Madurai, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, Malabar, and Canara, there are no such quarries, and no tax is levied on Chunnam whether made from Lime Stone or shells.

10th In Tinnevely also there are no quarries, but Moturpha to the amount of Rupees 61 is levied in some Villages either on the Kilus or the persons engaged in the manufacture. The Moturpha appears under three heads, as is shown in the margin, and the Board recommend that the 2 latter, amounting to Rupees 41-2-6, be given up and the first retained until it be determined whether it should be reserved for Municipal purposes.

11th In North Arcot, in like manner, Moturpha is levied in Conjoindy and 6 Palooks of the District on the Kilus and houses of the manufacturers. The

Rs. a P.
Amount 19-13-6
Poll - 3-5
Lime Kilns 40-15-1
Rupees 61-0-0

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The former, amounting to Rupees 17-1-9, may, in the Board's opinion, be abandoned the latter, Rupees 80-13-2, being reserved for the present for the reason assigned in the preceding para -

12th In the Salem District, Chunnam is made from lime stone, and the only charge is a Moturpha on the Kilus. There are 24 rates in force, varying from Rupees 2¾ to ¼ Rupee, the tax falls on 258 Rupees and realizes Rupees 182. The Board recommend its abolition.

13th The only tax levied in Kurnool is a sum of Rupees 33, assessed on four Kilus in Goodoor, 54 others in other parts of the District being exempt under the circumstances stated by the Agent, the Board recommend the remission of this sum.

14th In Bellary there are 37 persons in the whole district charged with Moturpha as "Chunnam Burners", and paying the aggregate Rupees 184¼. The Board would recommend

recommend

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would have ensued, as the quantity used by Government, the Government Department, and private individuals, must be very large indeed. The Board therefore do not base their present recommendation on the ground that the sums now charged except the Quit Rent in Madras itself, are excessive, but they consider that a tax on the land occupied with the best mode of raising revenue from this branch of industry will enable the Government to dispense with the existing personal taxes on the people engaged in the trade. It is of course impossible to ascertain how much of the revenue foregone will thus be replaced, but the difference will, under any circumstances, be insignificant, and it is important when the land assessment is about to be reduced to a moderate rate

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rate that exciseptions should be avoided as much as practicable.

21. The Board's accounts show that a sum of Rupees 74 as realized in Kurnool as motorphes on Channam Burners. The Board have required information on this subject from the agent, and will submit his report as soon as it is received.

*
H. Kurnool 29th
October 1855.

Revenue Board Office

Fort St. George,

30th November 1855.

M. N. 2550

From the Collector of Chingleput

Read Indent for Salt

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22nd Nov^r 1855

Rowannahs required for the year 1856 in the

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Zillah of Chingleput.

Order thereon.

Ordered to be supplied accordingly.

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M. N. 2554

Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.

From the Coll^r of Cuddapah

Return of persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for the month

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M. N. 2557

of August 1855.

From the Collector of Cuddapah

Informs that there were no cases of persons confined under Regulation IX of 1822 for August 1855.

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M. N. 2553

From the Collector of Cuddapah

Return of persons charged with offences under Regulation VI of 1831 suspended or dismissed during the August 1855.

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Collector professes himself unable to explain the deficient out turn as that ship was loaded in fine weather he can only conjecture that may have met with bad weather on her passage up the Bay

7. As regards the passage from the platform to the boats, there seems room for increased carefulness at Ennore, and it is not clear that pilfering may not take place in that part of the process at Madras Mr Campbell seems to have taken effectual means to secure the corresponding part of the transit and his attention should be directed to the same object at Ennore.

The recent case at Coringa shows the necessity of such precaution. With reference to the suggestions of the Calcutta Board of Revenue for the use of the check and tally system it is observed that it is already in operation see Collector's letter Para 6 and Mr Campbell's Paras 22 to 24 on the whole the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is of opinion that the explanations furnished by Mr Campbell afford proof of his activity and zeal in labouring to promote the efficiency of the Department over which he is

placed

*From Government of Bengal 23rd January - 1855
Order of Govt 12th February - 1855
From Commissioner Southern Circars 16th September - 1855
No 110
Extract Minutes Consultation 30th October 1855 No 1199.

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placed and are fully sufficient to do away the unfavorable impressions received from the complaints made at Calcutta.

8. In their remarks (Paras 20 and 24) on the obligation incurred by Government when engaging to put the Salt on board Ship the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is of opinion that the Board have not rightly defined the real conditions of that engagement, it is to be remembered that the price charged for the Salt, Vizt, 15 Rupees the hundred Maunds is no more than its actual cost to Government up to the time of its leaving the scales at Ennore and Madras in particular this very question whether Salt could be sold at that price without loss has recently been under discussion and the Board even held the negative opinion such then being the fact that the price charged only represents the actual cost to Government up to the delivery at the Platform it seems clear that Government cannot be called on to make good any subsequent loss or waste except indeed such as may be clearly owing to any defect in their own arrangements whether from its being put on board wet as in the case of the "Noupareil" from theft between the scales and the ship or other neglect on the part of Government servants.

*Boards Proceedings
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No 906
Paras 11-12

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9 It does not appear to Government that the undertaking to ship the Salt implies a contract to "put on board the full quantity invoiced" (Boards Proceedings Para 24) The reason why Government undertake the shipment appears to be no other than the prevention of fraud and smuggling by the surreptitious landing and sale of Salt sold at cost price for export and Government are bound to no more than to take ordinary care of the article such as would be taken by the owner if the shipment were left to him. It is stated by Mr Campbell that 2 per Cent wastage ought to be allowed as matter of course on the process of shipment but obviously there is no reason why Government should bear this because as already said the price which they charge leaves no margin for compensating subsequent waste or risk much less would it be fair that the Government should bear all the loss occasioned by the reckless haste of Captains to get their cargo on board in spite of weather and put to sea. The legitimate check on such Proceedings is the loss thereby occasioned to those concerned in the Cargo and if that were withdrawn the waste from this cause might be expected

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to increase largely.

10 For the foregoing reason the Government must withhold approval from several of the rules proposed by Mr Campbell and recited by the Board in Para 19 of their Proceedings Rules 2, 3 and 4 proceed on the assumption that Government is liable for all wastage but as in fact that liability fairly rests on the Shippers the rules are unnecessary. Rule 1 for the selection of the most suitable Salt for export, should be adhered to as far as practicable, with respect to Rule 5 every facility should be given for the attendance of an Officer of the ship or an agent of the purchaser at the time of weighing, and Government will be prepared to consider favorably any proposition for providing accommodation for European Officers so attending as suggested by Mr Campbell. But as the attendance is simply desirable as a protection to the Shippers Government cannot make it a condition of sale. Rules 6 and 7 are very proper and the Government will be quite ready to authorize the outlay necessary to give effect to them. It seems highly desirable also that Contracts for the supply of boats to be supplied whenever wanted should be

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be entered into as proposed in Rule 9.

11. Adverting to the actual conditions of the Government engagement to put the Salt on board ship, as now explained, it may here be useful to point out that the use of the check unduly cannot be extended so far as the Calcutta Board seem to think. Under the circumstances just stated the real security to the Shippers is to check the weighing and generally to watch the Proceedings between the scales and the ship, the ship receipt also has its use in certifying that the proper number of boat loads and bags has come on board, or in bringing deficiencies to light. But as a general rule the price to be paid by the purchaser will be regulated by the weighing and not by the ship receipts.

12. In the latter part of their Proceedings the Board treat of the correspondence between the Collector of Madras and the Chamber of Commerce in pursuance of the order of Government of the 31st May, on the question whether the conveyance of the Salt from the shore to the ship cannot be undertaken by the shipper

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shipper. On this subject it is not necessary to record any lengthened remarks. The proposition was made by Government with the simple object of increasing the facilities of trade, and they regret that it was not so accepted by the chamber. They must observe however that it does not appear to them necessary that a purchaser of Salt should deposit the amount of the duty, as proposed by Mr. Cunliffe, and this proposition may have led to misunderstanding for the reasons above given no allowance could be made for wastage, but in case of the purchaser undertaking the Shipment, the cost of that operation to Government would be deducted from the price of the Salt. The proposal of an export Depot at Clive's Battery has already been under consideration, and the subject was postponed pending a decision as to the branch canal to the Royapooram Beach, it seems inexpedient too to entertain the question until the future footing of the salt Revenue shall be determined.

13. The Shipment will now go on upon its present footing. As far as practicable Salt will be stored at Madras and Shipment will be made

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Ms. N. 2549

From the Collector of Cuddapah. Statement of Demand

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Collection and Balance of Revenue for the
month of September 1855.

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Ms. N. 2552

From the Coll^r of Cuddapah. Average Bazar Prices

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Ms. N. 2556

of grain for September 1855.

From the Agent at Kurnool. Average Bazar Prices

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Ms. N. 2546

of grain for October 1855.

From the Collector of Cuddapah. Reports that no rain

of any consequence has fallen throughout the
District, and that the dry crops are in a pro-

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Ms. N. 2547

misng condition.

From the Coll^r of Nellore. Reports on the state of the

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Ms. N. 2548

season.

From the Coll^r of Tinnevely. Reports upon the state of

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the season up to 15th November 1855.

From the Coll^r of Cuddapah. Forwards certain slips of paper
showing the corrections made in Demand, Collection, & Balance
Statements for June, July and August 1855, and
requests that similar alterations be made.

" E. M. T. H. y

" H. H. H. H. H.

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C. R. H. H. H.