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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Monday the 10th November 1856.-

Read the following Papers

Revenue Department

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B/d No. 4503

From the Chief Secy to Government } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 1st November 1856.

Granting to Syed Mohomed a Yeomiahdar No. 496 in the District of North Arcot an extension of 3 years leave to remain at Hyderabad.. } See No. 1165 in separate Volume Page 418

400. 401

B. No. 3736

Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated with copy of the Board's Proceedings to the Collector of North Arcot for his information and guidance..

402

B/d No. 4523

From the Chief Secy to Government. } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 4th November 1856

Sanctioning the disbursement of Rupees 2100/ Two thousand one hundred being the cost of medium size Goa paper supplied to the Superintendent of Stamps } See No. 1176 in separate Volume Page 419

Ordered

2.403 Bd. No. 3728.
Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Superintendent of Stamps.

Revenue Department.

404
Bd. No. 4555
From the Chief Secy to Government } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 5th November 1856

Observing that the erection of huts on the margin of the Jackatallah Cantonment by Captain Campbell for his workmen is made without the knowledge of the Collector of Coimbatore and informing the former that he is not authorized to take up land for any purposes without first obtaining the consent of the latter Officer.

(See No. 1181 in Separate Volume) P. 420.

404.405
Bd. No. 3741
Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector with copy of the Board's Proceedings for his information and future guidance.

406
B. No. 3832
From the Collector of Coimbatore } Dated 11th September 1856 } Read Forwarding a Statement of Extra Tent allowance drawn

drawn by him and his Assistant in Fusly 1265 and requests sanction.

406.407
B. No. 3739
Proceedings thereon 1

		days
Mr. E. B. Thomas, Collector		104
" M. S. Walhouse Sub Collr		51
" G. L. Morris Actg Do		109
" W. E. Sullivan Asst Collector		62
" J. G. Thompson Ag Do		5
" E. C. G. Thomas Asst Do		18

The Extra Tent allowance drawn by each Officer for the number of days noted in the margin is sanctioned by the Board of Revenue.

2 The Board observe that of the 104 days for which the Collector has drawn Extra Tentage 72 were passed on the Neilgherries and on route thereto. They perceive also from his Bill for Extra Tentage from April to June 1856 that a further period of 66 days were spent by him in the same way. The Board do not doubt that these visits were rendered really necessary by the exigencies of the public service but agreeably to their Circular Order the cause should have been explained particularly as the time thus passed on the Hills is out of all proportion

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to the time spent in moving about the rest of his large and important District.

3 On looking over Mr H. E. Sullivan's bill the Board remark that he drew Extra Tentage at Metapallium on the 22d October 1855, and the next entry is for 12th November 1855 at Covilpallium again he drew Extra Tentage at Avenashy on 13th February 1856, while the next entry is for Extra Tentage at Gopichetypaliam on 25th April 1856 The Board wish to know where Mr Sullivan was during these intervals.

408
B. No. 4011.
From the Ag Collr of Tanjore
Dated 25th September 1856

Read Statement shewing the number of Tents possessed by the Collector and his Sub Officers in the District of Tanjore and the No of days in each month for which Extra Tentage was drawn by them &c.

408-409
Bd No. 3731
Proceedings thereon

The Extra Tent allowance drawn

		days
Mr H. Forbes	Collr.	197
" W. M. Caisell	Sub Collr	366
" M. Norman	Ag Sp: Assr. Collector	210
" G. Vans Agnew	Do Do	81

drawn by each Officer for the number of days noted in the margin is sanctioned by the Board of Revenue.

2 The Board observe that Mr C. N. Pochin the Acting Head Assistant Collector passed 69 days at Point Calymere on 2 occasions and they request information as to the cause of this protracted residence at this station his stay at other places having been only 33 days.

1855 26th June to 25th July — 30
1856 6th January to 13th February — 39
69

No. 327

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

410
Bd No. 4289
From the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to Para 2 of Extra from Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 11th Instant I have the honor to inform you that the Abkarry Renters

Renters have given Vouchers binding themselves to renew the security and make a deposit of one months Rist, a month before the commencement of each succeeding Fusly and that in the event of their failing to do so that the farm might be resold at their risk for the remaining Fuslies and that they would make good any deficiency in the amount of rent when resold, and if they do not that their property might be attached and sold by Public auction according to Regulations.

Tinnevelly
Coll.rs Cs. Cutcherry
Tencausey 17th October 1856

(Signed) J. Silver
Collector

Bd. No. 3738
Proceedings thereon

(410. 411)

The rents having been accepted it only remains for the Collector to see that the securities are only received and that the renters are regularly called upon

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to fulfil their engagements.-

No. 114

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

(412)
Bd. No. 4421
From the Collector of Rajahmundry

Sir.

With reference to the accompanying Petition No. 507 of 1856, referred by the late Commissioner for disposal, from C. China ramajozanah praying for the continuance of the allowance enjoyed by his late uncle and for the payment of arrears due up to the last incumbents death, I have the honor to state that the allowance claimed by the Petitioner 4 Rupees 38-8-- enjoyed by Condepoody Sashapah No. 36 in Statement No. 3 submitted by a former Sub Collector in charge on the 18th February 1848 and is one of those sanctioned by Government to be continued during the lives of the incumbents, lapses being reported for orders as

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as they occur.-

2. The last instalment of death took place on the 25th December 1853 and a sum of Rupees 17-9-10 was due up to the date of his demise, the last payment having been made up to 11th July 1853. The deceased left no widow or sons, but three Daughters, all married and living with their husbands. The deceased undivided elder brother left 3 sons of whom the Petitioner is the eldest. The statement of the arrears of allowance due to the deceased is herewith submitted for sanction.

3 The family of Anderu Dommaru Chenna Canniah under the provisions of Sec 4 of Regulation XIX of 1852 possessing an annual income of Rupees 220-. Under these circumstances do not recommend the continuance of the allowance to the Petitioner of the allowance enjoyed by the deceased. The usual Certificate of the Collector is herewith enclosed.-

Rajahmundry Collr's Office } (Signed) C.P. Brown
Canada 21st October 1856 } Collector

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Encl 1

Statement shewing the amount of arrears due to the undermentioned individuals in the District of Rajahmundry.

No. of Certificate	Name of the Pensioner	Amount of Pensions &c. per annum	Date of Government authority	Nature of the grant	Period for which arrears are due	Total amount of arrears	Explanation of the cause of suspension of payment	Remarks of the Board of Revenue	Orders of Government
		Rs a P				Rs a P			
28	Condapoody Sashapa	38-8--	20th June 1848	In lieu of resumed Enam land in the Co: Taramacher Drapoor Talook.	From 12th July 1853 to 25th December 1853	17 9 10	The deceased left no widow or sons and present claimant is the eldest of the three sons of the deceased's elder brother living as an undivided family The deceased's death having taken place in the District of Vizagapatam where he was living for some time was the cause of the delay in his drawing the allowance during his existence - The claims of the heirs having subsequently been enquired into and established the Collector recommends the payment of the arrears to the Nephew of the deceased.-		

Rajahmundry District Collr's Office Co canada 21st October 1856 } (Signed) A. Purvis Collector

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B. N. 3734
Proceedings thereon
412. 413

The Petitioner having as reported by the Collector, established his right to receive the arrears of allowance due to his late uncle, the Board sanction the payment to him of Rupees 17-9-10.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No. 507 of 1856.

"The Petitioner is informed that instructions have been sent to the Collector for the payment to him of the arrears of allowance due to his late Uncle Condepoody Shashappa Viz. 17-9-10."

No. 137

To J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

414
B. N. 4375
From the Ag. Collr of Guntoor — 1

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings dated 11th Instant forwarding copy of the Extract Minutes of Consultation relative to the Estimate of Extra charges for Fasly 1266,

Observing that the Civil Auditors Circular quoted by the Govt in the Minutes of Cons. of the 1st communicated by the Bd on the 11th Instant had been cancelled & consequently the Estimate of Extra Charges for Fasly 1266 was submitted in the usual form and stating that the items sanctioned are not clearly observable.

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1266, and in reply beg to offer the following observations.

2 The Government refer to certain recent instructions of the Civil Auditor regarding contingent charges" & from their subsequent allusion to para 10 of the same it is found that those dated 22d April last are the instructions referred to. These were however cancelled in toto by the Civil Auditor under date the 15th May following, and the Estimate of Extra charges was submitted in the usual form in July.

3 The Civil Auditor again on 20th August addressed further instructions regarding contingent charges in which it appears the items now disallowed by Government are classed as those to be incurred "under Estimate" but by whom this is to be sanctioned is not stated leaving it to be supposed that it was intended to pass through the former routine a reference to some of the items

items in the instructions cancelled and similar ones in those afterwards substituted also shews that in circulating the latter the classification observed in the former was not intended to be adhered to, for instance "covering Salt heaps" appears in one as an item to be incurred "without Estimate" and in the other "under Estimate."-

4 Under these circumstances there appeared no alternative but to adopt the course observed I beg also to state that no particulars are given of the sums sanctioned and disallowed by Government nor can such be ascertained beyond doubt by a reference to the Statement.

5 If the supposition is correct that the Government in passing their animadversions on the Collectors in para 2 of the Extract Minutes of Consultation alluded to, were not informed of the orders of the Civil Auditor quoted by them being

being cancelled, and of the issue of this further instructions it will doubtless suggest the expediency of some arrangement for a clear understanding of the course to be pursued in transactions of this nature in which several Departments are concerned.

6. I may here state that I have recently had occasion to point out an instance of conflicting Orders received from the Offices of the Accountant General and Civil Auditor.-

7 The doubts and difficulties now created must necessarily tend to weaken the confidence in these Financial Offices that they are acting under the sanction of Government and also to hinder punctuality in the accounts to be furnished to them.-

Guntoor Collector's Office 22d October 1856

(Signed) H. Newill
Ag Collector

Proceedings

414. 415. Bd's Pro: 3747

Proceedings thereon / The Board observe that the items excluded from the Estimate of Extra charges proposed to be incurred in Fusly 1266 in the Guntoor District, and those sanctioned by Government are as follows.

Excluded

For covering Salt heaps	Rs	1,500
" weighing Do		180
" making and repairing brass measures calls		30
" Hire to Extra measurers		25
" Tickets for Salt heaps		4
		1739

Sanctioned

For making Treasure Boxes		121
Desks		36
and repairing crowbars		25
		181
Collectors Estimate		1920

The instructions of the Civil Auditor under which the Government disallowed the items alluded to are those issued by him to Collectors regarding contingent Extra and variable Charges These charges do not require the special sanction of Government, and will be passed by the Civil Auditor in ordinary audit.

2 A copy of the Civil Auditors instructions will be furnished to the Acting Collector for his information and future guidance.

To

No. 7488

To the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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Bd's Pro: 4332

From the Assistant to the Chief Engineer

Sir

In reply to your letter No. 3445 dated the 17th Instant, I am instructed by the Chief Engineer to forward for the information of the Board a Statement shewing the number of Lascars / such instead of Peons being the designation Government have been pleased to adopt) allotted to Officers of all grades Commissioned and Subordinate in the remodelled Establishment for the Department Public Works who are in tended to perform the duties of Peons and to whom the Chief Engineer considers its desirable that Belts should be given.

2 It will only be necessary to distinguish the "Lascars" of the Commissioned and superior grades by cloth Belts the Lascars of the subordinates can be furnished with leathern Belts which as the

the Board suggest can doubtless be pro-
cured in the Districts.-

3 Cloth will therefore have
to be provided for the establishment
of Lascars as shewn
in the margin, and as
would often be a
matter of difficulty
to obtain good cloth
in the Districts at a reasonable
price the Chief Engineer desires
to submit for the consideration of
the Board, whether it will not be
preferable that a supply of good
Blue cloth should be Indent-
ed for from England kept in
store and issued periodically
on Indents from the different
District Engineers, countersigned
by the Head of the Department
rather than that the District
Engineer should have to depend
upon the markets of these
respective districts for a supply
of

		Lascars
1 Supt. E. & C. Canal		8
20 Dist. Engrs.	@ 8	160
46 Executive Engrs.	@ 4	184
32 Assists.	do @ 4	128
	Total	480

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4 The return now for-
Statement warded does not include the
Establishment of Peons for the
Central Office of Public Works
or the Civil Architect at the
Presidency and Garrison Engineer
of Fort St. George.

5 I am not informed
whether the Revenue Board
will also supply plates or
badges.-

Central Office
of P. W.
Fort St. George
23d October 1856

(Signed) P. O. Connell, Lieut.
Assistt. to the Chief
Engineer

Statement

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Statement

Central Office of P. W. Fort St. George 23d October 1856

(Signed) P. O. Connell, Lieut.
Assist. to the Chief Engineer

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B. 1st 4329

From A. B. Parker Esqr }
to Members of the Board of Rev. }

In the Supreme Court

Madras.

I, Robert Deane Parker, do promise and swear that I will to the utmost of my endeavours, well and faithfully execute and discharge the duties of an Officer of Revenue reposed in, and committed to me by the East India Company and that I will not demand take or accept, directly or indirectly, by myself or by any other person, for my use, or on my behalf, of or from any Rajah, Zemindar, Talookdar Poligar, Farmer, Renter or Ryot, or from any person paying or liable to pay any tribute, rent or tax, to or for the use of the said Company, any sum of Money or other valuable thing, by way of gift Present, or otherwise over and above, or besides and except, the actual tribute, rent or tax, authorized to be taken by and for the use of the said Company, and that I will justly and truly account for, answer, and pay, all the rents, duties, and other revenues, and sums of money, which shall come to my hands, or to the hands of any person, or persons, in trust for or employed by me, as an Officer of the Revenues of the said Company unto the said Company

Sworn

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Statement showing the number of Servants allotted to each Commissioner and Collector under the Establishment for the Land Revenue Officers of the Board of Revenue

		No. of Servants
1	Superintendent Canton. Court Bund	8
20	District Engineer at 8 Servants each	160
45	Executive Engineer @ 4 — Do.	184
32	Assistant — @ 4 — Do.	128
30	Asst Engineer — @ 8 — Do.	240
30	Overseer — @ 2 — Do.	60
30	Assistant Overseer @ 2 — Do.	60
32	Overseer — @ 2 — Do.	54
20	Assistant Overseer @ 2 — Do.	40
12	Probationary — @ 1 — Do.	12
	Total	988

Central Office of C. P. W. Fort St. George 23d October 1856 (Signed) C. G. Connell Lieut
Assistant to the Chief Engineer

Order thereon

Sent

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Sworn to before me this
24th day of October 1856
at Madras. So help me God.
/Signed/ W. W. Burton /Signed/ R. S. Parker

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ W. A. Serle
Register

418. 419
Order thereon. Ordered to be recorded.

No. 174

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

420
Bd No. 1512
From the Collector
of Coimbatore

Sir,

Adverting to a letter from the Secretary to Government dated 21st September 1856 I have the honor to forward a Statement shewing the payments made to Ryots in this District as Compensation for lands &c. damaged by the Madras Railway from July to September 1856 amounting to Rupees 11,36-1-11 and to request that the Sanction of Government may be obtained for the same.

Coimbatore,
Collector's Office,
31st October 1856.

/Signed/ C. D. Thomas
Collector

420. 421
Bd No. 3740
Proceedings thereon. The Board request that the Collector will inform them, whether the entries in Column 3 give

give the extent in Cawnies or acres Col. 9 they observe is also defective in not shewing the Currency.

2. They presume that the compensation, for which Sanction is now sought is debitable against the Government and not against the Railway Company. If so the wording of the heading should be followed Viz. "for "way" and "Works".

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

422
Bd No. 1507
From the Collector
of Rajahmundry

Sir,

With reference to the late Commissioner's Endorsement on Petition No. 599 of 1856, Calling on me to report why the final Endorsement on Petition No. 980 of 1853 dated 9th March 1854 had not been duly delivered to the party I have the honor to state that the final Endorsement was delivered to the Petitioner on the 30th March 1854 as appears from the report of the Officer in charge of the Taluk in which the Petitioner is resident His receipt for the same is also forthcoming.

Herewith returned

Rajahmundry District,
Collector's Office...
Cocanada.....
31st October 1856....

/Signed/ A. Purvis
Collector

Proceedings

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(422. 423)

Bd. No. 3733

Proceedings thereon.

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Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petitioner No. 599 of 1836.

"The Collector reports that the final Endorsement on Petition No. 980 of 1833 was duly delivered to Petitioner and his receipt taken for it."

To, No. 345

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

(424)

Bd. No. 3751, 2

From the Collector of Tinnevelly.

Sir,

I have this day received from you an Official Memorandum dated 27th October, calling for my Settlement report for Fasly 1245. The report in question together with the accounts belonging to it, was despatched by me to the Board on the 8th October, and ought to have been received in the Board's Office on the 13th of that Month. The despatch of the Report I said duly entered in my Official Register under date the 8th October, besides this, it is entered in my Cutcherry Post Office Book under that date, and that Book bears the Initials of the Post Office Writer in token of the having been received. I beg, therefore to request that a

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search may be made in the Board's Office in case my report should have been mislaid there, if it has never been received, I must of course have a fresh Copy made, with a fresh set of accounts, but that would necessarily take up a considerable time.

Tinnevelly 1st November 1836.

I Signed I J. Silver.

Collector.

Postscript

Since writing the above letter, I have received satisfactory information from the Deputy Post Master Palamcottah, regarding my Settlement report. The report and accounts were despatched from my Office, made up into a packet covered with wax cloth; it was forwarded as a Bangby parcel and the Deputy Post Master Palamcottah, has sent for my inspection, the return Chulan from Madras, shewing that the packet in question was received there on the 13th October.-

I Signed I J. Silver

Collector

(424. 425)

Bd. No. 3725

Proceedings thereon.

The Board observe that a Copy of their Official Memorandum of 27th October 1836 was addressed to the Collector of Tinnevelly by mistake, his Settlement Report having been

been duly received on the 13th idem. It is requested that the Official Memorandum may be cancelled.

Resolved that the following letters be despatched.

426
Bd's No. 3730
Circular to all Collectrs including Madras

Circular

To

The Collectors of

Sir,

With reference to the Circular from this Office, dated 21st February 1856 No. 1941 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that in recommending the defence, at the public expense of suits instituted against yourself or your Subordinates, you will invariably State the dates within which the Answers must be filed.

2 If the reply of the Board should not reach you within the prescribed period, you will apply for an extention, the grant of which, you will observe from para 3 of the Sudder Court's letter of 5th February 1856, is left to the discretion of the local Courts should such extension be refused you will file an answer (with such fresh arguments or other modifications as may have suggested themselves to you subsequent

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to the preparation of your Draft reply) intimating to the Court that you have not received the orders of Superior authority on the Subject, and that Consequently it may be necessary to file a Supplementary one under clause 3 Section XII Regulation XV of 1816.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
10th November 1856

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

427
Bd's No. 3732
To all Collectors Except South Arcot Nellore North Arcot Trichinopoly Madras Salem Guntoor Cuddapah Bellary Madura Kurnool and Masulipatam.

Circular

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the Demand Collection and Balance Statement of your district for the Month of October has not as yet been received and to request that you will expedite its transmission if it has not already been despatched from your Office.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George
10th November 1856.

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous Letters and Statements.

From.

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428
Mr. No. 2689
From the Collector of Nellore. Statement of Demand Collection and
429
Mr. No. 2687 Balance of Revenue for October 1856.
From the Collector of South Arcot. Statement of Demand Collection and
430
Mr. No. 2688 Balance of Revenue for October 1856.
From the Collector of Trichinopoly. Statement of Demand Collection
431
Mr. No. 2690 and Balance of Revenue for October 1856.
From the Collector of North Arcot. Season Report for October 1856.
432 Mr. No. 2695
From the Collector of Masulipatam. Season Report for October 1856.
433 Mr. No. 2696
From the Asst Collector of Guntoor. Season Report for October 1856.
434 Mr. No. 2697
From the Off. Agent at Kurnool. Season Report for October 1856.
Mr. No. 2691
435 From the Collector of Nellore. Average Bazar Prices of Grain and
436
Mr. No. 2698 Memorandum of Iyan Cultivation for September 1856.
From the Collector of Cuddapah. Average Bazar Prices of Grain and
437
Mr. No. 2697 Memorandum of Iyan Cultivation for September 1856.
From the Collector of South Arcot. Statement of Extra Tentage and
Bill of the Acting Head Assistant Collector for
438
Mr. No. 2693 September 1856.
From the Collector of South Arcot. Statement of Extra Tentage
and Bill of the Acting Head Assistant Collector
for October 1856.

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Proceedings

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Tuesday the 11th November 1856.

Read the following Papers.

439
Bo. No. 4568
From the Chief Secy to Government. } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Revenue Department dated 6th November 1856.

Sanctioning the payment of Rs. 300 to the Revd M. F. Lobo acting Bishop of St. Thome, as a Compensation for the Tank at St. Thomas Mount filled up under the orders of the Commanding Officer. — (See No. 1183 in Separate Volume) P. 421

439. 440
Bo. No. 3735
Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Chingleput who will as proposed in his letter of 20th Ultimo tender the Sum of Rupees 300 as compensation to the Revd M. F. Lobo the Acting Bishop of St. Thome and report the result.—

441
Bo. No. 4570
From the Chief Secy to Government. } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Public Works Department dated 6th November 1856.

Remarks that the sentiments expressed by the Collector of Trichinopoly with respect to the Lands under the Coorcombalore Tank will be considered when the Estimate for repair is submitted by the Chief Engineer. (See No. 2063 in Separate Volume) P. 422

Order

19921
441. 442
B^r N^o 3737

Fort S^t George 11^th November 1856

Order thereon
443
B^r N^o 4571

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Trichinopoly.-

From the Chief Sec^y to Government - } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department dated 6^th November 1856 Communicating correspondence from the Government of India on the exemption of Sacramental wine from import duty. } (See N^o 1185 in separate Volume P 423

443. 444
Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded.

N^o 90-

To. G. S. Forbes Esq^re
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort S^t George

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B^r N^o 3447

From the Collector of Bellary - - - } With reference to your Circular letter of the 24^th December 1855 N^o 3470 directing that the Government Rents should instead of for 1 year, be put up for a term of 5 years and in order to defeat fraud and combination to fix upset prices and to give ample previous notice, I have the honor to subjoin a list of the Farms ^&c^a that are rented out yearly in this District, and to submit herewith a detailed Statement of the same.-

Farms

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Fort S^t George 11^th November 1856

	Nos	Farms &^ca	Number of Rents	Amount of Beriz	Average per farm &^ca on the Total Beriz	
Large Farms	1	Abkarry	16	26531	1595 7 -	The Farms of Ten Talooks are rented for one year, and seven for a term of 5 years.-
	2	River Toll Collections	6	6045	1007 - -	Six Talooks are rented for one year.-
Smaller Farms^&c^a	3	Old Topes	946	8322	8 13 -	
	4	Rents of Hills and Forests called Thondah Cavalee and Uddaree Cowle	31	1404	45 4 -	
Sundry Small Farms and &c. -consist-	5	Rents of Jalee Trees	153	2386	15 10 -	
	6	Rents of pasture grounds called Guddi Poolavary	15	273	18 4 -	
	7	Rents of Fisheries	7	124	17 12 -	
Government Plantations	8	New Topes	462	1672	3 10 -	
	9	Rents of Trees on Tank Bunds and road sides	68	141	2 1 -	
Items belonging to Mottahdars	10	Gajoobundah	10	765	76 8 -	
	11	Chakala Maniem	52	313	6 - -	
	12	Coomara D^o	86	353	4 2 -	
	13	Mala D^o	86	356	4 2 -	
	14	Madiga D^o	46	1058	23 - -	
	15	Koonchuti D^o	38	77	2 - -	
	16	Golla D^o	40	517	13 - -	
	17	Cooroobu D^o	3	247	82 4 -	
	18	Ahvatee D^o	42	147	3 8 -	
		Total	2108	279510	- - -	

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It will be observed that with the exception of the Abkarry and River Toll Farms (Nos 1 and 2) the average Rents of the numerous Farms comprised in the remaining 16 Items is very small.-

The Abkarry and River Toll Farms are always sold by public auction in the Kacherry and given without reserve to the highest bidder.- For the present year some of the Abkarry Farms in accordance with the instructions received from the Board have been rented for five years.- The River Toll Farms for one year only as directed by the Board.- There is no difficulty in carrying into effect the wishes of Government in respect of these Farms.-

But it is not practicable to carry out the orders of the Government with respect to the other Farms generally.- It will be seen that there are no less than 2086 petty Farms (Nos 3 to 18) the average Beriz of which will suffice to shew that they are very small.- they are

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are of various kinds, and are rented out at any convenient seasons by the Tasildars they do not for the following reasons admit of the time and place of sale, and of the upset price being fixed previously.-

The rents of the Farms contained in Items Nos 3-8-9 and 5 are generally taken out between the months of September and February, when an estimate of the probable produce of the trees can be obtained.-

Nos 4 and 6 are rented out between the months of August and October.-

There is competition for the rents of the larger Topes.- But the smaller Topes and Trees are frequently given in rent without competition to the Reddies of the Villages and are by them sub rented to the Ryots and no fixed time is or can be conveniently settled.- but the Tahsildars arrange with the Reddies when duty takes them to the Tahsildar's Cutcherries or when the Tahsildar goes to the Villages.- The orders of Government might be fully enforced with respect to the

Nos
3 Old Topes
8 New Do
9 Trees on Tank bunds and Road sides.
5 Jalee Trees

4 Hill & Forest
6 Pastures

Rents

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Rents of a few only of the largest Topes without inconvenience. But as the Subject of Topes is engaging the attention of Government with a view to abolish the rent altogether, I have not disturbed the present practice.-

The Rents of Fisheries No 7 are given out when the Tanks are drying up, no fixed time can be appointed.-

The Gajoob undahs No 10 / the privilege of taking the earth used in making bangles / are rented out on competition during the Months of December and January. This item might be subjected to the Orders of Government and orders to that effect have been sent for the Current year.-

The Sums collected on the 8 Heads of Manayem from Nos 11 to 18 are trifling the privilege of making these Collections is rented out to the heads of the different castes. The entire abolition of these objectionable items of Revenue has been frequently recommended.-

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* Sub Collectors letter to Bd of Revr dated 17th September 1855 No 88.-

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The Tahsildars report the offers made for the several Rents, and when no objection exists, they are confirmed and Puttahs are sent immediately from the Collector's Office.-

With the foregoing explanation it will I think be apparent that the intentions of Government cannot be at all conveniently and really enforced with regard to the numerous petty Farms in this District.-

Bellary Collectors Office
7th August 1856 - - - - -

Signed C. Pelly
Collector

Statement

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No 1 Statement of Rents in the Bellary District.-

Talooks according to the Beriz of Fusly 1264.-

Rented at the Hoozoor Large farms in Fusly 1266.-

No	Talooks	Bharry		River Toll		Old Topes		Rents of Small Hill and Trees		Farms and Licensis- Jalee		Grass		Fishery		Government Plantations New Topes		Trees on the banks of Rivers and avenues	
		Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount
	1	2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10	
1	Bellary	1	18000	1	390	48	624	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	16	191	"	"
2	Kumplee	1	15300	1	1595	38	788	"	"	"	"	1	50	2	54	5	36	"	"
3	Kurtpenhully	1	6400	1	325	179	1081	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	2	40	78
4	Kaodlagee	1	16300	1	835	105	1311	19	533	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	32	"	"
5	Hoovinhadgaly	1	7820	1	2100	60	476	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	27	53	1	1
6	Adonie	1	38050	1	800	8	386	1	100	"	"	"	"	"	"	11	78	"	"
7	Goollem	1	9835	"	"	15	158	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	21	154	"	"
8	Punchapollem	1	24500	"	"	38	381	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	35	"	"
9	Gooty	1	22500	"	"	40	185	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	32	103	"	"
10	Yadakee	1	10800	"	"	28	212	1	206	"	"	"	"	"	"	9	13	"	"
11	Raidroog	1	15900	"	"	45	503	1	26	"	"	"	"	"	"	40	87	1	2
12	Madagserah	1	9800	"	"	71	344	"	"	33	228	"	"	"	"	78	155	6	13
13	Anuntapoor	1	12800	"	"	62	311	3	261	17	274	2	52	"	"	44	141	"	"
14	Pengondah	1	15880	"	"	72	567	2	63	23	306	"	"	"	"	58	173	"	"
15	Coadeecondah	1	8120	"	"	43	262	"	"	24	800	"	"	"	"	52	138	2	4
16	Jedputty	1	6805	"	"	26	217	4	215	15	232	4	49	"	"	6	63	"	"
17	Dhurmaverum	1	16500	"	"	68	516	"	"	1	4	"	"	"	"				
	Total	16	255310	6	6045	946	8322	31	1404	40	542	8	122	5	70	52	218	18	43
										153	2386	15	273	7	124	462	1672	68	141

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Bagpire Veesabady Manebob										Total	
Bangle earth		Washermen		Potters		Malahs		Madigas			
Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount		
11		12		13		14		15		16	17
										66	19,205
										106	18085
		8	13	34	173					343	8237
		39	79	37	101	43	168			134	19,055
2	40									125	10561
						37	111			22	3,444
										37	10147
										47	24932
1	16									74	22958
1	170									39	11145
1	120									124	17397
		1	110					2	361	270	11267
						2	3			134	14,100
2	62							1	279	164	18188
1	210	1	40	1	55	1	53	1	140	181	9009
		2	3	14	24	2	5	37	96	39	7132
								3	15	203	18672
2	147	1	68			1	16	2	167		
10	765	52	313	86	353	86	356	46	1058	2108	279510

Coonchatee		Gollars		Shepheros		Poltaree			
Rents	Amount	Rent	Amount	Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount	Rents	Amount
16		17		18		19		20	
						16	76		
						2	3		
						1	4		
38	77	31	473	1	2	21	54		
				1	201				
		1	9						
		7	13			1	6		
		1	22						
				1	44	1	4		
38	77	40	517	3	247	42	147		

Bellary Collector's Office 7th August 1856.

E E Jpr.

(Signed) C. Pelly
Collector

Under

19929
(445. 446)
Bd No. 3744.

Fort St George 11th November 1856

Proceedings thereon.

Under the circumstances stated in the foregoing letter the Board are of opinion that the practice of renting out the numerous petty farms annually may be continued for the present, pending the future consideration of the various items included in them. The annual sales should nevertheless be conducted in a manner calculated to secure fair dealing, sufficient notice being given of the time and place of sale to invite competition.—

To

19930

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No 125

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

447
Bd No 4494.
From the Collector
of Canara.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 10th Instant and with reference to the instructions contained in para 2 of the same, beg to state for the information of the Board that I have been unable to advance a single step towards receiving and selling salt by weight instead of by measure.—

2. The Board in their Secretary's letter under date the 22d December last authorized me to obtain weighing machines from the Beypoor iron works, but before a reply was received from the Superintendent owing to my letter having followed Mr. Beaumont to Madras, the Board's Proceedings under date 1st February 1856, reached me and I suspended the arrangement in expectation of being eventually supplied from Madras.—

Under these circumstances the Board will observe that the price to be paid for the supply of salt now contracted for is in reality but little in advance of and rage price as stated in my letter of the 22d Ultimo.—

Collector's Cutcherry
Mangalore 21st
October 1856.

(Signed) W. Fisher
Collector

Ordered.

Fort St. George 11th November 1850.

447. 449

Order thereon.-

Ordered to lie recorded

Ordered also that the following letter be sent.-

To The Acting Mint Master
Madras.-

Sir.

With reference to the letter from this Office dated 28th August 1850, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request you will inform them whether any means have been adopted for testing the Capabilities of the New salt balance Manufactured for the Mint, as they are desirous of knowing as soon as possible the result of the Experiment suggested in the above letter.-

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
11th November 1850

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

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

449
Bd No. 3743.
To the Acting Mint Master
Madras.

450

Bd No. 4533.
From the Ag Collector
of Madura.-

Sir.

With reference to the Board's Endorsement on Petition No. 1230 I have the honor to state that the land alluded to in the Petition Comprising 4 Grounds and 78/100 Square feet

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feet has been in the enjoyment of the Petitioner from 1830 and is valued at Rupees 84-11-0 and taxed at 1-8-3 at the rate of 9 Rupees per Cawny of the Ditch lands on a part of which a Choultry is built and the remainder is planted with Cocoanut Tope The Petitioner pays the tax but objects to the payments of price for the land which he states was originally granted to him as Enam by Mr. Peter a late Principal Collector To prove this statement he poseses no document whatever, nor is there any on the records. The land in question is situated close to the Ditch grounds and lands similar to this were sold and the price collected. I can see no reason why this particular piece of land should be exempt as I consider the Enam claim has failed.-

(Signed) R. J. Sullivan.
Acting Collector

Madura
31st October 1850
Bd No. 3771
Proceedings thereon-

450. 451

The Board concur with the Collector in opinion that the Petitioner has no claim to exemption from Price or Teerwah for the land in occupation which was reclaimed from the Fort Ditch.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petn No. 1230 of 1850.-

"It is reported by the Collector that the Petitioner can produce no document to prove that this land

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is Enam, nor had Mr. Peter power to grant Enams. Such being the Case, he cannot be exempted from payment of the price exacted for the benefit of the Town from Ditch lands in general.-

No. 145.

To.

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

(452)
B. No. 4549.
From the Actg. Collector of Guntoor.

Sir,

With reference to the remarks in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 20th Ultimo on the return of the Village Officers for the month of July last I have the honor to state that the suspension of the party in the 1st case alluded to, was made temporarily till the amount of sist due by him is paid

Guntoor - - - - - }
Collectors Office - - - }
1st November 1850 }

(Signed) H. Newill.-
Acting Collector

B. No. 3760

Proceedings thereon.-

(452. 453)

The Board object to suspension for indefinite periods. In the present instance the Officer might have been suspended for one or more months and if this punishment failed to produce the desired effect he might have been dismissed.-

To

19934 Fort St. George 11th November 1850.

No. 348.

To.

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

(454)
B. No. 4572.
From the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

On the 1st Instant, I replied to your Official Memorandum of the 27th Ultimo, informing you, that my Summahbundy Report had been despatched on the 8th October and as shewn from the records of the Palamcottah Post Office, was received at Madras on the 13th October.-

2. As I conclude, therefore, that the Report must be forthcoming at the Office of the Board, I shall not begin to make a fresh Copy and fresh set of Accounts, unless I hear from you that it is not to be found, in which case I shall address the Post Master General on the subject.-

(Signed) J. Silver.
Collector.

Tinnevelly
3d November 1850.

Order thereon.- Ordered to be recorded as the Collector has been informed of the safe receipt of the Report in question by the Board.-

(452. 455)

To

19935. Fort St. George 11th November 1850.

No. 367.

To.

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

456

Bd. No. 4524.

From the Collector of Chingleput. }

Referring to the Boards Endorsement on the accompanying Petition No. 2830 of 1850 under date 13th Ultimo, I have the honor to report that there is no objection to the Petitioner being furnished with Copies of the Accounts applied for by him from their Offices.-

2. The Original Accounts of which transcripts are required by Petitioner were called for some time since by the District Moonsiff of Chingleput through the Civil Judge of Chingleput, but nothing has been brought to notice impugning their Correctness; nor is it known in what respects their authenticity is open to question.-

Chingleput District.....
Collectors Cutcherry.....
Sydapet 4th November 1850.
Bd. No. 2780.

(Signed) L. J. Shubrick.
Collector

Proceedings thereon

456. 457

The Board are not aware of any objection to Petitioners being furnished with the Copies of Documents which he requires. He must however first obtain the permission of Government, as official

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458

Bd. No. 4558.

From the Collector of Sea Customs Madras. }

Official Memorandum.

The Collector of Sea Customs has the honor to request that the Acting Secretary Board of Revenue, will be pleased to return the Statements for the Official year 1849/50 forwarded with Mr. Williamson's letter dated 22d May 1852 No. 160 Para 12, they being required to frame certain Statements called for by the Acting Secretary Marine Board.-

Sea Custom House.....
Madras 5th November 1850. }
To The Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

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

Ordered that the following Official Memorandum be sent in reply.-

458 459

Bd. No. 3742.

To the Collector of Sea Customs. }

Official Memorandum-

With reference to the Official Memorandum from the Collector of Sea Customs dated 5th Instant, the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to return the 2 forms of Statement applied for.-

Revenue Bd. Office
Fort St. George
11th November 1850. }

(Signed) J. D. Sim.
Acting Secretary

Resolved that the following Letter be despatched

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Bd. No. 3745.

To the Collector of Rajahmundry. }
The same to Guntoor Salem and Coimbatore

To. The Collector of Rajahmundry.

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that in Consequence of certain changes in their Office Establishment, it has

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has become necessary to dispense with the services of several of the Goomashtahs attached to their Cutcherry. Among those there is one individual named A. Kistna Row, the Head Goomastah whom the Board would wish from his approved services character, and qualifications to see appointed to some superior situation in one of the Provincial Cutcherries such as Naibor Sub Division Sheristadar.

2. The present salary of Kistna Row is 90 Rupees per mensem His services extend over a period of nearly 20 years. He can read write and speak Tamil, Telugoo, Mahratta and English, and he has further a colloquial knowledge of Hindoostany and Canarese. Kistna Row is more over thoroughly acquainted with Revenue Accounts, and has had much experience generally in Cutcherry work. -

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
11th November 1850

(Signed) J. D. Sim.
Acting Secretary

Received the Undermentioned miscellaneous letters and Statements. -

From

19938

461
M. No. 2704.
From the Collector of Masulipatam. - Statement of Demand Collection and Balance of Revenue for October 1850.

462
M. No. 2701
From the Collector of Guntoor. - Statement of Demand Collection and Balance of Revenue for October 1850.

463
M. No. 2703.
From the Collector of Bellary. Statement of Demand Collection and Balance of Revenue for October 1850.

464
M. No. 2699.
From the Collector of Cuddapah. Statement of Demand Collection and Balance of Revenue for October 1850. -

465
M. No. 2705.
From the Officiating Agent at Kurnool. - Statement of Demand Collection and Balance of Revenue for October 1850. -

466
M. No. 2700.
From the Collector of Salem. Statement of Demand Collection and Balance of Revenue for October 1850. -

From

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467
M. M. No. 2702.
From the Actg. Collector of Madura. — Statement of Dem
Collection and Balance of Revenu
for October 1856.

468
M. M. No. 2708.
From the Actg. Collector of Ganjam. — Season report
for October 1856.

469
M. M. No. 2706.
From the Collector of Vizagapatam. — Season report
for October 1856.

470
M. M. No. 2707.
From the Collector of Rajahmundry. — Season report
October 1856.

471
M. M. No. 2709.
From the Collector of Nellore. — Season report for
October 1856.

472
M. M. No. 2711.
From the Collector of Bellary. — Season report for
October 1856.

473
M. M. No. 2710
From the Actg. Collector of Madura. — Season report
for October 1856.

J. F. B.

Proceedings

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474
A. after B. No. 4405.
From the Chief Se-
cretary to Government

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Wednesday the 12th November 1856.
Read the following Papers.
Extract from the Minutes
of Consultation Revenue Department
under date the 28th October 1856.
Sanctioning the purchase
of the furniture required
by the Collector of South
Arcot for the Printing
Press established in this
District at an outlay
of Rupees 63-8-0

(See No. 1140 in
Separate
Volume)
P. 424

474. 475
B. No. 3748.
Order thereon — Ordered to be forwarded to the
Collector of South Arcot for in for-
mation and guidance. —

Extract

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(476)

B. of R. No. 4554

From the Chief Sec. to Government

Fort St. George 12th November 1850

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department under date the 5th November 1850.

Requesting the early Submission of the report called for in Extract Minutes Consultation 8th September last No. 950. on the Subject of the Concentration of Troops.—

(See No. 1180 in separate Volume. P. 425)

(476. 477)

Order thereon Ordered to be recorded.

To

19942

Fort St. George 12th November 1850.

No. 211.

To

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

(478)

B. of R. No. 3996.

From the Collector of North Arcot.

Sir

I have the honor to submit the information called for by the Board of Revenue in Extract Proceedings dated 3d December 1850. on the subject of the Tope and Land enjoyed by the Jaghiredar of Calway.

2. On enquiry it appears that the lands. the details of which are given in the Margin, are irrigated by the large tank of the village of Calway, and that it is capable of irrigating the whole extent Viz.

Poonjah planted or Tope	17-11-a	
Punjah cultivated as Punjah	3-13-a	
Poonjah waste	9-1-a	30-9-a
Punjah planted as Tope	10-7-4	
Punjah Cultivated	8-9-4	
Punjah waste	6-a-12	25-1-4.
		55-10-4.

as 10th 55-10-4.

Nemely	1
Allachany	1
Moorakumbut	1
Agaram	1
	4

The lands of the 4 Circar Villages named in the Margin, are watered by the same Tank and are entirely dependent upon it. The extent of these lands is said to be above 1000 Cawnies

If more detailed information is required on this point it will be submitted as early as possible.—

3. It is not possible at present to state

State what reductions will be made in the rates employed in the first method of calculation under the plan proposed by Mr. Bourdillon.-

4. The Sub Collector has reported that the Jagheerdar objects to the proposal suggested by the Board, on the ground that the 15 cawnies, referred to are not isolated, but so scattered in small p throughout the estate as would make separation difficult; and that to let these plots to ryots to cultivate would subject him to Constant trespass, to loss of produce and to injury to his topes.-

North Arcot -----
Collector's Cutcherry -----
Chittoor 29th September 1850.
Signed/ H. Whittingham
Collector.

B. of R. No. 3770.

Proceedings thereon. The above correspondence refers to the assessment on Certain Topes and lands held by the Petitioner in the District of North Arcot.-

2 These Topes are seven in number and

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	C	Dry	Wet
Topes -	15	30	11-7-12
Cultivation -	5	4	8.8-9-4
In Waste -	10	1	8.8 4-0
	30	9	0-7 25 1-4
	Total C.	55	10.4

† From Govt. 15th Jn. 21st Dec. Rents Accts. 5th Dec. 1850

†† From 19th Nov. 50 In Co. 5th Dec.

compride with the waste and Cultivated lands C. 55- 10¼ as shown in the Margin. They were made over to Petitioner in 1820 on a Bilmuctah assessment of Rupees 172-14-6 which in 1850 was reduced to Rupees 140 for 7 years expiring with the Current Fusly. This reduction was made on a representation from the Collector that the Petitioners net profit was only about 18 Rupees annually in a year such as Fusly 1259- and the abatement was limited to 6 years as at the expiration of that period a promising Tope of Growing Trees would Come into bearing. The full Bilmuctah is the sum for which the lands were rented when tendered† to Petitioner's father who declined them, on the ground that he was entitled to them Rent free. His son the Petitioner however applied for them at that rent after his demise, and his request was Complied with.-

† To Accts 17 Dec. 20th Nov. 1817.

From Govt. 15th Jn. 21st 1826 No. 502.

3. The Board entered into a further examination of Petitioner's request for a more extensive and permanent reduction of the Assessment before the expiration of the

the period above stated, in order to establish the principle of taxing the land only could not be at once introduced.-

4. From the papers before them it appears that the Lands are entered as Porumpoke & bear no fixed Tarum Assessment and that if assessed at the lowest wet and Dry rates obtaining in the 4 Villages to which they belong the assessment would amount to Rs. 237-4-6 or Rupees 64 more than the full Bilmuctah rate and Rupees 97- more than the existing temporary Charge. The Petitioner would in this event be in a much worse position than he now occupies.-

See Encl. in Offg. Memo. from Sub. Coll. in charge dated 1st Oct. 55. in Cor. 3d Dec. 552

5. The Collector in charge M. Vs. Binning therefore proposed 2 other modes of Assessment Viz.

1. To treat the Topes and Immemorial waste as "Dry" and charge the smallest extent of wet at Nunjah rates and 2d. to charge the whole extent of land at one uniform rate of 1-12-0 per Cawney.

6. The assessment would be Rupees 150-2-9 and by the 2d. Rupees 97-5-11. For reasons stated stated the Sub Collector in charge recommended

recommended the adoption of the last mode of adjustment.

P. to North Arcd. 3d Dec. 1855.- 7. The Board objected to the above suggestions and called on the Collector for information as to the means of irrigation possessed by the lands and the reduction likely to result from the general modification of assessment then in Contemplation. They also suggested that Petitioner should be relieved of the 15 Cawny of waste a proportionate reduction being made in his Bilmuctah rent. The result of this arrangement would have been that Petitioner would have held the whole of his productive land for Rupees 120 or 125.

29th Sept. in Cons. 12th Nov. 1856 8. The Collector states that this suggestion cannot be carried out and is objected to by Petitioner in consequence of the waste being scattered in small plots in various parts of the estates. As regards the other two points on which information was sought he reports that the reductions consequent on the general revision of assessment cannot at present be stated and that the land are irrigated by the large Tanks of the Village which can supply water for the whole extent

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There are however other lands to the extent of about 1000 Cawnies also dependent on it.

9. Under these Circumstances and Considering that some of the Trees have perished in Consequence of Drought as reported by the Sub Collector in charge, and that the Petitioner has derived a very small Income only from these lands, the Board are of opinion that this case should be viewed with some indulgence. The Collector is unable to say what would be the assessment according to the scale of revised rates in Course of application generally throughout the District but whatever may be fixed ultimately the Board beg to support the recommendation of the Sub Collector in charge that the demand be limited to a Pelmuctah of Rupees 97-5-11 so far as regards Petitioner, the assessment according to the revised rates being required on the lands passing into the possession of others whether in Consequence of the death of Petitioner or otherwise.

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10. The Board resolve to submit these Proceedings and the reports on which they are based for the information and orders of Government with reference to their Endorsement on Petitions Nos. 151 — 625 - 842 - and 1818 of 1850.

The

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11. The circumstances attending the resumption of the Jaghire and the grant of the Topes &c. herein referred to will be found detailed in the papers entered in the Margin.

+ Fr. Mr. A. Falconar dated Madras 26th March In Cons. 12th April 1802.
To Govt. 12th Jun. Dy. Cons. 15th Jun.
Fr. Govt. 4th Cons. 22d Jun.

To Mr. Graeme 7th Dy. Jn. Cons. 11th Augt. 1817.
From Do. 25th October in Cons. 3d November 1817.
To Do. 17th Dy. Cons. 20th November 1817.
To Mr. Thomson 16th Dy. Cons. 20th April 1818.
From Do. 15th in Cons. 21st May 1818.
To Do. 21st May 1818.
Fr. North Arcot 19th in Cons. 22d June 1820.
To Chief Sect. to Govt. 7th Sept. 1826.
From Govt. 15th in Cons. 21st Sept. 1826.
Bd. No. 3815.

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From the Agent to the Governor at Kurnool — Read Statement of Extra Tentage for Fasly 1265.

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Fr. Ft. St. George 12th November 1856

Bd. No. 3762
Proceedings thereon.

Mr. L. D. Darnell Agent 82 Days
Captain S. G. Rebel Officiating Agent 129

Bd. No. 3482

From the Collector of Guntoor — 482

The Extra Tent allowance drawn by each officer for the number of days noted in the Margin is sanctioned by the Board of Revenue.—

Read Statement shewing the number of Tents possessed by the Collector and his subordinate Officers in the Guntoor District for which Extra Tentage was drawn in Fasly 1265.—

482.483
Bd. No. 3761
Proceedings thereon

	Days
Mr. H. Wood, Collector	64
" J. R. Gordon Bd. Asst. Coll. Charge	9
" H. Newill Acting Collector	97
" J. R. Gordon Bd. Asst. Coll.	94

The Extra Tent allowance drawn by each Officer for the number of days noted in the Margin is sanctioned by the Board of Revenue.

Read again Indent from the Collector of Madura dated 31st August and entered in Minutes Consultation 12th September 1856 for Stationery &c. required for the use of the joint Magistrate of Pamben for 1857.

Read also again letter from the joint Magistrate of Pamben dated 22d October and entered in Consultation 5th November 1856.—

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Bd. No. 3749

Proceedings thereon.

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The supply here Indented on for is extraordinarily large for one European Officer and his clerk and not a word is offered in explanation, For instance 24 pencils are required a number that would suffice for three times the number of Persons using them constantly. and it is observed that this number and other articles in proportion are stated to have been actually expended in the last year.—

2 Before passing the Indent it is resolved to call upon the Joint Magistrate to furnish the Board with such a return of the work performed in the Joint Magistrates Office as will enable them to judge of the supply of stationery really required.—

Read the following Papers

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Fort Saint George 12th November 1856.

No 115

To

G. S. Forbes Esqre

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort Saint George

Sir,

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Bd. No. 3710

From the Collector of Malabar Requesting sanction of Government to purchase the land on which the Mallapooram Cutwals Choultry stands.

The Government having authorized the entertainment of a Cutwal and 6 Peons at Mallapooram under date the 28th October 1852, sanctioned on the 15th April 1853 the erection of a Cutwals Choultry at an expense of 250 Rupees.

2 The ground on which the Choultry was built was private property and the owner demanded an annual Rent of 6 Rupees for it After some discussion the late Collector, on the 8th September 1855 admitted the claim and issued an order to the Tahsildar to pay Rupees 13-8 - of the sum due as Rent due from June 1853 to August 1855 out of the proceeds of the sale of Avenue Trees and in future to charge the same under the Head of "Contingent Charges."—

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3 There being no assets in the Tree fund the Tahsildar discharged the outstanding Rs from the Talook Deposit fund.

4 In the statement which accompanies my letter of the 1st Instant No 112, I have stated authority for the disbursements of the sum of 18 Rupees to May 1856, already expended in Rent and for any charges which may in future be incurred on the same account.

5 My present object in addressing you is to request you will obtain for me permission to purchase the land on which the Choultry is

6 The land measures 1080 square feet and is situated on the lines of the Police corps to the North of road to Munjerry. The owner has offered to sell it for 50 Rupees.

x Pakrungote Mythroo

7 Considering the position of the land and the amount of rent hitherto paid for the use of it, the price is not high for Malabar it amounts to about 8 years rent.

8. I have the honor to request that I may be allowed to accept the offer of the Proprietor and purchase the land described

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for 50 Rupees on behalf of Government

9 If the Government sanction the arrangement the Title deeds will in accordance with the orders of Government, be submitted in due course to the Company's solicitor.

Calicut 6th September 1856

/Signed/ T. Clarke
Collector

Bd No 3768
Resolution thereon

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Resolved that the letter recorded above and its Enclosure be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation in the Public Works Department dated 15th April 1853 No 124.—

2 It appears that the land measuring 1080 Square feet on which the Cutwalls' Choultry at Mullaiporum has been erected is the private property of one Pakrungote Mythroo whom by an order issued after enquiry by the late Collector, an annual rent of 6 Rupees is paid for the ground. Mr Clarke states that the owner is willing to sell the land for 50 Rupees or about 8 years purchase, and that this price is not high considering the portion of the land and the amount of rent hitherto paid for it. Under these Circumstances the Board support the Collector's recommendation that sanction may be granted for the purchase of the land on behalf of Government for the sum proposed if the Title Deeds produced are approved.—

3 Under the instruction of the late Collector the rent of the land from June 1853 to August 1856 amounting to Rupees 13-8 was paid on from the Talook Deposit Fund and the disbursement of Rs 18 on the same account to May 1856 is included in the Statement of Charges sanctioned by Government on the 3d November 1856 No 1170.—

4 The Board request that the Actg Collr may be authorized to continue payment of the sum of Rs 6 as rent until the land pass as into the possession of Govt

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487.
Bd. No. 3946
From the Collector of South Arcot

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Read Statement shewing the Number of Tents possessed by the Collector and his subordinate Officers in the South Arcot District and the Number of days in each month for which Extra Tentage was drawn by them.—

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Bd. No. 3760
Proceedings thereon.

	The Days	Extra Tent allowance
Mr. A. Wall Collector	7½	drawn by each
" G. S. Forbes Asst Subcollector	20	officer for the
" H. McDonell Do	15½	number of days
" G. Bambury Asst Collr in charge of addl Sub Collrs office	153	noted in the
" G. Bambury Asst Collr	4	margin is sanc-
" R. K. Puckle Asst Collr	34	tioned by the Board of Revenue.

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

Sir

489
Bd. No. 4121
From the Collector of Rajahmundry

With reference to the Circular No. 2380 dated 14th September 1855, from your Office I have the honor to forward herewith an account shewing

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shewing the extent of land held as backyards and the number of such holdings in this District. No assessment having ever been fixed on such spots I am unable to exhibit the same as required. In many cases the sites form part of the extent deducted from the Goodient for village sites. Gramakuntum. No lands have been of late years granted to Ryots or others for backyards all such spots now held as such have been so held from the time of the former Zemindars. At the average dry land assessment of the District the amount is about Rupees 15,000.—

2. On this subject I beg to refer the Board to the correspondence noted in the Margin.

It would appear that Mr Smith in Para 21 of his Jamabundy Report recommended the remission of Rupees 784-5-5 being the tax fixed on the backyards of the Ryots in the Nagarum Talook by Mr Crawley in Fusly 1243 though it had not been

Para 21 of Summabundy Report dated 20th November 1837
Para 26 Extract Proceedings of Board dated 22d October 1838
Para 9 Extract Min of Cons: Government Dated 14th December 1838 received with Boards Proceedings dated 24th December 1838
Endorsement of the Collector on Petition No. 1695 of 1857 presented by the Ryots of Mannedadar in the Benavole Talook dated 8th December 1857.
Commissioner's Proceedings dd 16th Decr 1857
Do Do 29th September 1853 Para 6
To the Commissioner Do 4th March 1854.
From Do 27th Do Do.
To Do 16th February 1855
From Do 14th April Do

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been collected, stating that backyards were exempt from tax in all other Government Estates, and in the Zemindaries generally. The Board supported the Collectors recommendation in their Proceedings of the 22d October 1838 and Government sanctioned in Minutes of Consultation dated 11th December of that year the remission of Rupees 2985. 14. 10½ assessed on backyards in Fasleis 1248 to 3. In Fusly 1257 certain Ryots of the Pariah Caste in the Village of Mosalapilly were assessed with a sheist of Rupees 57. 15—4 on account of 3. 13—4 of land held as backyards the parties petitioned the Commissioner in 1853, the Collector reported that the practice of assessing backyards obtained only in the Village in question and in a few other places and alluding to the correspondence already noticed and also to the Commissioners Proceedings dated 18th December 1857 and Para 3 of those of the 29th September 1853 solicited instructions for his guidance, On further information afforded in my letter of the 18th February 1855, the late Commissioner sanctioned the remission of the assessment on the yards of the Petitioners on condition of their not being used for cultivation 4. From the best information obtainable it appears that no tax was ever generally imposed on backyard

Ex Pro: Da 11th April 1855

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previous to Fusly 1259. In that year a circular was issued to the effect that such spots, if cultivated would be assessed to the revenue and from Fusly 1260 to 1262 it appears that in some Talooks backyards cultivated were generally assessed, tho' this course would not seem to have been adopted throughout the District. The assessing such yards was put a stop to from Fusly 1263, and the same course has since been followed on a consideration of the views enunciated in former correspondence and especially in the late Commissioners Proceedings of the 29th September 1853 wherein he observed that "it is not usual to interfere with the plots of ground attached to Ryots dwellings unless they have been improperly enlarged by encroachments on the space which should be enjoyed by others or on the Jeroylip land" and that "as a general rule he / the Commissioner / would be averse to interference with these petty items which being a trifling accession to the Revenue at a great expence of the Ryots privacy"

Rajahmundry District
Collectors Office
Cocanada 2d October 1856

/ Signed / A Purvis
Collector

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Account shewing the extent of land occupied by backyards and the number of such holdings.

No.	Talooks	Number of Backyards	Extent of land occupied		
1	Amlaporam	2,597	2,330	12	1
2	Nagarum	636	719	38	4
3	Rally	700	502	34	"
4	Cotaramachendrapoor	577	230	16	12
5	Dickavole	858	201	8	1
6	Eddapoorum	380	79	9	7
7	Capavarum	508	134	26	"
8	Rajahmundry	105	22	34	"
9	Cottapilly	177	104	11	"
10	Lingumpurly	32	5	33	"
11	Mapoor Division	22	6	36	"
	Total	6,591	4,341	18	9
12	Mogultore	1,383	620	37	6
13	Woondy	386	244	24	11
14	Tanookoo	777	278	32	4
15	Tandemulla	46	8	25	8
	Total	2,592	1,152	39	13
	Grand Total	9,183	5,494	18	6

Rajahmundry District
Collectors Office
Cocanada 2d October 1856

/Signed/ A Purvis
Collector

(489. 490) Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

JD

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No 133
1856

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

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B. No 4261
From the Acting Collector of Malabar

From Bd 28 Novr /55
To do 5th Decr /55
From do 24th do

D/30 Sept /56

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honor to report that it has been resolved to receive and issue salt by Weight from the opening of the present season, and I beg to enclose copy of an advertisement on the subject, issued by Mr Clarke

Calicut
14 October
1856

/Signed/ W. Robinson
Acting Collector

Notice is hereby given that the Collector of Malabar will purchase all such Salt the produce of Bombay or other places subordinate thereto, as may be required for the use of the undermentioned

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undermentioned Golahs from 1st October to 31st November 1856 at the rates detailed below-

Cannanore	26	Rupees	7½ Grace
Tellicherry	26	"	do
Calicut	29	"	do
Ponany	30	"	do
Chowghaut	29	"	do
Cochin	29	"	do

of 130 Indian Pounds

It is further notified that salt will be received by the weight and not by the measure as heretofore-

Malabar Collector's Office, Calicut 30th September 1856

/Signed/ T. Clarke
Collector

/True Copy/

/Signed/ W. Robinson
Acting Collector

Fort St. George, 12th November 1856

No. 138.

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

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from their Proceedings of the 15th Instant, No. 3399 I hasten to inform the Board that I anticipate no difficulty in obtaining an early and sufficient supply of Salt- some is already in course of delivery-

The Telegraphic reply given in the margin, places the matter I hope beyond a doubt-

3. I anticipate with reference to para 10 of this letter that as soon as the outturn to the importers under the weighing system transpires the prices offered for Cannanore and Tellicherry will speedily attract salt- The matter shall be

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B. No. 4439

From the Acting Collector of Malabar

States with reference to the Extract from their Proceedings of the 15th Instant No. 3399 that he anticipates no difficulty in obtaining an early and sufficient supply of Salt-

2. Applications for the exportation of Salt to the Malabar coast have already been made to the extent of three lacs and sixty two thousand Maunds- about one lac and twenty six thousand Maunds have been already exported to chowghaut Calicut, Ponany, Cochin, Mallapooram and Allippi- none has been exported to Cannanore, Tellicherry, and Mangalore, as the rate of Rs Twenty seven per gace is reported by the Merchants to be inremunerative-

be watched.-

4 The restriction on sales for Inland trade exists only at Ponnany, where there are 1,732 Maunds of Salt in store and this will be removed the moment we can supply even a small degree the Inland trade. This restriction has been a source of great loss and annoyance to Coimbatore and Palghat consumers, merchants, and carriers who took to Ponany Salt for return loads for the Cattle and conveyance engaged in the transport of Produce to the Coast.

5. The brisk demand alluded to by Mr. Clarke was a mere local run on the stores in consequence of its having been advertised some days previous to its coming into operation, that on and after the 1st October the price would be raised. 4,234 Maunds were sold in 3 days. It has been of course a most profitable business to the petty holders of this Salt, as the simultaneous restriction put on the Inland trade and the limited quantity in the Government stores left them masters of the Salt market for a time

at Ponany.-

6. An important consideration has arisen out of the advertized determination to receive Salt by weight, a part of Mr. Clarke's Proclamation, which will not fail to have attracted the Board's attention.-

7. We have been in the habit of receiving and delivering Salt by measure in Bombay Parahs, a measure containing 2,940 Cubic Inches the contents of which by weight has been shown from a variety of experiments to range according to the way in which the measure is filled and the state of the atmosphere from Tolas 3,636 to Tolas 3,986 or from 93½ to 102½ lbs. It never falls short of 3,400 Tolas. Now the Indian Maund weighs Tolas 3,200 or 82¼ lbs we have therefore been receiving and issuing as Indian Maunds a quantity (if weight were the standard) of 15 to 25% in excess of the true Indian Maund. The Ryot has benefitted to that extent and the Merchant in undertaking to supply Government no doubt laid his account for delivery of the Salt by the Malabar Parrah and the Government has therefore really paid perhaps 15 or 20% more

more for the Salt than it would if it had been taken by weight in true Indian Maund

8. I am adhering to the terms of the advertisement indeed the Importers, well aware of the advantage, exact this - and as we receive, we must issue likewise by weight. The consumer will therefore find that although he has true weight, the difference between the true Indian Maund and what he had been in the habit of having measured out to him is very great. The importer pockets the difference.-

9. The Government must become a loser to a certain extent as Salt weighed as it is received fresh off a Sea Voyage and under the humed atmosphere of a Malabar November does weigh heavier than it will when retailed during the hot dry weather, some months later - It will then have drained itself and become dryer and lighter.-

10. The Prices advertized by Mr. Clarke are those at which the Merchants could afford to supply Salt when we really took by measurement 25 per cent at least above the standard weight

weight of the Indian Maund. At these prices the Salt is being now supplied while we are taking it from them by true weight leaving probably 20 p.c Cent or 25 per cent profit on the whole over and above the usual Mercantile profit, which of course existed even when we took the Salt at the above exorbitant rates.-

I myself highly approve of weighing Salt as attended, notwithstanding the fluctuation of weight, effect of atmosphere &c., with far less uncertainty than measuring, but I have thought it right to bring the matter distinctly before the Board. I have some hopes of being able to reduce the present prices offered to importers by advertizing a fresh, after the terms of the present advertisement have been complied with at 10% or 15% below Mr. Clarke's rates, then the effect of weighing will have been fully understood, and perhaps the Merchant will supply at lower rates.-

11. With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 19th Ultimo preparations are in progress for reviving the total manufacture of Salt, from which I anticipate great

benefit

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benefit, tho' in the first year we may have some difficulty and more than average outlay - on this subject I will address you as soon as these plans are sufficiently advanced to enable me to lay them before the Board.-

12. It is scarcely necessary to point out to the Board that the change in the prices on the Cochin × borders has been perceptible in the sales - at Cochin they have fallen on the first fortnight of this month to 36 Indian Maunds, the sales of the corresponding 14 days of last year having been 109 Indian Maunds. at chowghaut the same falling off is remarked.-

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Average of Sales
October 1 to 17. 1854/55 — 1 — 08.
4 — 75

Calicut . . .
23d October 1856

/Signed/ W. Robinson
Acting Collector.-

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No. 144

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

493
After
Bd No. 4550
From the Actg Collr.
of Malabar. . .

Sir,

In continuation of mine of the 23d ultimo. I have the honor to report that I have commenced the issue of the old Salt in store likewise by weight.-

2 As stated in my letter the new salt being received by weight must be issued likewise by weight and the process as far as it has gone shows, the absolute necessity of this step.-

3 The Salt of last year was received by measure; and we had been issuing up to the 29th, this Salt likewise by measure, but it has been found on a large comparison that the average difference is 25 per cent in favor

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favor of the measure that we really issue 98 to 100 ℔s per Indian Maund by using the measure and as a deficiency must occur in the issue of Salt weighed at the time of receiving it. I have determined to secure the large difference on the Salt of last year in store as a set off.

4 I have at once set, to have the Salt in store weighed under trustworthy supervision to secure this difference from the depredation of the Public Servants, and there is little doubt that there will appear besides the full tare by measurement likewise that yeass (Kasser) which it has been the habit of the Salt Establishment to secure to themselves for surreptitious issue by the practice of receiving "hard" and issuing "lightly".

Our outturn will be duly reported.

Calicut
1st November 1856

(Signed) W. Robinson
Acting Collector

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Bd. No. 3784

Fort St. George 12th November 1856.

Resolution thereon Resolved that the above letters be laid before Government, with reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 15th ultimo, No. 3999.

2 The Acting Collector states that a large supply of Salt is on its way to Malabar (from Bombay apparently) and that he anticipates no difficulty in meeting the wants of the District

3 The suspension of Sales for the Inland market is limited to Ponany only, and was clearly forced on the Collector by the want of Salt. The restriction will be removed as soon as possible.

4 The sudden demand noticed by Mr Clarke in para 2 of his letter dated 23d September was owing, as the Board conjectured, to the impending increase in the Monopoly price of Bombay Salt, notice of which had been given some days before the alteration came into

into operation. The small stock on hand gave the purchasers the command of the market for a time but the arrival of sufficient supplies will ensure the people from further inconvenience from this cause.

5 The Acting Collector in the first of the letters now
In Cons: 12th Novr under consideration, dated 14th
1856 October, informed the Board that his predecessor had notified his intention to receive Salt only by weight from the 1st October,
From Coll.r 5th Dec.r 1855 although on a previous occasion
To Do. 24th Do the Board had informed him that the introduction of this change might be deferred pending further instructions Mr Robinson in this communication merely notified the fact of the alteration, and a reply was in course of trans: mission calling upon him to ex: plain whether any reduction had been

made in the contract prices to compensate the loss consequent on the change - In his two subsequent
23d Oct.r 2/1st Novr In Cons: 12th Novr 56 letters the question is fully brought forward and may be briefly stated as follows.

1st Hitherto Bombay Salt has been received by the Bombay Parah con:
tts 93½ to 102½ taining from 3636 to 3,986 Tolas according to circumstances, and never been less than 3400 - The Indian Maund however contains only 3,200 Tolas, and thus there is a difference from 15 to 25 per Cent between the Maund and its supposed equivalent the Parah.

2d The rates offered by Mr Clarke were not reduced in proportion to this difference, and as a consequence the gains of the importers are materially increased. The Board cannot think that this consideration escaped Mr Clarke's notice especially as the circumstances had been previously reported by him to the Board when the substitution

substitution of weight for measure
:ment was proposed. They presume
therefore that he was induced by the
scarcity of Salt to hold out unusually
favorable terms - and to do so in this
indirect way, in preference to a
direct enhancement of the contract
rates - still the matter should at
once have been fully reported and
the Board's attention prominently
drawn to the consequences.

6 Mr. Clarke's notification referred only to the receipt of Salt but its sale by weight also has necessarily followed as otherwise Government would be mixing by true weight and selling by measure con-
:siderably in excess of the professed capacity

From Ag. Collr 1st in Cons. 12th Nov.

7 The Government indeed pay the former high rates for a materially smaller quantity of Salt but as they also sell by weight, no loss is sustained by them-
As regards the Salt in store previous to the issue of Mr. Clarke's notification, the Government gain to the extent of the difference

From Ag. Collr 1st in Cons. 12th Nov. 56

difference between a true Maund
and its hitherto presumed equivalent
the Bombay Pazah by which this Salt
has received from the Importers - Up to
the 29th Ultimo the old Salt appears
to have been sold by measure
and the change to issue by weight
to have taken effect as regards
it only from that date - the new
Salt received under Mr. Clarke's no-
:tification being apparently issued by
weight alone, from the outset.

Note
Mr. Robinson states that he has adopted this course in order that the gain may compensate the deficiency which must occur in the issue of Salt received by weight. The Board presume this loss is merely "wastage"

8 The Acting Collector will report the outturn of the old Salt in store in due course, and as soon as Mr. Clarke's notification expires will endeavour to lower the contract rates so as to place the trade while Government take a direct part in it. as much as possible on its former footing

9 He will also inform the Board whether the Salt referred to in para 2 of his letter of the 23d Ultimo was shipped before or after the receipt of Mr. Clarke's notification at Bombay

In Cons 23d November 56

Bombay, in order that they may judge how far these Shipments were influenced by the additional gain consequent on receipt by weight and how far a reduction of the contract rates is likely to affect future importations.

10. It remains now to consider the effect on the consumer of the substitution of weighing for measuring in the issue of Salt.

11 Not only does the consumer now receive from 15 to 25 per cent less as a "Maund" but under the orders of Government in Extract minutes Consultation 19th. September 1856 No. 1008 he pays a higher price 1-2-6 and 1-4-0 according to the locality of the sale. Depot for a maund. Formerly he never paid more than 15 annas for 3200 Tolas and now he has to pay at least 1-2-6 for that quantity.

In Cons. 26th September 1856

Note In some localities indeed the price was still lower but there were special reason for reductions in those cases and the general question is not affected thereby

Thus he now pays more for a smaller quantity and

and this without the option which the reestablishment of the Home manufacture will hereafter afford him of purchasing a cheaper though perhaps somewhat inferior article.

13 Until the revival of the Home manufacture the Board see no mode of affording relief which is not attended with difficulty and embarrassment.

14 The Acting Collector makes no recommendation on this subject, and therefore the Board at present merely bring the circumstance to the special notice of Govt.

Government..

15 A falling off in the sales at the depôts on the Cochin frontier (as mentioned in the concluding para of the above letter) was to be expected at first. but careful enquiries should be made with the view of ascertaining, whether it is a temporary decline or whether the local consumption is being met by smuggled supplies from Cochin..

D/ 23d October in Cons: 12th Novr/56

16. The exertions of the Acting. Collector for the revival of the local manufacture are very satisfactory..

Read

Read Endorsement by the Collector of Rajahmundry dated 18th October 1856 on Petition Nos 718 of 1853 and No 19 of 1854..

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Bd No 3774

Proceedings thereon The Board will not object to Petitioners being left in possession during her life, of the portion of the Enam now held by her. Her claim to the rest is wholly inadmissible

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petitions Board's Nos 3126 and 3127 of 1856..

"Petitioner is referred to the Collector, who will communicate the Board's decision to her."

No 146

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

496

Bd No 4307

From the Actg Collr of Masulipatam

Sir.

The job work of the Printing Press of this Collectorate having

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having considerably increased recently, in consequence of a large number of forms being received from the different public offices at this station, the want of a competent trained Pressman is much felt. The person that at present fills the place is yet too new to do the work well. The salary of the Pressman in the scale Circulated by the Bd is 12 Rupees. As it is impossible to get a trained hand in this part of the Country I shall feel obliged by your doing me the favor of engaging a good Pressman on the salary abovementioned if possible or at not more than 15 Rupees.

Masulipatam — Collector's Cutchery 18th October 1856 } (Signed) J. Fraser Acting Collector

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.

L.S.

1980 Fort St. George 12th November 1856

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Bd. No. 3759 To the Ag. Coll.r of Masulipatam

To The Acting Collector of Masulipatam

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 18th October 1856, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the services of Runneden as 1st Class Pressman have been engaged on a salary of 15 Rupees per mensem for the Masulipatam Press. He has been paid one Month's salary in advance, (as per receipt enclosed) which sum I request you will remit to this Office at your earliest convenience. He leaves this on the 13th Instant and expects to reach Masulipatam on the 5th Proximo. His Salary is to commence from the date of his departure from Madras.

2. Runneden has been examined at the Fort St. George Gazette Press and pronounced qualified for the post for which he has been selected.

Revenue Board Office Fort St. George 12th November 1856 } (Signed) I. D. Sim Ag. Secretary

Received

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No. 1

Received from J. D. Sim Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, the sum of Company's Rupees 15/ fifteen, being one Months Salary in advance as a 1st Class Pressman, engaged for the Masulipatam Press.-

I propose leaving Madras on the 13th Instant and hope to arrive at Masulipatam on the 5th Proximo.-

Revenue Bd Office
Fort St. George
10th November
1856

/Signed/ in Tamil

I will stand Security for Annerodew, 1st Class Pressman.

/Signed/ H. H. Lourie
American
Miss. Press

No. 110

To,

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

Sir

I have the honor to forward

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Bd No. 4425
From the Coll. of Cuddalore
Forwarding Copy

Para 1

19982 Fort St. George 12th November 1856.

Copy of Mr. Wholderburn's letter regarding Extra Tentallowance claimed by him for the final orders of the Board.

forward Communication received from A. Wholderburn Esqre Sub Collector of this District, with reference to his Extra Tent allowance for the consideration and final decision of the Board of Revenue.-

2. The difference in opinion between Mr. Wholderburn and myself appears to be in the definition of the word Cutcherry I believe it to be accommodation for his Establishment, In para XI of the Circular letter of the Board of Revenue No. 2781 dated 28th August 1855 it is stated that Sub Collector shall draw extra tentage when they are residing at the Chief station of their division, if they provide suitable accommodation for their establishment in tents or in a convenient building.- The supplying such accommodation is the grounds on which extra tentage is to be drawn, if not supplied it cannot. In the communication from Mr. Wholderburn he distinctly states that

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that he does not provide this accommodation at his principal station but that Government provide it, he in my opinion, is not entitled to draw extra tent allowance. And further the building though an old one is very well adapted for a Cutcherry and the Civil Engineer has forwarded an Estimate for its repair which has been sanctioned and ordered to be carried out. Under the impression that my interpretation of the above quoted circular order is the correct one both in spirit and literally, I have declined to countersign Mr. Wedderburn's bill for extra tent allowance and as he differs from me in opinion, it is now referred for the final decision of the Board.

Cuddapah
Collector's Cutcherry
20th October 1856

Signed M. Murray
Collector

To

Fort St. George 12th November 1856

No. 1

No. 119.

To M. Murray Esqre
Collector of Cuddapah

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 763 dated 14th Instant, in which you return my Bills for Extra tent allowance" under Rule XI annexed to the Circular order of the Board of Revenue No. 2784 dated 20th August 1856, as Government have furnished your Establishment with a suitable accommodation."

2. As the accommodation apparently refers to the Estimate framed by the Civil Engineer for the repair of the Verandah Vgo of a public building at Cumbum, which I found on my arrival their appropriated for the Custody of the Sub division records, I have the honor to request that a reference may be made to the Board of

Revenue

Revenue to ascertain whether the repair of this building invalidates the claim to Extra tent allowance

3. The building is an old one formerly Shelieve, purchased by Government for a Native Judicial Officer's Court, it consists of 3 rooms surrounded by a tiled Verandah, now much out of repair, two of the rooms are filled with records, the third room has I believe been usually occupied by the Sub Division. & Sheristadar.-

4 Extra tent allowance has always been drawn by the Sub Collectors of Cuddapah who have furnished suitable accommodation for their Office within their own house or in tents.-

5. No additional accommodation has now been provided by the Civil Engineer's Estimate which is merely for the repair of the old building and not for the construction of a new

6. The old building from its

its being occupied by the records, is not suitable for the purpose of a Cutcherry. the date of its being so occupied is not known to me, but if it was not considered suitable for a Cutcherry before such occupation, it can less be considered so now, and records are not usually kept in the same room in which a public Officer holds Cutcherry from the want of windows to the building there is also a deficiency of light and ventilation.

7. On the above grounds, I beg that the question together with a Copy of this letter may be submitted for the opinion and orders of the Board of Revenue with reference to your letter under reply.-

Cuddapah Sub Coll^rs Office, 15th October 1856

Signed A. Hodderburn
Sub Collector

True Copy
Signed A. D. Murray
Collector

The

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(498. 499)

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Shekderburn to state distinctly where his
Establishment is accommodated i.e
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business, but where his Sheristadar Goo-
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sufficient accommodation for the Sub-
Collector's establishment and records Extra
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and the Sub Collector provides additional
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from the amount of Extra Tentage as
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Government buildings. The Board remark
that the permanent location of the Sub
Collector's Cutcherry either in his private residence
or when not on Circuit in Tents, is open to objection.

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building and a Copy of the Estimate for it.

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No. 339.

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

500
Bd. No. 4265.

From the Collector
of Singleput.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform the Board
that I have felt myself compelled to reduce
Ristniah from being Tahsildar of Mani-
-mungalum and to appoint him Sheriста-
-dar at Poonamallee, I have found him
inefficient in every possible way since I have
had Charge of the District and the same
was the case with my Predecessor who was
compelled to degrade him from the Tahsildar
-ship of Ootramaloor on a Salary of Rupees
85 per Mensem to that of Manimungalum on
Rupees 70.-

2.- The outstanding balances against
him for Fusly 1264 are still Rupees 2711-5-3 A. P.
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I have the honor to inform the Board that I have felt myself compelled to reduce Kistniah from being Tahsildar of Mani-mungalum and to appoint him Sheristadar at Poonamallee, I have found him inefficient in every possible way since I have had charge of the District and the same was the case with my Predecessor who was compelled to degrade him from the Tahsildar-ship of Ootramaloor on a Salary of Rupees 85 per Mensem to that of Manimungalum on Rupees 70.-

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Manimungalum was the most favoured; there
alone the Tanks received their proper Supplie
and the Crops were abundant affording co
every facility for punctually realizing the co
Government Revenues. In every other Talook
the supplies of water were deficient and the
Crops short. In Manimungalum the co
Settlement for Fusly 1265 shews an increase
of Rupees 17,259. above that of Fusly 1264 a
and there was no Shavy or Palamustum whatev
The Ryots enjoyed full crops and with co
moderate attention on the part of the Tahi
=sildar might have paid off their assess=
=ment with ease within the year besides co
liquidating their arrears of the year before
I can attribute their not being so to co
nothing but Ristiniahs' inefficiency and
carelessness and utter inability to compre
hend the responsibility attaching to him in
this respect notwithstanding repeated orders
bringing it to his notice and cautioning co
him

him against a continued neglect of it. The co
Board will easily appreciate his unfitness for
his duties when informed that he has excused
himself on the plea of its being usual to co
realise the collections of one Fusly in the co
ensuing one, a plea that however ridiculous in
itself and still more so in being publickly
advanced ought not to have been urged in the
face of repeated orders enjoining a contrary co
mode of collecting altogether.-

3. It is true that there are larger co
balances in five other Talooks but the difficulties
the Tahsildars have there, laboured under co
have been greater and two of them are new.
They have had to contend against bad co
crops and withered produce and though
not blameless in their short comings have
more to plead in their behalf. The punish=
=ment of Ristinah will I hope co
have a good effect on them and compel
them to a stricter adherence to their Duties

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and make them understand that no excuse will be allowed which puts off the Collections properly belonging to one year to a following one. The punishment of Kistniah is essentially necessary for the good of the District and Securing me a proper support from my native Subordinates and curing them of their negligent habits and as such I ask for the Board's confirmation of my order reducing him to a Talook Sherristadarship. I am aware that I ought to have solicited the Boards' orders previous to acting on my own views in the matter but the necessity of leaving things unsettled for as short a time as possible in the Talook and appointing a Tahsildar with confirmed authority and full powers to bring matters round and put them on a better footing without need less delay will I trust be considered sufficient to justify me in having acted on them at once.-

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The Board will recollect that they formerly sanctioned Kistniahs' suspension for 6 Months in their Proceedings dated the 10th July 1851 and he would appear to have been also subsequently degraded from the Tahsildarship of Sydapett to that of Toriporoor and to have come under the Animadversion of the Sessions+ Court who considered that a further punishment was due to him-

+ 22d Septr 1852.

Singleput District,
Collector's Cutcherry,
Sydapet 20th October 1856.

(Signed) C. J. Shubrick.
Collector.

Rr No 3779.
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Proceedings thereon.-

The Board observe that the Esc- Tahsildar asserts in regard to the Balances in his Talook that he duly applied to the Collector for authority to attach the lands of the defaulters as preliminary to their Sale

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Sale and that the necessary power was withheld from him.

2. The Board request to be informed whether such application was made to the Collector and on what dates.

3. The Board also wish to know for what reason the esc. Tahsildar was reduced from the Tahsildary of Sydapet to that of Tirpooor and they request to be furnished with a Copy of the Proceedings of the Sessions Court dated 22d September 1852.

4. The several Petitions # 3102. 3254. 3255. 3345. of 1856. presented to the Board by Kistniah are forwarded for the Collector's information and for any observations he may wish to make on them.—

To

CB

Fort St. George 12th November 1856.

No. 1142.

To,

J. D: Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George.

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B. No. 4488.

From the Actg. Collector of Guntoor.

Sir,

I have the honor to report with reference to the Endorsement of Government on Petition No. 1939 of 1856, that the enam land therein alluded to appears to be entered in the accounts in the name of the Petitioners family and that I am not aware of any objection to granting permission to Petitioner to institute a suit for its recovery from the mortgagee it being distinctly understood that the Courts will only adjudicate on the enjoyment of the enam as now obtaining, and that any decree that may be passed will not affect any future investigation of the title under which it is held.—

Guntoor,
Collector's Office,
24th October 1856.

(Signed) H. Newill.
Acting Collector.

Memorandum

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19995. Fort St. George 12th November 1856.

Memorandum.

512-503
B/ No. 3746.

To the Chief Secretary to Government Public Department

The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to request the Chief Secretary will forward for reference a Copy of the Endorsement of Government on Petition No. 1939 of 1856.-

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 12th November 1856

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

To,

19996. Fort St. George 12th November 1856.

No. 209.

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

504
B/ No. 4489.

Sir,

From the Asst. Collector of Ganjam

The Head Compositor of the Press of this Collectorate says that Telugu types of the discription mentioned in the accompanying list are required for keeping the Press sufficiently at work. The Telugu work is greater than the English work here, some large telugu types for heading Notices and the like will be very useful.

I take this opportunity of suggesting the propriety of sending out to me some blocks of the Honorable Company's Court of Arms large and small such as head the Fort St. George Gazette, these will be very useful to print the heading of Notices.-

A Set of Oareya types are also much required, I am doing what I can by working off the Oareya puttahs &c on the Lithographic press.-

Ganjam District, Collector's Office, Chitterpoor, 25th October 1856

(Signed) W. Knox.
Acting Collector.

Resolved

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Bd. No. 3755.

Fort St. George 12th November 1856.

Resolution thereon - Resolved that the foregoing letters and its Enclosures be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council -

2. The type originally sent to Ganjam having been supplied by Government and as the Board having no means of determining whether the Exctra articles now applied as for are really necessary, they resolve to submit the application for the orders of Government -

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Read Indent from the Acting Subordinate Judge of Rajahmundry dated 24th October and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 4th November 1856 transferred to this Office from the Sudr Adalut under date 30th October 1856 -

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply -

506

Bd. No. 3758.

To the Acting Sub Judge of Rajahmundry -

To,

The Acting Subordinate Judge of

Rajahmundry -

Sir,

With reference to the

Fort St. George 12th November 1856.

Dated 24th October 1856 transferred to this Office from the Court of Sudr Adalut under date the 30th October 1856 -

In Cons: 4th Novr 1856 No 2622 -

† Indent for Cloth for Belts for the Peons of your Court, I am directed to acquaint you that the Government have delegated to the Board of Revenue the duty of disposing of such requisitions and that your application will be attended to in due course -

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 12th November, 1856

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

Read the following Papers -

No. 343.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George.

507

Bd. No. 4527.

From the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that a fine of 3 Rupees was imposed on one Pachymootoo Pillay Shroff of the arasudy Salt Pan by the late Head Assistant Collector Mr.

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Mr. Swinton for neglect of duty, which on appeal having been reduced by me to one Rupee, I ordered the remaining sum of two Rupees to be refunded to the said individual but as the sum is reported to have been carried to the Head of Iyen, I beg to request you will be good enough to furnish me with the necessary sanction for the refund of the sum in question.-

Tinnevelly,
31st October 1856.
(507. 508.)
Bd. No. 3756.

(Signed) J. Silver
Collector.

Resolution thereon.- Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted to Government with the recommendation of the Board that sanction be granted for the refund of the above mentioned sum Viz.t Rupees 2-"-"-

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Fort St. George, 12th November 1856.

No. 143

To,

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

509
Bd. No. 4505.

From Acting Coll.r of Malabar ... } Sir,

The accompanying draft I find prepared by Mr. Clarke, and I forward it as pointing out the defects of the present system. I will only notice the steps I propose taking with a view to obtaining correct price Lists.-

At first the Returns of Statistical information will always be defective often deceptive, but time will rectify this.- As no portion of the Revenue system of this district has required as elsewhere, current and constant attentive to these matters they have been somewhat neglected, but I am satisfied that such will gradually be obtained.-

Public fairs and weekly markets exist throughout the District. They are all great conveniences and throughly appreciated by the Natives but these Marts are not grain exchanges. The grain trade is in the hands of grain Merchants who move from farm to farm and collect it, and the Bazar retail prices though a fair test do not show the real

† From Palghaut Tenelpoorum and the eastern taloks there is an export to Coimbatore but in the rest of the district the dealings in grain from beyond the district are generally import.-

real price of grain in the country.- There is no large export as in Canara to enable us to judge of district prices by those prevailing at the seaports and places of export, To ascertain therefore whole sale prices of Paddy, we must have recourse to the Village Officers, Adikarry and Menon

These Officers have the best opportunity of knowing the prices for the wholesale trade takes place in their Villages. The actual cultivator pays his rent in grain and thus there accumulates in the hands of the proprietory clafs large quantities of grain. The Adikarry Menon and Mookyastan all belong to this clafs and are constantly dealing in, or selling their own grain and watching the fluctuations of prices, The returns made by them ought therefore to become (it will be graduate) very valuable.-

I propose therefore having a price current list with every Munshoo and sent in weekly to the taluk Office.- These the public servants are well competent to check any great error or misrepresentation for there are likewise landed proprietors or buyers at wholesale prices.- An Abstract will be sent thence to the Hoozoor every

every 15 days and after being carefully tested from it the monthly Return to the Board will be prepared.-

It will be by no means difficult - likewise to get the grain prices from every weekly market as they are attended by the Adikarry &c. of the Munshoo and many of them are held at Cusbah Stations of taloks or where there is a Sub Officer of Police.- Returns will likewise bet got in case the Board should prefer this information

The price of Sea borne Rice and other produce whether export or import can be ascertained at the different Ports, and Returns will be prepared and sent in by the Sea Custom Manager to this Office when I shall endeavor to have trustworthy Statements prepared for submission to the Board.-

The Profs (when at at work) will greatly facilitate this important matter by circulation of blank forms and the Price Lists will be published locally for the information of the Public of the District

Calicut }
31st October 1850 }

(Signed) W. Robinson
Acting Collector

Enclosure

Fort St. George 12th November 1850

Enclosure 1
No 143

To,
G. S. Forbes Esqre.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your Circular of the 21st November last No. 3089, regarding the preparation of Returns of the prices of Grain I have the honor to report that the Price Lists forwarded from this District are open to most of the objections pointed out by Government. care however has been taken that a uniformity of measure should invariably be quoted and tables converting the Local into the Madras or standard measure of the District have been prepared and circulated, but the other defects have not been avoided and the Lists are therefore practically of little value.

The prices hitherto quoted also have been the retail prices prevailing among the Bazarmen in a few of the principal Towns only and not the prices obtaining among the wholesale Merchants.

In view to obtaining more accurate and trustworthy information, especially if the prices are

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are intended to come as near as possible to the Roy.ts prices in addition to the large Bazars, it appears to me Return should be called for from the following places in all which trustworthy information could be easily obtained from Grain Merchants and others.-

Fairs, or weekly markets are very frequent throughout the District, but grain is not sold in any quantities at them Rice is the staple of food in this District, and is sold in the Bazars which are extensively found in large Towns and in almost every parish. Paddy is bought whole sale at the Granaries of the large landed proprietors and is retailed by grain Merchants at the Steams or other halting places of Rivers and Canals. Large quantities of grain are also annually imported into the District from Canara and Bengal by sea.-

In order to carry out the comparison urged in the 4th para it would be necessary that I should be supplied with several sets of standard measures. These measures could be made

made up at the Iron factory at Beypor and I request I may be allowed to obtain sets to be sent to the several Taloks and Subordinate European Officers to institute the intended comparison.-

The only grain used in the Distric as I have observed above is Rice A few of the inferior Dry Grains are grown, but not in sufficient quantities to effect the price of Rice or to exercise any sensible influence on the prosperity of the people.-

I do not think much difficulty would be experienced in obtaining from wholesale Merchants and grain dealers the prices at which they dispose of the grains, and our Custom Houses, and Beach afford fa-cilities for obtaining such information regard-ing imported grains.-

I do not see how we could obtain any reliable information regarding the sales at each price. There are no regular granaries in this District, the growers of grain are in most cases wealthy landed proprietors, who don't care to open their stores till the more needy have disposed of the small stocks and prices are

good. The grain is not only disposed of at home, but sent in small quantities to distant markets. The jealousies and suspicion with which Natives in general, but more especially traders in grain, look upon all enquiries as inquisitonal and made with some sinister design would make it impossible to obtain any correct information on this point, nor do I see at present how the difficulty is to be over-come, Our Head Servants might be able to obtain from certain great dealers true Returns of the transactions, but these would bear but a small proportion to the whole grain trade of the District.-

In conclusion I have to request the pardon of the Board for having so long delayed to answer this Circular but my time and attention have been so fully occupied by more pressing and important matters, that I could not take up this matter.-

Calicut.....
15th September 1850.

(Signed) T Clarke
Collector.

(A True Copy)

(Signed) W. Robinson
Acting Collector.

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thereon.- The Board's general instructions on this subject will be issued at an early date.-

2. They will therefore merely remark on this occasion that they wish the "retail" prices to be given as hitherto. If the wholesale prices can be ascertained they may for the present be shewn in a separate return and they will be very acceptable, as they will at all events show what deduction must approximately be made from the Retail prices (which can alone be obtained in many districts) to determine the wholesale prices realized by the ryots.-

No. 347.

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

5-11
B. No. 4538
From the Collector of Tinnevelly....

Sir

Vencat Row the Head Sheristadar of this District having applied for permission to retire on a superannuation pension on account of failing health from the 1st November 1856, and the Zillah Surgeon at this station having certified to his unfitness for permanent

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permanent disqualification for further service, I have the honor to report to the Board that I have appointed Canary Row Sub Division Sheristadar to act as Head Sheristadar and request that the Board will be pleased to confirm the appointment.-

2. Canary Row is a Government Servant of upwards of 40 years standing, and has filled the several situations mentioned in the accompanying list in 3 Districts. He is reported to be an able and trustworthy servant. He has had long experience in Revenue matters and is familiar with the many peculiarities of the Revenue System in Tinnevelly. The Sub Collector Mr. Levinge has given him an excellent character, and his period of service in this District amounts to 23 years.-

Tinnevelly.....
1st November 1856.

(Signed) I. Silver
Collector.

Statement.

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Statement of Service of Konary Row Acting Head Sheristadar aged 59 years.

	Years	Months	Days
South Arcot District.			
Sayer Goomastah at Manaloor pettah in Perookaloor Talook from 24th May 1812 to 31st December 1821.	9	7	8
Chowkey Goomastah at Perowmmamalay from 1st January to 5th September 1822.	"	8	5
Revenue Investigations in the Talooks of Perowmmamalay, Perookaloor and Kattoo-mannargoody from 6th September 1822 to 30th July 1827.	4	10	25
Tanjore District.			
Tymash Sirkadar of Mottoverum Kundiamputty in Perovathy Talook from 28th September to 14th October 1828.	"	"	17
Do. of Madakoor 9 Villages in Puttookottah Talook from 15th October 1828 to 10th March 1830.	1	4	27
Peshcar of Vailoor in Makanum in Sheally in Sheally Talook from 11th March to 31st August 1830.	"	5	21
Cundasamiodul Ameenah in Velungaman Talook from 1st March to 31st May 1831.	"	3	"
Tinnevelly District.			
Goomastah in the Sub Collectors Office from 1st November 1833 to 11th July 1838.	4	8	11
Moozoomdar of Sullyoor Talook from 12th July 1838 to 8th February 1841.	2	6	28
Acting Tahsildar of Nelliambalum Talook from 9th February to 5th April 1841.	"	1	25
Acting — Do. — of Panjamahl Talook from 6th to 17th April 1841.	"	"	12
Moozoomdar of Sullyoor Talook from 18th April 1841 to 16th May 1842.	1	"	29
Tahsildar of Sauttoor Talook from 17th May 1842 to 8th April 1844.	1	10	23
Do. of Tencausey Talook from 9th April 1844 to 8th December 1847.	3	8	"
Do. of Streygoontum Talook from 9th December 1847 to 4th February 1848.	"	1	27
Do. of Nelliambalum Talook from 5th February 1848 to 30th September 1852.	4	7	26
Sub Division Sheristadar from 1st October 1852 to 31st October 1856.	4	1	"
Total	40	4	14

Tinnevelly 1st November 1856.

/Signed/ I. Silver
Collector

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Bd No 3765

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Proceedings thereon.— Before confirming the appointment of Conary Row as Head Sheristadar, the Board wish to know whether his advanced age will permit of his performing with efficiency the onerous and responsible duties of an Office, which require physical as well as mental ability.—

2. Conary Row will of course continue to officiate in the Office pending further orders.—

L.S.B.

Extract

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Bd No 4169

From the Supg Engineer Southern Circle . . . .

Forwarding a Communication from the Civil Engineer of Coimbatore reporting on the Roads connected with the Annamallay Forests.—

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No 7731

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works — Fort St George under date the 1st November 1856

Read the following

No 275

To Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

Sir Fort St George

I have the honor to report that I yesterday visited the forest and personally communicated with Captain Hamilton and Lieutenant Michael on the subject of the roads and bridges leading from the forest to the Ponany River and to Annamally on the Coimbatore side the former is the one in which the Bombay Dockyard is interested it is a new road laid out from the foot of the Slip to Colingode a distance of about 18 miles thence the timber is carried by an old road which was when I last saw it in very indifferent order by Poodoonagarum and across the Rumady River the bridges are represented as weak timber platforms but Captain Hamilton considers that they can be propped from below as I have suggested without difficulty and at scarcely any expense

I take the opportunity of suggesting that

2. the

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the Chief Engineer should call upon the Superintendent of the Annamallay Forest for an Estimate for converting the roads above mentioned into "trough roads" the method of making which I have personally explained the principle being that of the train only that the Litches or troughs half a yard wide and a foot deep for the wheel tracks are filled with the hardest broken granite like a Macadamized road and well rammed in this manner for 300 Rupees a mile an excellent cheap road for all States of weather could be provided.

3. It seems to me a great pity that the cart road originally projected by Lieutenant Colonel Fr. Cotton was never made up by the Annamallay Hills into the forest there are now many miles of fair weather road up above and as soon as the Nullahs are bridged or sloped down there will be a good road below but a foot path alone exists on the Hill side. I cannot help thinking that a Pass if opened at a convenient slope steeper than 1 in 18 would bring the forest into much greater use, that cart Contractors would come in

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in greater numbers and that it would answer well to export from it many superior kinds of junglewood and bamboos which latter abound and grow to a noble size Lieutenant Michael gives the height of the ridge at 1500 feet above the plain an average slope of 1 in 20 would therefore give a length of 30000 feet or about 6 miles and for 25,000 Rupees the pass might be constructed which is about the profits of one years working of the forest. Lieutenant Michael informs me that he has traced such a road and it seems to me that now is the time to open it. There is now a perfect range for dry Cultivation extending towards the Hills and in a very short time there will be no forest at the foot there will be found no difficulty in getting the required labor. It is quite lamentable to see the large quantities of fine teak timber heads and butts annually consumed by the periodical fires because there are no means to draw it out.

Coollachee 8th October 1856

/Signed/ P. M. Francis.
Civil Engineer Coimbatore.

Resolved to forward Copy of the foregoing letter No 275 of the 8th October from the Civil Engineer in Coimbatore on the roads connected with the Annamallay Forest.

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Forest to the Board of Revenue for their information

To The Board of Revenue

/True Extract/
/Signed/ E. Lawford
Superintending Engineer
Southern Circle

573.574
Bd. No. 3808
Order thereon.— Ordered that copy forwarded to the Collector of Coimbatore for any remarks he or the Superintendent of the Forest may desire to offer on the subject.

No. 781

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

575
Bd. No. 2,539
From the Collector of Trichinopoly. } Sir

I do myself the honor to transmit the prescribed advertisement for the sale of certain lands of this District the property of Ryots in the Talook of Moosery who have failed to satisfy the demand for arrears of Revenue due on account of Fusly 1265 and I solicit your Boards sanction for the sale taking place.

2. The arrear for the fusly amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 11 7 . is justly due by these proprietors who have shewn no intention or inclination to make good the Government demand notwithstanding the service upon them of the legal notice I have therefore no other alternative than

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than to let the law take its course.

Trichinopoly Collectors Office 3d November 1856

/Signed/ I. Bird
Collector

Read advertisement

Number of Defaulters	Number of Talooks	Number of Villages	Extent	Assessment	Amount of arrears
2	1	1	1 7 5	4 1 10	4 1 10

515.516
Bd. No. 3751
Proceedings thereon.— Under the circumstances stated 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 Monday the 15th December next being fixed for the day of Sale.

No. 786

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

517
Bd. No. 2,559.
From the Collector of Trichinopoly. } Sir

I do myself the honor to transmit the prescribed advertisement for the Sale of certain lands of this District the property of Ryots in

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in the Talook of Torriore who have failed to satisfy the demand for arrears of Revenue due on account of Fusly 1265 and I solicit your Boards sanction for the sale taking place.

2. The arrears for the fusly amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 30 1 9 is justly due by these proprietors who have shown no intention or inclination to make good the Government demand Notwithstanding the service upon them of the legal notice I have therefore no other alternative than to let the law take its course

Trichinopoly . . . . .
Collectors Office 4th November 1856 } (Signed) J. Bird
Collector

Read advertisement

Number of Defaulters	Number of Talooks	Number of Villages	Extent Assessment	Amount of arrears
2	1	1	1 15 10	6 6. 6 6"

(517. 518)
Bd No 3750
Proceedings thereon. Under the circumstances stated 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 Tuesday the 16th December next being fixed for the day of sale.

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No 263

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

(519)
Bd No 1,610
From the Collector of Tanjore . . . .

Stating the necessity of obtaining legal power to enforce the requisition for labor in the cases of conspiracy and of operations in connection with irrigation and cultivation which are performed by Village Communities and in which it is necessary that all should unite.

Sir

Para 1 I have had the honor to receive an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board under date the 22d October 1856 No 3510 in which I am directed to supply the information required by Government in the Extract Minutes of Consultation under date the 18th idem No 1900.

2 In this order the Government allude to certain provisions inserted in the new act for protecting works of irrigation which were intended to legalize the exercise of compulsion to obtain labor in certain cases, and to make the resistance of a legal call in pursuance of that law punishable and they call for a "memo as to "the custom in respect to these cases, citing some "well known instances in which such custom has "long been and still is observed" The cases enumerated are two namely.

1st That of operations in connection with

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with irrigation and cultivation which are performed by Village Communities and in which it is necessary that all should unite.

2nd That of Sudden emergency, Such as breaches of Tank river or chamel Banks.

3rd As regards the first case I regret to inform the Board that the little time* allowed me for replying to the Boards Proceedings does not admit of my collecting more than the following instances of works in which compulsion was exercised by the local Revenue Officers in former occasions for procuring labor. But they are sufficient to prove that the custom has descended from the earliest years, and through all the stages of the Revenue administration in Tanjore, not as an abuse that could have been avoided but as a necessary Consequence of the peculiar condition of this Province traversed as it is by no less than 1635 rivers and other Streams.

* One week

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Year in which the works were done.	Particulars of the Works.	charge Rs a P.
1830	Straightening and cutting the Vennaur	2,100 " "
1831	Cutting Calagum in Agundacavary	3708 " "
	—Do.—Veeras olaganoor	2,840 " "
1832	—Do.—Cavary	3425 " "
1833	—Do.—Do.	3425 " "
1835	Improving Vadavaur	2600 " "
1837	Cutting Rajah Vaikal in Coleroon river	10777 " "
1840	Improving Vadooroor Tank	2,080 " "
	Cutting Calagum at the Head of Vennaur	2,510 " "
1841	Altering course of the coleroon river	3100 " "
1842	Improving South Rajah Vaikal	15952 " "
1843	—Do.—Moolungoody Surplus	2708 " "
1844	—Do.— Molliyar	7100 " "
1846	—Do.— Poottaur	2,200 " "
	—Do.— Nullaur	5600 " "
1847	—Do.— Vadavaur	4,050 " "
	—Do.—Head of Munniyar	2740 " "
1848	—Do.— Vadavaur	5970 " "
	—Do.— Varichendranady	2710 " "
1849	—Do.— Maracaul caray River	8500 " "
	Groynes work at Tranquebar	5200 " "
1850	Improving Cadooyar	9,500 " "
	—Do.— Paupen Vaur Channel	4750 " "
1851	—Do.— Malimalayar	3300 " "
	—Do.— Valavanaur	6912 " "
	—Do.— Adappaur	2965 " "
	—Do.— Vellyar	3701 " "
	—Do.— Vooppanaur	2790 " "
	Groynes work at Tranquebar	7,700 " "
1852	Cutting Projection of Varichendranady	2190 " "
	Improving Seroomany Vaikul	2810 " "
	Do.—Pillay Vaikal	5830 " "
	Do.—Vadavaur	8713 " "
	Do. Colroon river	7,940 " "
	Improving Vooppanaur	3800 " "
	—Do.—Anamdun Cavary	4386 " "
	Altering course of the Vennaur river	1903 " "
	Extending Jetty at Negapatam port	3170 " "
	Improving Veeras holaganaur	3090 " "
	Altering course of Amlanaur	3880 " "

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4. That this custom is still observed will be apparent from the accompanying Statement No. 1 of works connected with the irrigation of the District which were performed in 1854, and which describes a few of the most important of them, as they are to be found on a reference to the Bills of Ordinary and occasional Maraamut for that year. These were works which affected not the cultivation of a limited number of acres, but a collection of Villages under the several sources of irrigation to which those works appertained similar works are needed in Tanjore every year, and are likely to be found in the Bills for any year either preceding or following 1854.

5. With respect to the second case namely that of works of emergent character I can only cite at present 4 important breaches which are shewn by my records.—

First. A breach of the river Cavary in the limits of Yeechengoody in the Talook of Trivady. It was unparalleled by any in the recollection of the people and the injury it inflicted was beyond calculation. It is believed that about 4 Months were

taken

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taken up in closing it. The number of laborers and workmen collected for the occasion was 23,712

Second. The breach of the Codamoorooly River in the limits of Woottany in the Paupanassem Talook. Its breadth was 140 yards. It took place in July and was closed on the 19th October 1829.

Third. The breach of the same river again in Trippalatory in the same Talook of 160 yards breadth and 4 yards deep. It occurred on 30th august and was closed on 5th October 1832.

Fourth. The remarkable breach of the Codamoorooty river in the limits of Nadoocavary in the Trivady Talook which occurred on the 4th August 1834 and could not be closed before the 26 of that Month. The average number of labourers pressed on the occasion being 2012 per diem.—

6. On all these emergencies not only labour was obliged to be forced by local Officers from all quarters within their range, but immense quantities of materials were taken from the Villages & towns wherever they could be found without the payment of even a nominal value. The description and quantity of these materials & the number of laborers forced as well as the expenditure incurred by Government on materials and labor paid for is shewn in the following Statement:—

Sir

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Particulars of labor and materials pressed without payment.—

Expenditure incurred by Government for closing the breaches.

Number	Site of the breach of the River.	Paid for contracts	Labor paid			Total Expenditure	Number of days employed	Materials for wooden horses complete.											
			Men	Amount paid				Cocoanut trees	Other trees	Stalks	Sticks	Bamboos	Do cocoanut leaves	Do Rice	Bundles of straw	Pankays	Bazar's Tatty or shutters	Mild Cane	Total
		Rs a p	No.	Rs a p		Rs a p													
1	Cavary in the limits of Yeechengoody in Pauparnaissem Talook.	177	8	4	233 712	17,200	3	8 17 377	12	255	228	996	1,000	1,710	34,475	"	"	2,832	3	3,400	44,899
1	Codamooroolty in the Dt of Nadoocavary in Trivady Dt	254	12	5	46,273	2,738	4	6,991	"	1	327	70	794	1,089	5,813	13,021	12,299	12,926	2300	43	"	48,682
	Dt Dt Dt Woottany in Pauparnaissem Talook	156	2	2	"	143	14	2,3000	4	45,728	161	30	382	201	1,588	"	8,100	10,115	500	"	"	21,079
	Dt Dt Dt Trepaulatoy in Dt	127	3	4	"	260	12	387	15	4	2434	114	7	242	72	848	2,900	250	867	1,500	"	"	6,800
	Total	713	10	7	2,799	85	20,343	2	4	2,1068	12	7	4,7,639	857	335	2,414	2,362	9,959	50,396	20,649	23,908	7,132	46	3,400	12,1458

Such

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7. Such indiscriminate appropriation of private property, and such coercion of labor have not of late been exercised; it must be observed however that such serious accident endangering the safety of the province have not recently occurred. Accidents attended with less risk to property and persons are of annual occurrence, during the South west Monsoon though the cost of the works undertaken to repair them may not invariably be very great. It is not to be supposed that the works on which expenditure is made at the cost of Government from the whole of the works executed in the year. My impression is that numerous accidents of more or less importance are remedied by the Revenue Officers without the knowledge of the Cirkar, by means of labor and materials exacted from the Village communities and it is

certain

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certain that without that compulsion of of labor which in one shape or other is still exercised to meet these emergencies it would be impossible to effect those timely remedies which are absolutely necessary to prevent the extensive of those injuries to be apprehended from a procrastination of even a few minutes. I may here mention an instance which actually took place some years ago in this District. a breach occurred and the Tahsildar happening to be on the spot and apprehending serious consequences resorted to the novel but dangerous expedient of placing a number of labourers with their backs to the stream, filling up the spaces between their bodies with mud, and thus made a temporary resistance to the force of the water until more suitable materials could be procured. The

accompanying

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accompanying Statement No. 2 prepared from the emergent Bill for 1853 will put the Board in posefsion of a few instances that were brought to notice These works are more important than the cultivation works owing to the more immediate evils that the neglect of them entail upon the country.-

8. Referring to the call made by Government for an opinion on the question of the necefsity of obtaining legal power to enforce requisition for labor in both the cases mentioned I would request the attention of the Board to the number of works of the above two clafses[x] required in a year the magnitude of each, the short time within which it requiries to be executed, and the average number of labourers engaged per diem varying from 62 — to 182 and from 224 to 2,158 in the 2 cases each of these works is of no small moment to the preservation of the Province or to the security of the existing Revenue

Government

[x] 229 and 171.

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Government can hardly overlook any one of these works without causing a deterioration if not an utter lofs of the capital invested by the inhabitants in the land - If in connection with these circumstances, the Board will consider that there are not in Tanjore, those clafses of profefsional workmen that abound in other Districts and that the Merafsdars (to whom we are to look for a supply of the only labourers to be had here Viz. the agricultural laborers) are generally apathetic and mostly reluctant to part with their servants. I trust that the Board will readily take these facts as sufficiently corroborative of the necefsity for prefsing labor.-

9. For further and more detailed information on the subject however I beg to be permitted to refer the Board to the able reports of my predecefsor Mr. Forbes[x] marginally given:-

[x] To the Chief Engineer 13th June 1855 Paras 6-7 and 10.
To the Board of D. P. W. 10th May 1855.

Tanjore, Vellum 6th November 1856.

Signed/ J. W. Cherry
Asst Collector

Statement

20027.

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No. 1. Statement shewing the General Maramut works of Irrigation executed in the District of Tanjore for the year 1854.

No. 2291.	Ordinary and Occasional works amounting to Rupees		1,99,377
79	Numbers of works exceeding — Rupees 500 each Rs.	1,14,013.	
2212	Do. within Rupees 500 each. Rs.	85,364.	
2291.			1,99,377.

Particulars of large Works.

Taluks	Sketch	Works	Estimated Rs.	Performed Rs.	Number of Coolies	Total limited days of each work.	average No. of Labourers per diem
Trivady	Ordinary	Improving	5798	5498	71,474	90	794
Pauparaserum	Do.	Do. Vadavar	2,730	2,597	33,761	90	375
		Do. Poottaur	2,588	1,908	24,804.	90	275.
		Strengthening Paupan Voical bund	3127	2,950	38,350	90	420.
Keevaloor	Do.	Do. Sakeleiun Voikal	1,141	1,141	22040	90	251
		Improving Codichootteeyar	3895	3,935	57155	83	618
		Extending Paupan Voikal & Sakeleiun Voikal	1200	1258	18,354	73	224
		Extending Poottoo Voikal	2,880	2880	37,440.	90	416
	Do.	Do. Moolliaur	2032	2030	26390	90	293
Tritory poondy	Occasional	Improving Samoodravaly Surplus	3536	3395	44,145	90	490
		Cutting Terkoo or South Rajah Voikal from Adappar Amniant	2,725	2,480	32,240	90	358.
		Improving the Drainage of Cadarumbum	38,631	24,905	3,23,765	150	2,158
Mummargoody	Ordinary	Improving Adappar River	1,724	1,724	22,412.	43.	521
		Total Numbers Thirteen.		57,393			

Tanjore
Kellum
6th November 1856

(Signed) J. W. Cherry
Acting Collector.

Statement

20029. Fort St. George 12th November 1850.

Resolved that the following Official Memorandum be despatched.-

Official Memorandum.-

521

Bd. No. 3754.

To the Chief Engineer
Department Public Works

In Bd. 25th July 1850.

With reference to Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue in the Department of Public Works dated 11th July 1850, the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to request the Chief Engineer to forward the List No. 3 (or a copy of it) which accompanied the letter from the acting Principal Collector of Coimbatore dated 30th March 1850 to enable the Board to report upon a Petition

No. 73 of 1855. referred to them by Government.-

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George.....
12th November 1850.

(Signed) I. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.-

~~14~~ 522

No. Ms. 2724.

From the Collector of Vizagapatam.- Return of Fines imposed and stoppages made from the pay of Public for the quarter ending 30th September 1850.

523

No. 2723

From the Collector of Rajahmundry. Return of Fines imposed and stoppages made from the pay of Public Servants for the Quarter ending 30th September 1850.-

From

20028 Fort St. George, 12th November 1856

No. 2. Statement shewing the emergent works of closing breaches done in 1853 in the District of Tanjore.-

	Breach of Rivers		Breach of Tanks		Total	
	No.	charges	No.	charges	No.	charges
Within 50 Rupees	117	2402	14	208	131	2,610
Within 100 Rupees	22	1,442	13	1,220	35	2,662
Within 500 Rupees	30	6,110	"	"	30	6,110
Within 1000 Rupees	1	842	"	"	1	842
More than 1000 Rupees	1	1,106	"	"	1	1,106
Total	171	11,902	27	1,428	198	13,310

Particulars of large breaches among the above said No. 198.

Talooks.	Particulars of Works.	Amount of Charges Rs.	Estimate of Charges	Date of Commencement.	When finished	Total days of work done	average Coolies — per day.
Trivady	Breach of Vadavaur river from the limits of Maravanaputtoo to Karoothattangoody	1106	14,378	11th May	28th July	79	182
Pauparajsem	Do — Do from Sittayel limits to Vadagaul	842	10,946	10th Do	15th Do	67	163
	Do — at Kundarayanaur in the Kulunjairy limit	100	1300	16th Do	5th Do	21	62
Nunnarzoody	Do — at Paunanyar in the limit of Poonniacoty	219	2,847	15th Do	10th July	27	105
	Do — at Cunnanaur in the Do of Karoocaungoody	224	2,912	20th Do	29th Do	41	71
	Do — at Coryar in the Do of Coonnuttly taluk	302	3926	10th Do	10th Do	32	123
	Do — at Paunanay in the Do of Punganaud	202	2,626	Do	Do	32	82
	Do — at — Do in the — Do of Sithamully	450	5850	Do	Do	49	120
	Total	3,445	44,785	"	"	"	"

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(319-520) Order thereon

(Signed) J. W. Cherry
Acting Collector

Ordered to lie over

Resolved.

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524

Mil. No. 2725.

From the Collector of Bellary.- Return of fines imposed and stoppages made from the pay of Public Servants for the Quarter ending 30th September 1856.

525

Mil. No. 2726

From the Collector of Rajahmundry.- Return of Public Servants suspended or dismissed during the Quarter ending 30th September 1856.-

526

Mil. No. 2728

From the Collector of Nellore. Return of Petitions referred by the Board of Revenue to the Collector for report by Endorsement for October 1856.-

527

Mil. No. 2713.

From the Acting Collector of Ganjam.. Average Bazar Prices of Grain and Memorandums of Gyen cultivation for September 1856.-

528

Mil. No. 2712.

From the Collector of Bellary. Average Bazar Prices of Grain and Memo. of Gyen cultivation for October 1856.-

529

Mil. No. 2714.

From the Collector of Bellary.- Rain Report for august 1856.-

530 Mil. No. 2715.

From the Collector of Bellary.- Rain Report for September 1856.-

Mil. No. 2716.

531 From the Collector of South Arcot. Rain Report for October 1856.-

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532

Mil. No. 2717.

From the Collector of Trichinopoly.- Rain Report for October 1856.-

533

Mil. No. 2718.

From the Collector of Rajahmundry.- Register of the Height of Water in the Godavery as taken at Rajahmundry during October 1856.-

534

Mil. No. 2720.

From the Collector of Vizagapatam. Reports that certain Quarterly Returns are Blank.-

535

Mil. No. 2719.

From the Acting Collector of Guntoor.- Reporting that there are no Imports or Exports of Gold and Silver Bullion &c. by Sea during the past month.-

536

Mil. No. 2721.

From the Collector of Madras. Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta at each of the Ports of Export on the 31st November 1856.-

537

Mil. No. 2722.

From the Collector of Madras. Statement of actual charges.

20032. Fort St. George, 12th November 1856.

Charges on account of addi-
tional Establishment in
Jusly 1265.-

538
Mis. No. 2729.
From the Superintendent
Government Press } Stating
that Annuden has been
examined at the Government
Gazette Press, and found
qualified as a 1st Class
Pressman.-

Proceedings

J. G. B.

20033 Fort St. George 13th November 1856.

No. 258

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Thursday the 13th November 1856.
Read the following Papers.—

539
B. of R. No. 4499.
From the Chief Secretary to Government ---
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 23d November 1856.—
communicating a letter from the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government of Bombay informing that Captain Hamilton will be instructed to report on the required Extra Establishment for the supply of Crooks and Sirees.—
See No. 1168 in separate Volume page 420

539.540
Order thereon.
Ordered to be recorded.—

B. of R. No. 4521.
From the Chief Secretary to Government.
541
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 4th November 1856
Sanctioning the disbursement of Rupees 548 and annas 12, being the cost of 2220 Copies of the Canarese translation of Regulations IV, VII, XI, of 1816, and observing that the latter Regulation has been printed with the two former ones contrary to their intention;
See No. 1173. in separate Volume page 427

20034
541. 542
Bd. No. 3805.

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Order thereon,

Ordered to be communi=
=cated with a copy of the Board's letter
to Government to the Collector of Canara
for his information and guidance. The
officer will make the necessary
communication to the Collectors of
Bellary and Coimbatore.—

543
Bd. No. 4556

From the Chief Secy to Govt.— } Extract from the Minutes of
Consultation in the Revenue Department
under date the 5th November 1856.—

Granting permission
as a special case to
Mr. Barter the Merchant
of Tuticorin in Tinnevelly
District to import on
account of the
Renter the remainder
of the Colombo arrack
contracted for at
a duty of 5 per Cent
on the Tariff value.

/See No. 1179
in separate
Volume page 625/

543. 544
Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded, a
copy having been sent to the Collector
direct from the Government office

Extract.

20035
545
Bd. No. 4586.

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From the Chief Secretary to Government. } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
in the Revenue Department under
date the 8th November 1856.—

Sanctioning the refund
of Rupees 10 being the
import duty on a Gun
not landed from the Bengal

/See No. 1187
in Separate
Volume page 629/

545. 546
Bd. No. 3785

Order thereon.

Ordered to be communi=
=cated to the Collector of Sea Customs with
reference to his letter dated 31st Ultimo.—

547
Bd. No. 4587.

From the Chief Secy to Government— } Extract from the Minutes of Consulta=
=tion in the Revenue Department
under date the 8th November 1856.

Sanctioning the
payment of Rupees 45
being the reward to one
Mosttoomera Ranten
an informer of certain
concealed cultivation
in the Madura District

/See No. 1189
in separate
Volume/
Page 430/

547. 548
Bd. No. 3772.

Order thereon.

Ordered to be communi=
cated to the Acting Collector of Madura
with reference to the Collector's letter
dated 16th Ultimo.—

20036
549
Bd No. 4588.

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From the Chief Secy. to Govt. — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 8th November 1856.

Sanctioning the disbursement from the Commencement of fasly 1265. of Rupees 10 per mensem as rent for the Catcherry of the Collector of Chinglepat at Sydapet and observing that this expenditure will cease when the Collector is provided with a new Catcherry.

(See No. 1191 in separate Volume Page 433)

549. 550
Bd No. 3778.

Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Chinglepat for reference to his letter dated 20th Ultimo 1856. and previous correspondence on the subject.

551
Bd No. 4589.

From the Chief Secretary to Govt. — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 8th November 1856.—

Sanctioning the payment of a Pension to one Rafeza Beeve-tro respectively from 1st October 1830. and on the term specified in a letter to the Board of Revenue under date 25th October 1830 and directing that the error pointed out by the Board of Revenue on the amount of yeomiah be corrected.—

(See No. [illegible] in separate Volume)

Orde

20037 551. 552.
Bd No. 3776.

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Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Nellore, with reference to his letter dated 15th Ultimo.—

553
Bd No. 4590.

From the Chief Secy. to Govt. — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 8th November 1856.—

Granting permission to the Petitioner in No. 1263 of 1856 to sue their opponents for the share of the Khyrate Enam.—

(See No. 1192 in separate Volume page 433)

553. 554
Bd No. 3781

Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Salem with reference to his report on Petition No. 1263 of 1856.—

555
Bd No. 4591

From the Chief Secy. to Govt. — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 8th November 1856.

Stating that the report relative to a certain torture case in Nellore should have been submitted direct to Government.—

(See No. 1188 in separate Volume page 434)

Ordered.

20038
555. 556

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Bde No. 3775.

Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated to the Magistrate of Nellore for his information and future guidance.—

No. 1266.

To

G. S. Forbes Esqre
Secretary to the
Court of Wards.

557

Bde No. 3897.

Sir,

From the Accountant General— Forwarding Forms of Registers of Bonds to be kept by the Secretary to the Court of Wards with instructions as to the mode of Entry &c.

A

B

With reference to your letter of the 13th Instant No. 3004, I have the honor to forward herewith two forms, one of a General Register of Bonds to be kept by you, and the other of a Register of Bonds on which interest is to be drawn from time to time. The former should exhibit the names of the different Estates, the amount and other particulars of the securities appertaining to each Estate and opposite to each of the Government securities as therein described the date up to which interest was last drawn upon it should be specified.—

2. You will observe that in this form of Register A there is a separate Column provided for the exhibition of the interest.

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interest to be drawn from time to time. For drawing the interest thus subsequently accruing due the other form of Register B is intended.—

3. When interest falls due on Securities of different Loans separate Interest Registers should be prepared for the securities of each Loan. These Registers prior to their being sent to this office, should be forwarded to the Sub Treasurer who will have to certify at the foot thereof, that the Securities referred to therein are in deposit in the General Treasury.—

4. All the securities now with you as well as those which you may receive hereafter should before they are sent to the Sub Treasurer for deposit be forwarded to the Bond Department of this office for entry in a General Register.— The Bonds deposited in the Treasury when required to be actually withdrawn by you must

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must be sent to this office by the Sub Treasurer under instructions from you for that purpose in order that the amount of interest and the period for which it is drawn upon them by means of Registers may be duly certified thereon.—

Fort St. George—
Accountant Generals
Office 29th September
1856.

/Signed/ G. L. Prendergast
Accountant General.

Form.

retary to

What Loan	Further Interest drawn. When drawn	To what Period	Amount
			RS A
5 p.c. Public Works Loan of 1854/55.			
4½ p.c. Loan of 30th June 1854.—			

Fort St. George 13th November 1856.

must be sent to this office by the
Treasurer under instructions from
you for that purpose in order th
the amount of interest and th
period for which it is drawn up
them by means of Registers m
be duly certified thereon.

Fort St. George.
Accountant Generals
Office 29th September
1856.

/Signed/ G. L. Prendergast
Accountant General.

Form.

Fort St. George

A.

Form of General Register
the Court of Wards.—

What Loan	Office &c. which the Promissory Notes bear	Date of the Promissory Notes.	Principal amount in C. Rs.	Interest had been receiving on the under mentioned Promissory Notes up to the following dates.	Further Interest drawn. When drawn	Further Interest drawn. To what period	Further Interest drawn. Amount	Further Interest drawn. When drawn	Further Interest drawn. To what period	Further Interest drawn. Amount
							Rs. a			Rs. a
5 p.c. Public Works Loan of 1854/55.			000 000				000			
4 p.c. Loan of 30th June 1854.—			000 000				000			

Secretary to the Court of Wards on account

Bonds to be

Interest	Further drawn
When drawn	
Amount	
When drawn	

Rs. a

the Minor

e 13th November 1856.

to this office by the Sub

der instructions from

purpose in order that

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s of Registers may

lied thereon.

igned/ G. L. Prendergast

Accountant General.

Form.

20041

Fort St George 13th November 1856.

A.

Form of General Register of Bonds to be kept by the Secretary to the Court of Wards.—

What Loan	Office of Nt which the Promissory Notes issue	Date of the Promissory Notes.	Principal amount in C. Rs on which interest had been accruing on the under mentioned Promissory Notes up to the following dates.	Further Interest drawn. When drawn	To what period	Amount	Further Interest drawn. When drawn	To what period	Amount	Further Interest drawn. When drawn	To what period	Amount	Further Interest drawn. When drawn	To what period	Amount	Further Interest drawn. When drawn	To what period	Amount
						Rs A			Rs A			Rs A			Rs A			Rs A
5 p.c. Public Works Loan of 1854/55.			000 000			000												
4½ p.c. Loan of 30th June 1854.—			000 000			000												

Secretary to the Court of Wards on account of the Minor Proprietor of

20043

Fort St. George 13th November 1856.

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.—

To The Accountant General

Sir,

I am directed by the Court of Wards to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 29th September 1856, No. 1266 with its accompaniments and to inform you in reply that the instructions therein contained will have due attention.—

In accordance with the course pointed out in para 4 of your letter, I am now desired to forward to you the Government Promissory Notes and Loan acknowledgments noted in the margin† for Registry in the Bond Department of your office previous to their transfer to the General Treasury for deposit.

†

Copy of other Draft		
The following Bonds belonging to the Minor Estates of Cabista-lum in the Tanjore District.—		
An acknowledgment No. 866 of 1854/55	C.Rs.	3,000
Government Promissory Notes No. 4381 of	Do.	500
" 4382 of	Do.	500
" 10838 of	Do.	1,000
		5,000
Gundracottah Polipat Govt. Promissory Note	No. 11217 of 1854/55	1,000
" 11374 of	Do.	1000
" 11345 of	Do.	1000
" 4377 of	Do.	500
" 4378 of	Do.	500
" 4379 of	Do.	500
" 4380 of	Do.	500
		5000

To The Accountant General—

Stating that the instructions contained in his letter of 29th September 1856. will have due attention forwarding certain Government Promissory Notes and Loan acknowledgments for registry in his office previous to their transfer to the General Treasury for deposit and requesting to be informed as to the mode of Proceeding to be adopted with regard to Bonds the property of Minors now in Charge of the Government Agents when their Agency is brought to a Close—

Jr. Con. No. 13 of 14th Nov. 56.

5578

B. No. 3788.

20042.

Fort St. George 13th November 1856

From the Register to be sent to the Accountant General's Office

Country Register of Interest due on Bonds of the 4½ Cent Loan of

No. of Years	Amount of Interest	Tale amount of Interest	Term of Interest due	Remarks
1	47½	47½	From 1st May 1855 to 1st November 1855.—	Amount Received as C.Rs.
Half Months 00				
year.				
Total				
Fort St. George.				
Sept 1856.				
Error Excepted				

Secretary to the Court of Wards

000

No. of the Bonds Forwarded

Estates

Amount of Bonds

Fort St. George 13th November 1856.

previous to their transfer to the General Treasury for Deposit. These Bonds have already been entered in this Office in a Register prepared in the form No. 1. furnished by you with this Modification that as the Court have no office number that column is omitted and in its place another opened as shewn in the Margin.—

Names of Estates to which the Bond belongs.

3. The Court further desire to be informed of the mode of Proceeding which you would suggest with regard to the Bonds, the property of Minors now in charge of the Government agents when their agency is brought to a close. As these Bonds are now in deposit at the General Treasury it occurs to the Court that it will suffice if a Register of them in the prescribed form were obtained from the Sub Treasurer, for entry both in your office and in that of the Court. This course they think would be preferable to withdrawing

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withdrawing the Bonds from the Sub Treasurer for transmission to you and the returning them again to the Custody of that officer.—

The Court instruct

4. me to request that in due course a Promissory Note for the Loan acknowledgment herewith sent No. 866 of 1854/55 may be issued in the name of the Secretary for the time being.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George.—
13th November 1856.—

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

B. of R. No. 559 2666.

From the Collector of Coimbatore.— Read Return of persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for September 1856.—

The

20046.
559 560.
Bd No 3796.

Fort St George 13th November 1856.

Proceedings thereon. The Board are of opinion that the fine imposed in cases like the one entered in this Return should depend on the character of the offence and not on the means of the offender. Even supposing that in any particular instance the full amount of fine could not be realised and it was considered desirable not to imprison the party it is still advisable to show others that the penalties incurred will certainly exceed the amount of their unlawful appropriations.—

2. The Board intend these remarks only for future guidance of the Collector.—

To

20047

Fort St George 13th November 1856

No 109

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

561

Bd No 4413
From the Collr
of Cuddapah

Submitting for approval a list of Peons to be abolished on account of the printing Establishment and stating certain reasons why the Salary of the Persian Moonshee in the Collector's office cannot be curtailed as proposed by the Board.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of extract from Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 8th July last and in accordance therewith to forward a list of the Peons recommended to be reduced

Para 1

* In the form which accompanied extract minutes of consultation dated 15th September 1856 No 990

the amount of whose Salary will make a sum sufficient for the employment of an Establishment for the printing press now proposed to be brought into use.

The Board suggest that the Salary

2

of the Persian Moonshee be reduced as formerly done by Mr Cochrane as a temporary measure, but to this, I would beg to offer the following objections. The Persian Moonshee does duty as Nazir and has the charge of the different processes issued by the Magistrate, and the charge of the prisoners, he has also the arrangement of the payment of the hire for carts

and

and books for the public records when on circuit and other miscellaneous duties and I cannot help adding that Government decision with regard to him appears to me a severe measure.

3 The ancestor of the present Persian Moonshee Hufeezoonnisah named Madarooddeen was ambassador to Tippo Sultan of Mysore to Constantinople and received a pension from the British Government as did other ambassadors and Secretaries. Madarooddeen died and the pension was devided between his two wives in the following shares. Ajabah Bee Rupees 35 and Rambow Beebee and her family Rupees 52½ the latter left two daughters who according to the Memorandum of Consultation dated 24th March 1818 were to be supported from the pension granted for the support of herself and family. one of her daughters Jumaroonbee alias Jannabeebee was the mother of the present Persian Moonshee. Rambeebee her grandmother died and on her demise being reported to Government the whole

resumed on the ground that Hufeezoonnisah was in Government employ on a Salary of Rupees 40 he ought to support the family which he has been compelled to do, under these circumstances I cannot recommend that his Salary be reduced as I consider his case a very hard one.

4 The peons removed will not be dismissed and lose their emoluments they will be transferred to Poolevendalah to which an augmentation had been allowed the inconvenience they will be put to will be a change of residence and as the Board state at first a full Establishment for the printing press will not be required the removal of the peons will be sufficient to pay the Salaries of the printing Establishment, and as considerable profit may be anticipated from printing the different processes for the courts should the Board approve of the arrangement I request you will be so good as to appoint and forward to me the number of persons qualified to set the printing press to work.

Cuddapah
Collectors Office
20th October 1856

/Signed/ M. Murray
Collector

20050 Fort St George 13th November 1856

No 1 Statement shewing the alterations proposed in the Moyenjabetah of the District of Cuddapah.

Present Establishment	amount	Total	Proposed alterations	amount	Total
	Rs a p	Rs a p		Rs a p	Rs a p
Sanctioned on the 3d April 1840	191.094 8 .				
Do on the 5th July 1856	2.535 . .				
		193.629 8 .			
District			1 Head compositor	25 . .	
1 Police Peon in Cumbum Taluk Vacant	3 8 .		1 Assistant Do	15 . .	
1 Atavany do in Do pound do Vacant	3 8 .		1 2d Do Do	12 . .	
1 Do in Budwail do	3 8 .		1 3d Do Do	8 . .	
1 Do in Jummulmudgoo do	3 8 .		1 Pressman	12 . .	
1 Do in Doovoor do	3 8 .		1 Ballman	8 . .	
1 Police do in Do	3 8 .		1 Assistant	5 . .	
1 Atavany do in Bolcondta do	3 8 .		Total	85 . .	
1 Police do in Do	3 8 .		Aggregate pay of the servants interfered with	193.539 8 .	
1 Police do in do Vacant	4 . .				
1 Do Do in do in Siddhout do	4 . .				
1 Do do in Banvalapoor do Vacant	3 8 .				
1 Atavany do in Gootrumcondah do	3 8 .				
1 Do Do in Muddempully do Vacant	3 8 .				
1 Do Do in Royachoty do	3 8 .				
1 Do Do in Hoozoor	3 8 .				
	57 . .				
Hoozoor					
1 Goomastah in the Hoozoor Treasury	10 . .				
1 Duloyet Vacant	7 . .				
1 Ditto	6 . .				
1 Ditto	5 . .				
1 Ditto in the Sub Collectors Department	5 . .				
	33 . .				
Total	90 . .				
Aggregate pay of the Servants interfered with	193.539 8 .				
Total		193.629 8 .	Total of the present Moyenjabettah		193.629 8 .

Cuddapah
Collectors Office
20th October 1856

/ Signed / M. Murray
Collector

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Bd. N. 3777.

Proceedings thereon.

The Board observe that since the date of their Proceedings of 22d August 1856 the Government have again distinctly declared that reductions must be made only in those departments the duties of which are lessened by the substitution of printing for manuscript work; it will be necessary therefore for the Collector again to revise his proposed press Establishment and submit an application for the same in the prescribed Tabular form.

CO 26th Sept. 1856

2 Under the circumstances stated the pay of the Persian Munshee must not be interfered with.

3 The Collector will ascertain whether the Judges of the Courts in Cuddapah can assist in meeting the Press expenses by any reductions in their permanent Establishments. They will certainly have to pay for all their printing work and to meet the charge by reductions it would be convenient if they could and the Collector as above suggested at the outset in forwarding a new Press Establishment preserving credit in their Bills for such reductions

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4 As printing facilitates and expedites the despatch of public business the limited strength of the Collectors Establishment is an additional argument in favor of the early introduction of a Press.

5 The Board will at once proceed to engage the requisite printing Establishment and they expect soon to learn that Mr. Murray has adopted the necessary measures for working the Press efficiently as it has been several months in the Collectors possession.

N. 220.

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

563
Bd. N. 4353
From the Coll.
of South Arcot

Sir

I have the honor to solicit the sanction of the Board of Revenue to continue for the current Fusly [1266] the temporary remissions in the land Assessment as granted for the past Fusly by Extract from their Proceedings under date 16th October 1855

N.

Fort St George 13th November 1856

No 2701 in the Talooks of Munnargoody, Challumbrum and Cuddalore of this District.

South Arcot
Collectors Cutcherry
Cuddalore
23d October 1856
Bd No 3764

/Signed/ A. Hall
Collector

Proceedings thereon. (563. 564)

The Board of Revenue authorize the Collector of South Arcot to continue during the current Fusly the remissions of assessment in the Talooks of Munnargoody, Challumbrum and Cuddalore which were sanctioned for the past Fusly.

+ Proceedings South Arcot 16th October 1855

No 10

565

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

After Bd No 4324
From the Secy and Treasurer of the Madras Bank

Sir.

With reference to a letter from G. L. Forbes Esqre Secretary to the Court of wards of the 17th June last to my address requesting investment of Rupees 12000 in 5 per Cent G.P. Notes I have to advise purchases @ 1/2 per

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Cent premium on the 26th June last on account of "The Secretary to the Court of Wards for the time being" for No 1 account of a P.W. Loan acknowledgment for Rupees 3000 and on the 30th Ultimo at 3 per Cent premium three G.P. notes of the P.W. Loan aggregating Rupees 2000 and also of purchase for No 2 account on the 26th June last @ 1/2 per Cent premium of 3 G.P. notes of the same loan for Rupees 1000 each and on the 30th Ultimo at 3 per Cent premium of 4 notes of Rupees 500 each; the cost of which amounting to Rupees 5279 and Rupees 5228-14-0 as per Memos. of particulars enclosed have been debited to accounts Nos 1 and 2. respectively.

From Mr Forbes's letter of the 31st July last I apprehend that the Securities are to be deposited with the Sub Treasurer and therefore forward them herewith duly endorsed, and shall feel obliged by your acknowledging their receipt. A list of the Securities is inserted at foot.

/Signed/ R. Hunter
Secretary & Treasurer

Loan

20056 Fort St George 13th November 1856

(R. 566)

Order thereon Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.

(515. 567)

To. The Secretary and Treasurer of Madras Bank.

Bk No 3786

To the Sect.y & Treasurer of the Madras Bank

Sir,

I am directed by the Court of Wards to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 10/186/ without date/ forwarding 11 Government Promissory notes to the aggregate amount Rupees 10,000 purchased by you on behalf of the Secretary of the Court for the time being per No. 1 and No. 2 accounts as requested

20055 Fort St George 13th November 1856.

Loan acknowledgment

G. P. Notes

No 866 of 1854/55/ 4th June 1855	Rupees	3,000		
" 4,381 of do — 12th March 1855	"	500		No 1 Account
" 4,382 of do do	"	500		
" 10838 of do do	"	1,000		
	C.O Rupees	5,000		
" 14217 of do do	"	1,000		
" 14374 of do do	"	1,000		
" 14375 of do do	"	1,000		
" 4377 of do do	"	500		No 2 Account
" 4378 of do do	"	500		
" 4379 of do do	"	500		
" 4380 of do do	"	500		
	Rupees	5,000		

Compared

/Signed/ B. Thomas
Secretary

Orders

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On No 1 account

Loan acknowledgment

	No 866 of 1854/1855 6 Rupees	3,000	requested
G. P. Note	" 4,381 of Do "	500	in my fav
	" 4,382 of Do "	500	
	" 10,838 of Do "	1,000	deceased
		5,000	

On No 2 account

G P Notes	No 11,217 of 1854/1855 "	1,000	letter of the
	11,374 of "	1,000	12th June 18
	11,375 of "	1,000	
	4,377 of "	1,000	
	4,378 of "	500	The parti
	4,379 of "	500	
	4,380 of "	500	culars
		500	
		5,000	of the

Bonds are specified in the mar gin.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
13th November 1856

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

20058 Fort St George 13th November 1856

No 175

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

568.

Bd No 1517.
From the Collector of Coimbatore

Sir

With reference to Extract of Minutes of Consultation dated 6th Instant No 1060 conveyed in the Board's Proceedings of the 11th Idem I have the honor to forward for their information, Copy of a letter from the Superintendant of Malabar Forests having reference to the Teak logs required by the Bombay Government.

dated 27th October 1850.

Coimbatore Collector's Office 30th October 1850.

/Signed/ E. B. Thomas
Collector

No 1

To
The Collector of
Coimbatore

Sir

With reference to Extract from the proceedings of the Board of Revenue No 3317 dated 11th October 1850, forwarded to me for report, I have the honor to State that the two large logs in question are prepared

prepared agreeably to a request from the ~~ Bombay authorities, that the timber should be cut and the means for its removal left as a matter of after consideration I am quite at a loss to suggest any method of moving such enormous masses of timber to the top of the slip, with the roads and means available in the Forest.

For the planks and moderate sized logs hitherto sent out of the forest, cheap ~~ unmetalled roads, of little width with tolerably steep gradient and sharp turnings, answer all our purposes - for one such road, timber of scantling not exceeding 50 or 60 ~~ Cubic feet - is manageable, whether drawn by Elephants or Carts assisted by Coolies, at awkward spots.

The only feasible plan in my opinion, would be to widen out, and otherwise improve the existing forest road to the top of the slip, so as to admit of the use of large sling Carts dragged by Elephants. This would be a work of considerable time and expense, for the Country over which the road passes, ~~

is excessively undulating and the soil very loose. There would be a good deal of scarping, and in one or two places, revetments would have to be reconstructed. The total distance to be improved would be about six miles.

It will be seen on referring ~~ to the measurements* of the two logs now called for, that they each contain 490 Cubic feet, so that moving them by Elephant power, alone, is out of the question. The strongest Elephant in the Forest is unable to drag more than 50 Cubic feet - so that supposing it were possible to combine the strength of Elephants, and make them all "pull together", few would be required to move one of the logs. But even if this difficulty could be overcome, or ~~ lessened, the using tackle and rollers, it would still be necessary to widen the present forest road, so as to admit of so many Elephants working together on it.

* Feet Ft. Ft. 40 X 3½ X 3½

In Conclusion I beg to bring to the ~~ notice of the Board that in the event of the Bombay Government being willing

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to undergo this expense to procure the toge
that it should be borne in mind that I can
not calculated how being able to keep large
gangs of road coolies in the forest later than
the middle of December for the appearance of
jungle fever among them, at that season, would
at once make them abandon the work which
could not then be recommenced until next
June.

Annamalay Hills
27th October 1856.

/ Signed / S. Michael
Supt. Annamalay Forest

/ True Copy /

(566. 569)

/ Signed / E. B. Thomas
Collector

Bd. No. 3793.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved that the foregoing
letter be forwarded for the information
of the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council in connection with the Board's
Proceedings dated 4th Instant
No. 3638 and with reference to Extract
Minutes Consultation dated 6th October 1856.

Sd. Wm. Oct. 11 October 1856.

Fort St. George, 13th November 1856.

No. 352

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

(570)

Bd. No. 3795
From the Collector
of Tinnevelly

Requesting to be favored with the instructions of the Board whether their orders with mentioned regarding the taxation of dry lands under Wells sunk subsequent to Fusly 1252 apply also to similarly circumstanced lands in Polygar Estates.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that some of the Ryots of the Cotoomalay zemindary in this District preferred Petitions complaining that the managers in charge of the Estate instead of levying Poonjah tax on dry cultivation made under Wells sunk subsequent to Fusly 1252, as in the case in respect to similarly circumstanced lands in Government Villages collected Teerwah at an Exorbitant rate and requested that the extra cess imposed might be ordered to be remitted.

2 The practise obtaining in Government Villages in respect to lands of the description spoken of by the Petitioners is that the land tax viz the Poonjah Teerwah is charged on cultivation raised on dry lands under Wells dug posterior to Fusly 1252 agreeably

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agreeably to the orders of the Board Contained in Paras 19 and 13 of Extracts from the Proceedings dated the 7th June 1841 and 13th September 1842 respectively.

3 Some other charges, such as making unauthorized collections on account of fees, including the present complaint, having been brought before my Predecessor Mr Bird, that Gentleman, after disposing of all the other items of the Complaint, passed a decision as regards the matter at issue, stating that he would refer to the Board the question, whether the above Order given by them as regards Government lands under wells sunk subsequent to Fusly 1252, are also applicable to Zemindary lands, and then settle the matter on the receipt of their reply, and directing that in the meantime Poonjah Teerwah be levied on lands originally classed as such, and now watered from Wells Sunk as those referred to, pending the orders of the Board.

4 The Manager has since addressed Urges

Fort St. George, 13th November 1850

Remainder being the difference or the amount which the manager states will be a loss to the revenues of the Estate

Rs.	As.	P.
577	3	7

Deduct amount of Poonjah Teerwah at the Ayacut rate, as now claimed by the Ryots.

Rs.	As.	P.
389	15	1

Amount of Beriz according to the various rates of Teerwah usually levied in the Zemindary on lands watered from Wells sunk subsequent to Fusly 1252.

Rs.	As.	P.
967	2	8

Total No. of Villages and Wells in the Zemindary of Colompulay

No. of Villages	No. of Wells
30	342

Urges that the orders of the Board, which authorize the collection of Poonjah tax on lands under Wells sunk subsequent to Fusly 1252, have reference exclusively to lands in Ayen Villages, and that if they (the orders) were construed to apply equally to lands in Polygar Estates also, which pay a permanent Peishcush, a falling off in the revenue of the Estate will be the consequence, and that a proportionate deduction will therefore have to be made in the Peishcush.

5 Upon this an order was issued to the manager directing him to state the amount of loss anticipated to occur in the revenue of the Estate and to report what tax is being collected on lands irrigated from wells sunk subsequent to Fusly 1252. In reply he submitted certain accounts, an abstract of which is given in the Margin from which it appears that a decrease of Rupees 577. 3. 7 in the amount of tax on first crop and a like sum

sum or there about in that of the 2d Crop. is alleged to be likely to occur in the total amount of Beriz..

The Manager also urges that the Ryots taking advantage of the levy of the favorable Soonjalu tax upon lands under Wells dug Subsequent to Fusly 1252 above alluded to will cause a further loss of revenue by leaving uncultivated most of the lands under old wells bearing a higher assessment..

Under these circumstances and as there are doubts as to whether the Board's Orders above quoted apply also to zemindary lands, I beg to be favored with the instructions of the Board on the Subject..

Tinnevelly
5th November
570. 571 1856.
Bd. No. 3809.
Proceedings thereon.

Signed J. Silver.
Collector.

The Collector is informed that the rules regarding the exemption of Private Wells apply only to Government lands.

2. The Board are at present unable to authorize their being applied to Estates under management except where the result would be clearly

clearly be to the advantage of the Estate. To enable them to Judge how far this would be the case in the present instance it is necessary for the Collector to inform them of the cultivable Ayacut of the Estate, the extent under cultivation and that waste under the three heads of Wet, Dry and Garden and the assessment on each. The extent and Assessment of the old well cultivation likely to be affected by the exemption of New Wells from Extra Tax should also be stated, as well as the deductions now made from the Computed assets of the estate when it was permanently settled..

3 The question whether Government should make any reduction of the Peishcush on Settled Estates to enable nor induce their proprietors to extend to their Ryots concessions or indulgences of this nature is still undecided and the Collector will be careful not to excite expectations on the part of Proprietors that such reductions will be made by the Government..

J.

Fort St. George 13th November 1850

No. 235

To.

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George,

572

Bd. No. 1379

Sir,

I have the honor to forward

From the Collector of Nellore ...

for publication in the Board's Office the accompanying 8 Advertisements received from the Sub Collector for the Sale of land for arrears of Revenue and beg to solicit sanction for the Sale.

Nellore, ...
Collector's Office, ...
8th November 1850.

Signed/ T. B. Elliot.

Collector

Advertisements

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Read Advertisements

No. of Defaulters	No. of Talooks	No. of Villages	Extent	Assessment			Amount exclusive of arrears payable for Current Fusly		
				Rs	As	Ps	Rs	As	Ps
1	11	1	3	12-13-14	96	5	0	96	5 0
2	1	1	1	1-10-14	37	8	7	37	8 7
3	11	1	3	" - " - "	41	12	10	41	12 10
4	24	1	4	22-4-10	189	8	4	169	8 4
5	21	1	2	26-12-4	453	15	2	453	15 2
6	21	1	4	7-" 5	113	6	4	113	6 4
7	20	1	1	24-9-5	142	15	2	142	15 2
8	22	1	2	" - " - "	257	13	2	257	13 2

Proceedings

20069

572.573

B.R. No. 3790

Proceedings thereon.

Fort St. George, 13th November 1856.

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 advertisements forwarded by the Collector, Wednesday the 17th December next being fixed for the day of sale.

2 It is observed that the heading of Column 7 should show in what measure the land is computed.

J.E.B.

To

20070

Fort St. George 13th November 1856.

No. 188.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue,

Fort St. George.

574

B.R. No. 4577.

From the Collector of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

Rz. 161-6-7.

Para 1. Adverting to my letter No. 148 of date the 9th September last and to your Board's Orders thereon No. 3029 dated the 16th idem I do myself the honor to report that out of the arrear due Rupees 84-1-1 were paid up by 21 Defaulters with interest prior to the day of Sale.

2. The remaining 9 Defaulters referred to in the accompanying Statement not being able to meet the demand against them, Rupees 77-5-6, their respective lands were put up for sale and realized Rupees 126-8-0 which covers in full the arrear with interest against them.

3. There is a surplus sum of Rupees 42-1-1. due to these Defaulters, which amount should be refunded to each individual in proportion to the excess over the arrear.

4. I beg to solicit confirmation of the lands disposed of.

Trichinopoly, Collector's Office, 6th November 1856.

(Signed) J. Bird
Collector.

Statement

2007.

Fort St. George

No. 1. Statement shewing the result of the sale of Lands in the Village of Trichinopoly in the Month of October 1856.

Number	Names of the Defaulters.	Names of the Villages	Particulars of Balance. Fusly	Amount	Amount of the Balance paid on or prior to the sale.	Remaining Balance
1	Mahanathoo Casim Saib	Daranellore	1264	2 6 9		
			1265	2 6 9	" " "	4 13 6
2	Moottooveera Naicken	Do.	1264	2 14 6		
			1265	2 14 6	" " "	5 13 "
3	Mootto Swamy	Mullachee poorum	1264	5 5 4	" " "	5 5 4
4	Nangummaul	Panasaw Mungalum	1264	5 1 "	" " "	5 1 "
5	Annathooray Iyen	Do.	1264	2 1 7	" " "	2 1 7
6	Dawooth Khan	Keelamal Lacoody	1262	7 12 10	4 " "	7 12 10
7	Sollapen	Sholla madavy	1264	3 4 6	" " "	3 4 6
8	Colunthavalam pillay	Palunconi dapully	1264	3 13 4	" " "	3 13 4
9	Alagherry Iyen	Aulattoor	1262	39 4 5	" " "	39 4 5
				77 5 6	" " "	77 5 6

Trichinopoly, 6th November 1856.

13th November 1856.

The Village of Daranellore in the Talook of Conaud in the District

Particulars of land sold					Particulars				Names of the Purchasers
Description of land sold	Extent	Teerwah	Total amount realized by Sale	Amount of Balance	Interest	Surplus amount	Total		
Poonjah	" 1011	2 6 9	10 " "	4 13 6	" 4 "	4 14 6	10 " "		Moottoocurpen
Do.	" 488	2 14 6	16 4 "	5 13 "	" 5 "	10 2 "	16 4 "		Shashiengar
Nunjah	" 25 "	1 14 9	16 " "	5 5 4	" 9 "	10 18	16 " "		Mootto Ramien
Do.	" 28 12	1 3 3 7	" "	5 1 "	" 5 8	1 9 4 7	" "		Pumbya Pillay
Do.	" 164	" 10 10 4	" "	2 17 "	4 "	1 10 5 4	" "		Drasamy Pillay
Do.	" 98 "	6 15 5	16 8 "	7 12 10	" 12 10	7 14 4	16 8 "		Soobramania Moodelly
Poonjah	1 14 2	3 14 6	5 " "	3 4 6	" 3 9	1 7 9	5 " "		Aurothein Pillay
Nunjah	" 75 "	1 10 3	6 12 "	3 13 4	" 4 4	2 10 4	6 12 "		Do. Do.
Do.	" 57 "	4 10 "	45 " "	39 4 5	4 " 10	1 10 9	45 " "		Appavoo pillay
	5 35	25 10 3	126 8 "	77 5 6	7 15	42 11	126 8 "		

(Signed) J. Bird.
Collector.

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Bs. No. 3783

Fort St. George 13th November 1856.

Proceedings thereon. 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 late Proprietors, to disburse to them respectively the remaining sale proceeds.

No. 227.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

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Bs. No. 4580.

From the Collector of South Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Advertisement in the prescribed form for the sale of some lands belonging to certain Defaulters in the Talooks of Cullacoorchy and Bowangherry against whom there is a demand of Rs. A. P. 217-5-10 for the past Fusbies, and to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of the Board for the disposal of a sufficient quantity of land to cover the amount outstanding against their owners.

South Arcot Collector's Cutcherry, Cuddalore, 7th November 1856.

(Signed) A. Hall.

Collector.

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Fort St. George 13th November 1856.

Read Advertisement.

Number of Defaulters.	Number of Talooks.	Number of Villages	Esctent	Assessment	Amount of Arrears.
24	2	10	54 41 12 3/4	171 9 11	163 4 1

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Bs. No. 3767.

Proceedings thereon. 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. Friday the 19th December next being fixed for the day of sale.

No. 228.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George.

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Bs. No. 4581.

From the Collector of South Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Advertisement in the prescribed forms for the sale of some lands belonging to certain Defaulters of the Talook of Ellavanasore against whom there is a demand of Rs. A. P. 756-2-0-

for

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Fort St. George 13th November 18

for fusly 1265 and to request that you wo
so good as to obtain the Sanction of the
Board for the disposal of a sufficient
quantity of land to cover the amount
= standing against their owners-

South Arcot,
Collectors Cutcherry,
Cuddalore,
7th November 1856.

(Signed) A: Hall
Collector.

Read Advertisement.

Number of Defaulters.	Number of Talooks	Number of Villages	Extent	Assessment	Amount of arrears
50	1	12	"	91.10 3/4	666 12 10	633

Bd. No. 3782.
Proceedings thereon.
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The Board of Revenue authorize
sale for arrears of Revenue of the lands alle
to in the foregoing letter and direct the public
= tion in their Office of the Advertisement fo
= warded by the Collector Friday the 19th Decem
neact being fixed for the day of Sale-
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20075 Fort St. George 13th November 1856

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Bd. No. 4622

From the Collector of South Arcot

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

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to forward for favorable consideration this my application for Privilege leave of thirty days from the date of my quitting the district for the purpose of visiting the Neilgherry Hills.

It is not my purpose to take advantage of the leave that may be granted until after the return of my Asistant Lieutenant Hefsay in December but I make an early application as ten days or a fortnights notice will be required to have bearers posted for me.

Arther Hall Esqre.
Collector of South Arcot
Cuddalore ....

/Signed/ Frederick J.B. Priestley Captain
Superintendent Revenue Survey

The Collector has the honor to forward this application for the favorable Consideration of the Board of Revenue.

South Arcot ....
Collectors Cutcherry ..
Cuddalore 10th November 1856

/Signed/ A. Hall
Collector

Bd. No. 3757
Proceedings thereon
(580. 581)

Submitted through the Civil auditor for the favorable Consideration of Government.

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B. of R. No 3769

Statement Shewing the State of the Season in the undermentioned Districts during the month of October 1856.—

District and Date	Rain fall	State of the crops and the cultivation operations	Prices whether high or low rising falling or Stationary	Further remarks.
My. No. 2686. Tinnevelly dated 3 inlcons 8th Novr 1856.—	There was rain on the Hills as well as in the Plains but the supply was partial.	The Carr crops under rivers have been mostly harvested what remains of them and the young Peshanam crops are promising the cultivation of the last kind is being carried on in some places but the Dry lands and those dependant on rain fed ranks are largely left uncultivated for want of rain. Wet cultivation has been extensive that of Sugar cane Indigo lentil & Cotton seed limited.— Dry Wet crops look well. Cumboo and cholum being reaped in a few places and the cultivation of Paddy also going on.—	The prices of Paddy have fallen since last year those of Horse Gram and Coloondo have risen.—	The main river Tambraporney and some others as well as some of the tanks have received a small supply of water Paddy Rice &c are being imported from Madura for sale no export of the same from Tinnevelly was made
My No 2710 Madura Dated 3 inlcons 11th November 1856.	Eight inches by the Guage in the Town of Madura Rain fell throughout the District mostly in some parts of the N Western Talooks		High and Stationary	No new supply in the rivers Vigha Alahr & Sooli Aar
My 2690 N. Arcot dated 6th Novr inlcons 10th Novr 1856.—	Partial fall in the early part of the month none after the 11th	The harrearly crops have been cut in some places. cultivation generally is limited. Of the dry grains Cholum Horse Gram and Varragoo have been sown and also castor oil seed. In the wet lands Voir cuddalay and chinna Sumbah. The Dry crops are withering for want of rain.—	That of Paddy rising.—	
My 2709 Nellore dated 3 inlcons 11th Novr 1856.—	Very little and not general. The north East monsoon had not set in.	The crops generally are suffering from want of rain The standing crops esceept those within the influence of river irrigation must perish if the northern East monsoon does not set in soon. The indigo leaf tho luxuriant is considered defective in coloring matter.—	Rising	
My 2711 Bellary Dated 3 inlcons 11th Novr 1856.—	A good fall throughout the District in the early part of the month.—	The early crops of Jowaree and Suggaloo are healthy and are being reaped. White cholum Bengal Gram wheat &c have been largely sown.—	Falling Slightly	Many Tanks received a full supply of water

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District and Date	Rain fall	State of the crops and the cultivation operations	Prices whether high or low rising falling or stationary	Further remarks
My. 2695 Masulipatam Dated 4th inst. 4th Novr. 1856.	Very scanty throughout the District	The Dry Paddy requires rain. The wet crops under anicut irrigation are thriving: but it is feared that water will fail for such or depend solely on Tanks. The Jonna crop is flourishing	Fell in October were rising at the date of report (4th Novr.)	In five Talooks disease among cattle prevails.
My. 2697 Kurnool Dated 4th inst. 10th Novr. 1856.	It rained throughout the District in the early part of the month.	The first crop was slightly damaged by the rain. but has been gathered in. The second crop are sown and flourishing.	Fallen	Fever prevalent. Cattle suffering from disease
My 2706 Vizagapatam Dated 4th inst. 11th Novr. 1856.	No rain	It is apprehended that the wet cultivation in the northern Eastern portion of the Collectorate will suffer in other respects the season is favorable.	High	
My 2708 Ganjam Dated 1st inst. 12th November 1856.	General supply rather short, on the 10th there was a heavy storm of wind and rain over the whole district but most severe in the centre.	Dry crops have been nearly all reaped. Sugar Cane is thriving. Paddy crop promises to be an average one. Raggy and Mustard seed were sown during the month.	Have fallen a little.	Measles are very prevalent.
My. 2707. Rajahmundry Dated 3rd inst. 11th November 1856.	No rain except a few Showers in some parts, early in the month.	The yield of the early wet crops which are being reaped is generally fair. The second wet and Dry crops are not generally very flourishing. they have suffered from Grubs. Cholum was sown and is going on well. Sugar Cane and Indigo are thriving.	Prices of most of the Grains have slightly fallen that of Paddy has risen a little.	Cattle are suffering from an epidemic fever and small pox partially prevail.

13th Novr. 1856.

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

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Bde No 3789.

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Statement of the Value of Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie Imported by Sea in the Month of September 1856 into Madras and its Subordinate Ports from Ports and places not Subordinate to Madras.—

By Individuals.—

Districts	Imported into	From	Silver valued in Company's Rupees. Bullion	Company's Rupees	Dollars	Francs	Pagodas	Total	Gold valued in Company's Rupees. Bullion	Sovereigns	Venetians	Gold Coins	Fanams	Gold Bracelets	Manbeal	Total	Grand Total of Bullion & Specie Imported.
Ganjam	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Vizagapatam	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Rajahmundry	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Masulipatam	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Guntoor	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Nellore	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Chinglepat	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
South Arcot — Cuddalore	"	Ceylon	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	700
South Arcot — Portonovo	"	Pondicherry	"	700	"	"	"	700	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	500
	"	Ceylon	"	500	"	"	"	500	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4,000
		Total	"	4,000	"	"	"	4,000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5,200
Tanjore — Tanjore District and its Subordinate Ports	"	Columbo	"	5,200	"	"	"	5,200	"	12,000	"	"	"	"	"	12,000	61,600
Madura	"	"	"	49,600	"	"	"	49,600	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Tinnevelly — Tuticorin	"	Columbo	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	14,000
Canara	"	"	"	14,000	"	"	"	14,000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Malabar — Malabar	"	Arabia	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	20,000	"	"	"	20,000	20,000
	"	Bombay	"	"	"	"	"	"	900	8,125	"	16,500	"	"	"	25,525	106,925
		Total	"	81,200	"	"	"	81,200	900	8,125	"	36,500	"	"	"	45,525	126,925
		Suez	2,45,536	"	3,386	2,31,080	"	4,80,002	"	30,557	"	"	"	"	"	30,557	5,10,559
Madras — Madras		Calcutta	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	300	"	3,000	3,000
		Point de Galle	"	"	"	"	"	"	11,125	"	"	"	"	"	"	11,125	1,3,375
		Bordeaux	17,000	"	2,250	"	"	2,250	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	17,000
		Pondicherry	"	"	"	"	"	17,000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7,400
		Total	2,62,536	"	7,400	"	"	7,400	11,125	30,557	"	"	"	3,000	"	44,682	5,51,334
Grand Total of Imports			2,62,536	1,50,000	13,036	2,31,080	"	5,06,652	12,025	50,682		36,500	"	3,000	"	102,207	7,58,359

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13th November 1856.

Statement of the Value of Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie Exported by Sea in the Month of September 1856 from Madras and its Subordinate Ports to Ports and places not Subordinate to Madras.—

Districts	Exported from	To	By Individuals						Grand Total of Bullion and Specie Exported
			Silver Valued in Company's Rupees.			Gold Valued in Company's Rupees			
			Company's Rupees	Dollars	Total	Bullion	Sovereigns	Total	
Ganjam									
Vizagapatam	"								
Rajahmundry	"								
Masulipatam	Coringa	Moulmein	26,000	"	26,000	"	"	"	26,000
Guntoor									
Nellore									
Chingleput									
South Arcot									
Tanjore									
Madura									
Tinnevelly									
Canara									
Malabar									
	Malabar	Bombay	1,382	"	1,382	"	"	"	1,382
		Point de Galle	28,975	"	28,975	"	"	"	28,975
Madras		Mauritius	58,000	"	58,000	"	"	"	58,000
	Madras	Moulmein	25,000	"	25,000	"	"	"	25,000
		Total	111,975	"	111,975	"	"	"	111,975
	Grand Total of Exports		137,975	1,382	139,357	"	"	"	139,357

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From Ganjam 1st Inclos 11th Novr 1856
From Bellary 2d Inclos 11th Novr 1856.
From Tinnevelly 3d Inclos 8th Novr 1856

Read Statements from the Collectors of Ganjam, Bellary and Tinnevelly dated respectively as per Margin, shewing the state of the Season in their several Districts for the month of October 1856.—

584
Bd. No. 3773.
Proceedings thereon.— The Collectors of the above Districts have not stated whether Copies of their Season Reports have been duly forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce. Copies have therefore been forwarded from the Board's Office and the attention of the Officers above referred to, is requested to the Board's Circular Order 1259 dated 29th April last.—

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585
My No. 2735.
From the Collector of Madras. Read, Requesting to furnish this office with a further supply of 1,000 Salt Rowannahs.—

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Order thereon. Ordered to be supplied accordingly.—

Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous Letters and Statements.—

587
My. No. 2739
From the Actg. Collector of Ganjam.— Extra Tentage Bill of the Collector for the Month of August 1856.—

588
My. No. 2732
From the Actg. Collector of Guntoor. Extra Tentage Bill of the Acting Head Assistant Collector for the Month of October 1856.—

589
My. No. 2730.
From the Collector of Nellore.— Extra Tentage Bill of the Sub Collector and Acting Head Assistant Collector for October 1856.—

590
My. 2738
From the Actg. Collector of Madura. Extra Tentage Bill of the Acting Head Assistant Collector for October 1856.—

Extra

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My. No. 2731.

From the Collector of Tinnevelly.— Extra Tentage

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Bill of the Sub Collector for October 1856.—

My. No. 2737.

From the Acty. Collector of Malabar.— Extra Tentage

Bill of the Collector and his Subordinates

593

for the Month of October 1856.

My. No. 2736.

From the Collector of Nellore.— Rain Report

594

for October 1856.—

My. No. 2733.

From the Collector of North Arcot.— Forwards a duplicate

copy of Abstract on account of Extra

Tentage of Mr. Packin for

595

October 1856.—

My. No. 2740.

From the Acty. Collector of Coimbatore.— Season Report

596

for October 1856.—

My. No. 2734.

From the Collector of Madura.— Statement

of Actual Charges on account

of Additional Establishment

in Fusly 1265.—

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1856

J. S. Forbes Esqre

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

I have the honor to submit

Mr. Reid, a Ceylon Coffee

has on his own account, and

others, applied for permission to

to 30,000 acres of land in

those of cultivating it with

parties

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Bd. No. 4592

From the Secretary to Government. } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department under date the 7th November 1856.—

Requesting the Board to report on the application of Captain Nelson to be permitted to hold his lands situated at Sidlapoor and Pedd-dacharroo in Kurnool Dist. rict on the same terms as those granted to Settlers in Pegu.—

See No. 1180 in Separate Volume Page 435

Orders

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Bd. No. 3794

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Order thereon Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing & Correspondence be forwarded to the Officiating Agent in Kurnool for early report.-

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No. 106 / 1856

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

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Bd. No. 3479

From the Collector of Malabar.....

Submitting a letter from Mr. Reid a Ceylon Coffee Planter, applying for permission to take up from 20,000 to 30,000 acres of land in Wynaad for the purpose of Coffee Cultivation.-

Dated 15th Instant

Sir

I have the honor to submit a letter from Mr. Reid a Ceylon Coffee Planter, who has on his own account, and that of several others, applied for permission to take up from 20,000 to 30,000 acres of land in Wynaad for the purpose of cultivating it with Coffee.-

2. The land is required for several parties for whom Mr. Reid acts as Agent. The land he hopes to find in convenient blocks suited to the wants of the parties by whom he is engaged. Mr. Reid now proceeds to Wynaad to ascertain of the quantity of land applied for is to be found and if so, its position and the quantity to be found in each block.

3. Before embarking in his undertaking

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undertaking. Mr. Reed wishes to know on what terms he may expect the land to be granted him.—

4. His own proposals are, that he be allowed to select from 20,000 to 30,000 acres, of which he contracts to bring under cultivation at the close of ten years one hundred acres for each thousand acres of land granted and to pay 1 Rupee per acre, for each acre so brought under cultivation from the 5th year after the planting. that he be empowered to dispose of or alienate the entire or any portion of the said land on the same terms as he receives it, and that in case he fails to comply with the above conditions the Government be entitled to resume such portions of the land as at the lapse of 10 years be uncultivated over and above the portion of nine to one, and the right be reserved to him of redeeming at the close of the 10 years such

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uncultivated over and above the proportion agreed to be brought under cultivation, by the payment of 1 Rupee per acre for all lands to be so redeemed. that the land so redeemed be held on the same terms as the remaining uncultivated portion in regard to which the conditions have been actually fulfilled.—

5. The whole of Wynaad measures 1160 square Miles, of which about one fourth is paddy land. The whole land available for Coffee may be computed perhaps at 150 square miles or 96,000 acres.—

6 To comply therefore with the request of Mr. Reed would be to place at his disposal a large portion of the best Coffee land of Wynaad and constitute him a Monopolist of a commodity which perhaps will not long hence acquire a very high value in the Market for I have reason to believe that many of the Ceylon Coffee growers are turning their thoughts and purpose / transferring their capital and labor from Ceylon / to Wynaad

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7. It appears also to me that the period required to bring under cultivation the lands applied for is longer than might reasonably be demanded, I think the grant should be limited to 10,000 acres at first with power conferred on the proprietor to transfer or sell the land subject to the conditions with which he receives it.-

That the land be held free for the first 10 years. That the land shall be brought under cultivation as follows.-

One fourth or 2,500 acres at the end of the first 10 years chargeable from the 11th year with an annual rent of Rupees 2,500

three eighths or 3750 Do. second 10 D. 21st D. — 6,250

three eighths or 3750 Do. third 10 D. 31st D. — 10,000

10000 Acres

That failure to conform to these terms, shall for the first 10 years subject the party holding the land to the forfeiture of that portion not

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brought under cultivation, or if he wish to retain the land so uncultivated, he be required to redeem it by the payment of a fine at the rate of 500 Rupees for every 100 acres, and an annual tax of 1 Rupee for each acre so redeemed, whether it be waste or cultivated that any failure after the close of 20 years shall subject the party to the forfeiture of all the land remaining uncultivated without power of redemption, except under permission of the Board, and such penalties as they may determine.-

8. I am not able to say whether Mr. Reed will give his assent to these terms, but I have written to him on the subject and as soon as I am acquainted with his views I will communicate them to the Board.-

Calicut 27th August 1856

/Signed/ J. Clarke
Collector

No. 1

To,
The Collector of
Malabar

Sir,

Being desirous of establishing myself

myself as a Planter in the District of Malabar, and representing as I do a large amount of Capital. I am anxious before proceeding further with the undertaking to ascertain upon what terms I can procure from Government the land necessary for carrying out my project and with that view I beg to submit the following proposition.—

That I be allowed to select both for myself and others from Twenty to thirty thousand acres of land. I undertaking to bring into cultivation within ten years from the date of my porposition being accepted, in the proportion of one hundered acres for every thousand acres of land granted and to pay to Government in lieu of all a rent and taxes a yearly sum of one a Rupee upon every acre brought into cultivation rent to commence from the a fifth year after the year of Planting a I being empowered at any time to dispose

of or alienate the entire or any portion of the land granted to me on the same terms as I receive them from Government and in case of my failing to comply with the above conditions that Government shall be entitled to resume possession of such portions of the land granted as may at the end of Ten years be uncultivated over and above the proportion of nine to one. I being however empowered to redeem the same on

any

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any portion thereof as I may think fit by paying to Government a penalty of one rupee for every acre so retained. such payment being deemed a full compliance with the conditions above referred to, and the redeemed land to stand in the same position as the remainder of the uncultivated land with respect to which the conditions have been actually fulfilled.—

Calicut . . . .
15th August . . .
1856. . . .

/Signed/ C. G. Reid
(True Copy)
/Signed/ J. Clarke
Collector

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No 125

To

G. S. Forbes Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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Bd No 4053
From the Collector of Malabar } Sir,

To Mr Reid 28th August 1856
From Do 8th September —"
To Do 13th Do —"
From Do 16th Do —"

I have the honor to forward a further Correspondence from Mr Reid relative to his application for land for Coffee plantation in Wynaad.—

The conditions under which Mr Reid desires to hold the land applied for are not such as I could recommend. The portion Mr Reid binds himself to cultivate bears a very inconsiderable proportion to that which he proposes to cultivate and this little the concluding words of his letter afford him an opportunity of lessening. It appears to me that in so large a grant, not less than 2/3rds should be brought under cultivation and assessed with the tax of 1 Rupee per acre.—

With regard to Mr Reid's preliminary remarks there is no doubt that labour in Wynaad from

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from the great demand for it, has a tendency to rise, but it is yet, far below the sum paid for it in Ceylon. Manure and Carriage are also cheaper. The Ghaut Roads are under consideration and will shortly be put in good order; and some Ghauts, as for instance, the Kotiady Perria and Roondah Ghauts: are good for loaded cattle. In regard to the climate, there are no doubt, parts of Wynaad which are very pestilential but on the other hand there are others in which the planters are able to reside at all seasons of the year, not only without danger, but with advantage to the health.

Calicut .....
30th September 1856 } /signed/ T. Clarke
Collector

Enclosure No. 1.
No. 2609

To C. G. Reid Esqre
Sir,
Manantoddy

Dated 15th Instant

On the receipt of your letter I find that the extent of land applied for by you would include almost all the Government lands in Wynaad fit for Coffee and that to accede to your request in full would I fear almost constitute you a monopolist of this very val-

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therefore in submitting your application been forced to limit my recommendation to the Grant of land first mentioned by your or 10,000 acres.

On a Consideration of your terms — I find too that I did not clearly understand them. I fancied that the whole was to be brought under Cultivation within a shorter period than I now find to be the case 100 years.

I beg therefore to submit for your Considera: tion such a modification of them as may I hope meet with your approval.

1st That the grant be limitted to 10,000 acres with power conceded to the Proprietor to transfer or sell the land subject to the Conditions with which he receives it.

2d That the land be held free for 10 years.

3d That the land shall be brought under Cultivation as follows.

One fourth or 2500 acres at the end of first ten years chargeable from the 11th year with an annual rent of Rupees ——— 2,500.

Three eighths or 3750 D: 2d 10 years ——— 6,250
D: 21st D: ———
Three eighths or 3750 D: 3d D: 31st D: ——— 10,000

and 4th. That failure to conform to these terms shall for the first 10 years subject the party holding the land to the forfeiture of that portion of land not brought under cultivation, or if he wish to retain the land so uncultivated he be required to redeem it by the payment of a fine at the rate of 500 Rupees per every 100 acres and an annual tax of 1 Rupee for each acre so redeemed, whether it be waste or cultivated. that any failure after the close of 20 years shall subject the party to the forfeiture of all the land remaining uncultivated without power of redemption except under permission of the Board and such penalties as they may determine.

Calicut . . . .
28th August 1856

/Signed/ T. Clarke
Collector.

To. T. Clarke Esqre
Collector of Malabar

Sir,

Your favour of the 28th ultimo, came to hand only yesterday. I regret to observe that you should have recommended a grant

of only 10000 acres of land to be given to me I did not think it necessary to mention in my application the number of persons I am acting for therefore merely said "myself and others" Suffice it to say that I am commissioned to settle Coffee Properties in India for no less than nine separate Individuals and all of different Interests. this Statement will at once remove from your mind the supposition of a monopoly. Coffee is an article which no body of persons can monopolize the cultivation of, as there are thousands and thousands of acres of land both in India and other countries suitable for its culture.

your proposition of bringing under cultivation the whole land within a given period will I fear not suit the views of my constituents, to exemplify which you must understand that land once planted with Coffee does not remain for ever sufficiently remunerative to continue its cultivation. Fresh Forest requires to be opened up and the old land either planted with grass or again allowed to renovate itself by

growing

growing into jungle I have known some of the finest producing Coffee lands in the West Indies exhaust themselves in ten years but allow me here to give you an instance which is most suitable to the present occasion Suppose I form an Estate of say 400 acres of Coffee erect Substantial buildings introduce machinery and altogether lay out a great deal of money another person observing my success locates himself adjoining At the end of ten years I find my 400 acres so exhausted that no return from it can cover the outlay necessary for its up keep I am obliged to abandon my establishment which has cost me years of valuable time, toil and money In fact abandon my home and seek another block of land and commence life as it were a new. From these facts you will observe how necessary it is for a Coffee Estate to have a portion of spare land attached to it, hence my object in wishing to secure by payment any remaining forest land included in my grant at the close of the ten years.

I feel sure that

perusing my application Compelled with these remarks you will at once recommend the land be granted to me. I do not suppose the Government have ever received such a liberal proposition. I made it under the full impression that it would at once be granted and so as to enable me to commence operations by the close of the present year. My time is most valuable and I shall anxiously wait the decision of Government before proceeding in further search of land. Kindly address me to Mr. Dawsons' Hotel Ootacamund.

Sultans Battery
8th September 1856

/ Signed / C. G. Reid

No 2812

C. G. Reid Esqre
Dawsons Hotel
Ootacamund

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant, my use of the term monopoly was limited to the lands in Wynaad and I cannot but still think that the grant applied for is too large even when divided among 12 applicants.

I also think that the proportion of the land

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which you bind youself to bring under cultivation and pay for, out of the amount applied for is not sufficiently large to tempt the Government to accede to your request.

Your terms do not appear to me to be very liberal. The same esctent of land in Ceylon would produce the Government, suppose it sold at merely the upset price 30,000 £ or 3 Lacs of Rupees, the interests of which alone would give 12000 Rupees a year or 4 times as much as you propose to pay annually for the land you ask for, and that 12,000 Rupees be it recollected, would accrue from the Date of the Sale of the land, whereas the 3,000 Rupees you bind yourself to pay might not even be realized at the closed of 10 years

I am aware you might require some of the land granted you to be fallow, but the esctent should bear some fair proportion to that brought under cultivation to justify the consideration of your proposal by the Government.

Calicut
13th September 1856

/ signed / T. Clarke
/ True Copies / Collector
/ signed / [illegible]

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To T. Clarke Esqre
Collector of Malabar

Sir

your letter of the 13th Instant is this day to hand. From it I learn that you consider the amount of land proposed by me to bring under cultivation does not bear a fair proportion to the total amount asked for - I beg therefore to make fresh proposals to you, but before proceeding must entirely oppose your placing India at the present day and Ceylon on the same footing. When Ceylon was first proved to be suitable for Coffee Cultivation, the Government were in the habit of giving large tracts of land free of every charge to any parties who would settle in the Island. They then put on an upset price of 5/ shillings per acre, and it was very Common for one individual to purchase from 2000 to 10,000 acres. The price was afterwards raised to 20/ shillings per acre, a step which the Government have regretted ever since, and I firmly believe that it will shortly be reduced - Several of the parties for whom I am acting are large proprietors in Ceylon and the only inducement they have by investing their

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money in India is the supposed facility of obtaining land. The present planting Community of Wynaad appear at present in any thing but a favourable light. It appears to me that they have many more difficulties to contend against than in Ceylon, labour the only one draw back to Ceylon is certainly cheaper, but this is gradually raising in Wynaad, on many Estates it is now 4½ per diem caused by a scarcity of supply. The roads throughout the district of Wynaad are in a most deplorable condition in fact some place are dangerous to pass over. The climate does not appear favourable to Europeans. I observe a great change on some of the residents since my last visit. Considering that Coffee Cultivation in India is yet but in its infancy. I do not think it good policy on the part of Government to throw such obsticles in the way of Pioneer Capitalists: you ought to consider the number of persons for whom I am acting and the number that are likely to be guided for the future by my operations.

I would now beg to propose that I receive a Grant of 15000 acres I undertaking

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to bring under cultivation the proportion of one in eight /1 in 8/ and to remove any doubt from your mind - I will bind myself down to pay the one Rupee per acre upon this amount at the end of ten years but for any quantity over and above this on further cultivation. I wish it to be understood that I only pay this Rupee upon every acre dating from the 10th year and continue to pay this Rupee in lieu of all rent and taxes hereafter likely to be exacted by the Government and only so long as the cultivated portions continue to last. I could not think of paying one Rupee for land which had been cleared and planted, but from unforseen causes was abandoned before or after the ten years. -

Ootacamund. 16th September 1856 }

/Signed/ C. G. Reid

/True Copy/

/Signed/ T. Clarke
Collector

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Bd. No 3810

Proceedings thereon

Submitting with the Bds observations letters from the Coll. of Malabar on the Subject of an application

In the above letters Mr Clarke the Collector brings under the Boards Consideration an application from a Mr Reid for a large extent of land in Wynaad for Coffee Cultivation. -

Sir

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application from a Mr Reid for a large extent of land in Wynaad for Coffee cultivation.—

2. In his first application Mr Reid wishes to be allowed to select from 20,000 to 30,000 Acres of land in that locality for himself and for various other parties whom he represents in this transaction.

3. He undertook to bring under cultivation 10 per cent of this extent within 10 years from the acceptance of his proposals, and from the fifth year after the year of Planting to pay to Government in lieu of all demands whatever 1 Rupee on every acre under cultivation. He was to be empowered at any time to alienate or transfer the whole or any portion of the grants on the same terms as he receives from Government.

4. In the event of his failing to fulfil these conditions the Government were to be at liberty to resume such portions of the land as might remain uncultivated over and above the proportion of 9/10 leaving him however the option of redeeming the whole or any portion of the forfeited extent by paying a penalty of one Rupee for every acre so re-

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5. The Collector of Malabar having demurred to this proposal Mr. Reid in a subsequent letter reduced the extent sought to 15,000 Acres and engages at the end of ten years to pay 1 Rupee per acre on 3/5ths of that area but "for any quantity over and above this on further cultivation" he is "to pay this Rupee on every acre dating only from the 10th year" and "only so long as the cultivated portions continue to last" not on any land cleared and planted but "from unforeseen causes abandoned before or after the ten years."—

6. Thus Mr. Reid's proposal seems to be as follows.—

1st. Government are to make over to him in perpetuity with full powers of alienation 15,000 Acres of Coffee Land.—

2d. For the first 10 years they are sure of receiving nothing and from the 10th they will receive Rupees 1875 per annum or about 2 annas per acre upon the whole Tract so long as the lessee chooses to retain it. The further terms are not very clear but the Board understand them to mean that for every acre cultivated over and above the 1875

Mr. Reid is to pay 1 Rupee only so long as it is under cultivation paying nothing for it when thrown out of cultivation and nothing for all waste over and above the 1,875 acres.—

7 It is of course to be expected that this will not be the case - but rather that the enterprise will be successful and that 1,875 Acres will be the Minimum after the first time ten years - Any receipt however above that sum is uncertain and this must not be overlooked in weighing the merits of the proposition.—

8 On the other hand should Mr. Reid fail in his contract Government may resume waste only over and above the proportion of seven to one provided Mr. Reid does not choose to pay one Rupee for any of the forfeited acres which he may wish to remain.—

9 The terms of this penalty are not very stringent for to take an extreme case which however improbable is quite possible Mr. Reid may retain the whole 15,000 acres

waste for ten years, excluding all other parties and then throw up the entire extent without having paid any thing leaving the land in its original condition and having even derived more or less profit during his rent free occupation by the sale of Timber, sub-rents to petty cultivators &c. Moreover when the penalty is enforced he may redeem, by merely paying the contract rent any and every acre of the resumble waste which may be of value to him - The portions thus redeemed may also be so scattered over the resumble area as materially to interfere with the grant of suitable blocks to other parties.—

10 The Board are most desirous to draw capital to this country and especially to hold out every reasonable inducement for its investment in the production of articles suited for a foreign market; but the terms demanded by Mr. Reid are such as they cannot recommend for acceptance by the Government.—

11 In Coffee cultivation no doubt a certain amount of waste land is required as a reserve but to allow 7 acres of waste to every

acre planted and to allow it rent free, seems very unreasonable. The Board presume moreover that the land is not absolutely barren after the Coffee plants are cleared off but is available for other cultivation or at all events for pasturage.—

12 Again however deficient Wynaad may now be in roads &c. this want will in all probability be supplied before Mr. B. on his own terms would be called on to pay a farthing. The improvement of the communications is now being steadily proceeded with. The Railway from one coast to the other is in progress. Canals and roads are being constructed and improved. Labour is admitted to be cheaper than in Ceylon, and the climate is certainly not universally unhealthy.

13 The cultivation of Coffee can scarcely be said to be in its infancy, if that expression is intended to convey the meaning that it is still comparatively an untried and doubtful experiment.—

14 Independent however of other considerations, the average rent per acre offered

Note
The mere Road Fund now in progress of introduction in the plains amounts to 1 anna per Cawnie of 1 3/8 acre in addition to the regular land assessment.—

offered is so much below the rate in other localities that the arrangement would undoubtedly be demurred to by Government on that ground alone.—

15 On the Sherwaroys in Salem for instance the rate per acre for Coffee land is 1 Rupee on the entire Estate whether cultivated or waste or even wholly uncultivable and the assessment is payable from the outset. The Government would naturally enquire why more favorable terms should be allowed in Malabar which in regard to proximity to the coast and other respects certainly offers as advantageous an opening as these Hills did when Coffee planting was first introduced. Again on the Neilgherry in addition to various stringent conditions, land required for agricultural purposes is put up at an upset price varying with circumstances but usually from 8 to 10 years assessment and this is altogether distinct from and in addition to the actual assessment yearly due.—

Note
These rates are "temporary"

16 As it present informed the Board certainly do not see grounds for

accepting in Malabar terms so much be
those offered and accepted elsewhere - On
this point however they request to have
Acting Collectors opinion with information
as to the terms on which lands are now
held in Wynaad and other parts of
Malabar by Europians and others for Co
or other Agricultural purposes - the amou
assessment charged and the proportion
bears to the assessment of the district &c
will also state whether the assessment
unduly high or the other terms such
as to operate injuriously - The Board also
desire his opinion as to the local advantages
or disadvantages of the Wynaad tract, as the
considerations will of course materially influ-
ence the Government in their ultimate de-
cision - The Board are not aware whether
the tract in question includes valuable Tim-
ber the conservancy of which is a matter of
importance this point will not be overlook-
ed by the Acting Collector - The bearing
of the peculiar tenures of Malabar on this
question will also be noticed. —

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17 The Board have not as yet
noticed the proposals of Mr. Clarke be-
cause Mr. Reid appears to have rejected
them and because without the information
now called for the Board cannot determine
whether such concessions are really necessary.—

18 Mr. Clarke's terms are that
the grant be limited to 10,000 acres to be
held rent free for 10 years that in the 11th.
year 1/4th be chargeable with a rent of 1 Rupee
per acre a further portion of 3/8th in the 21st.
and that from the 31st. year the whole be
chargeable at the same rate - With regard
to this proposal the Board would remark. —

1st. That they see no reason to
limit the extent of land to be granted -
In fact it would not be easy to do so - A
maximum might indeed be fixed for sepa-
rate grants but these might be transferred
subsequently to one individual and certainly
no such condition could be insisted on as
their permanent retention by the original
grantee - Moreover it is not intended that the
Government assessment should ever vary
with the demand for land. — Conditions

II Conditions which require a certa=
portion to be brought into cultivation at fixed
periods are open to objection - They involve ex=
inquisitorial inspections the holder is compell=
=ed to extend his cultivation over a certain area
although perhaps a more careful cultivation
of the portion under crop might be more ad=
vantageous and various difficulties arise as
to subsequent transfers or subdivisions by the
holder -

III The grant of land rent free for
a considerable term of years affords a mere
speculator the means without risk or outlay
of retaining a large extent of land for a leng=
=thened period on the chance of a probable en=
demand for it hereafter other parties being
excluded and the state deriving no benefit
in the interim - If intermediately he has
not succeeded in selling what cost him e
nothing - either in purchase or maintenance
he may throw it up and the same course
be gone through again with another party -

19 The simplest and best course ex=
seems to be to fix certain assessment and
either

either to charge it on all the holding from
the outset, or if local circumstances render
it necessary to exact it by degrees on the e=
principle of the ordinary Cowles without e=
reference to the extent of cultivation or any
other consideration - Thus supposing 1 Rupee
per Acre to be fixed on as the full assess=
=ment in consideration of jungle having to be
cleared, the land might be held rent free
for 2 or 3 years: than for one year pay 1/4 or such
other lower rate as might be deemed proper
and an advance be made either annually or
at certain specified periods until the full
assessment is reached any extent of land
might on such terms be made over to a
single individual the holder would be e=
free to extend or limit his operations as his
interests might prompt and all examin=
=ation and interference on behalf of Go=
=Government would be unnecessary -

A careful examination
20 of the lands applied for must of course
precede the issue of a grant as otherwise
valuable

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valuable water privileges - Timber &c. ...
be parted with to the injury of Govern...
and of future settlers - The rights of Gov...
=ment and if any of native cultivators &c...
also be investigated.

24 On receiving the information
called for in these proceedings the Bo...
will be enabled to lay a specific prop...
=tion before Government - They deem ...
desirable however to submit the ca...
as it now stands for the informat...
of Government in order that if there ...
views are considered open to objection ...
either in regard to existing rules or o...
their own merits, amended instruction...
may at once be forwarded to the ...
Acting Collector and the delay of a ...
further reference hereafter be obviated.

22 The Collector of Canara will also
be requested to report on what terms
lands are held in that district for Coffee
and other such plantation.

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No. 357

To,

G. L. Forbes Esqr.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

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Bd. No. 3319

Sir,

From the Acg Collector of Sea Customs Madras. Para 1

Submitting for the consideration of the Board of Revenue correspondence between Messrs. J. DeSouza Cannaiade & Co. and this Department with reference to a higher rate of duty being charged on a consignment of Millinery imported by them which is considered to be of Foreign Manufacture.

1 Original Enclosed to be returned.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Board of Revenue the accompanying correspondence between Messrs. DeSouza Cannaiade & Co. and this Department with reference to that Firm being charged with the high rate of duty on a Consignment of Millinery purported to the English but considered by this Department to be Foreign.

2 On the 15th Instant Messrs. DeSouza Cannaiade & Co. applied to pass the said Consignment of Millinery as British because it was Shipped from London. Upon the invoice being taken to the appraiser Mr. Atkinson that Officer had his doubts as to the place of Origin of the articles, and requested permission to open one of the cases, which was accordingly granted, and upon inspection Mr. Atkinson immediately asserted his belief that the goods

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goods were Foreign and reported the circumstance to me a doubt therefore having arisen I inform Messrs. D'eSouza Cammiade & Co. that the highest rate of duty would be levied upon the goods in accordance with note at the end of Schedule A Act VI of 1844.

3 Messrs. DeSouza Cammiade & Co. maintain that the articles are English because they were shipped from London, that the cases are English and that the Labels are also English they admit however that the term "French Flower" inserted in the Invoice is to "attract the attention of Purchasers" the same perhaps might be said of the English Labels.

Sea Customs House.
Madras 28th August 1850.

Signed J. H. E. Cochrane
Collector Sea Customs

No 1

To,
The Collector of Sea Customs
Madras.

Sir,

Pending the decision of Government on the question as to the origin of the goods imported per Steamer "Bengal" for which we put in our application on the 13th Instant, we beg to request you will allow the same to be cleared from the Sea Customs House under

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under deposit.

That the whole of these goods are of British origin there can be no doubt. The enclosed original letter and Invoices from our London correspondents will show that the goods are come from the above Port and the fact of every package bearing the Stamps of J. Rogers and Son (the consigners) is an evidence that the goods are from their Warehouse. The very packing cases and materials bear the Stamps of British origin. To assert then that goods landed under such circumstances from a British Packet Steamer with unquestionable evidence of the delivery of the Packages in question to the agents of the P. & O. S. N. Company in London could not be passed as British goods, is denying to the fabrics of the united Kingdom the preference provided for them by the Customs Acts.

If the Artificial flowers are called French flowers in the Invoice it is merely to attract the attention of purchasers and this can be no evidence of Foreign origin, a Merchant with some experience in Shipped goods would easily assert the Contrary, on inspection of those we are now importing.

We.

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We will further point out that the names of the goods are marked in English on almost every packet and the measurements given in yards which would not be the case had the goods been of Foreign origin.

We trust the above explanation will be deemed sufficient to you should you however abide by your opinion that the goods are foreign, we beg to request you will furnish us with your reasons for asserting the same so as to enable us to give further explanation on the points in doubt, so that when the case goes up to Government for decision we may have an opportunity of making such remarks as we may deem necessary in the matter.

I Signed I. L. DeSouza Commissioner V.C.

A°. 352

To, Messrs. L. DeSouza Commissioner V.C.

Madras

Gentlemen,

Para 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterdays date, and beg to inform you that I still adhere to my opinion regarding the origin of the goods in the consignment received by you by

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by the Steamer "Bengal".

2 If you are dissatisfied with my decision, as to charging you the higher rate of duty, the course open to you is to appeal to higher authority.

3 With regard to the last para of your letter, wherein you request me to give you my reasons for believing the goods to be Foreign, I do not consider myself bound to comply but as you seem to lay stress on that point I have no objection to state them.

4 In the first place I consider the Government Appraiser's opinion to have some weight and he asserts positively his belief that they are Foreign. Secondly, the very fact of the insertion in the Invoice of French Flowers (whether "to attract the attention of purchasers" or not) is sufficient to create a doubt thirdly there are french terms applied to many of the articles.

5 Independently of all this I may add that I have no alternative in the matter, the Rule being that "if the Collector of Customs "shall see reason to doubt whether the goods "liable to a different rate of duty according "to the place of their production come from "the Country from which they are declared "to come by the importer, it shall be lawful

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"for the Collector of Customs to call on the Impo
"to furnish evidence as to the place of Manufactu
"or production, and if such evidence shall not
"satisfy the said Collector of the truth of the
"declaration, the goods shall be charged with t
"highest rate of duty, subject always an appeal
"the Governor in Council of Fort St. George."

Sea Custom House.
Madras 22d August 1850.

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

Official Memorandum

The Acting Collector of the Sea Customs beg
apologize to Messrs. De Souza Cammiade & Co. fo
mal noticing in his letter to them of yesterday
date their wish to pass their goods on deposit.

The Acting Collector has no objectio
whatever to their doing so.

Sea Custom House.
Madras 23d August 1850.

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

To,
The Collector of Sea Customs.

Madras,

Sir,

We have been favored with your
letter dated 22d Instant calling our attention
to the Rule by which you have been guided
in determining to levy double duty on the 2 Cases
of Millinery imported to our consignment per
Steamer "Bengal".

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It reads thus "If the Collector of Customs
"shall see reason to doubt whether the goods liable
"to a different rate of duty (according to the place of
"their production) come from the Country from
"which they are declared to come by the Importer
"it shall be lawful for the Collector of Customs
"to call on the Importer to furnish evidence as
"to the place of Manufacture or production &c. &c."

Our case you will observe does not
come under the above clause. That the goods
are come from London cannot be denied,
hence the latter part of the Rule quoted —
by you is not applicable.

We hope on re-consideration you will
see the propriety of admitting our representation
Should you however adhere to your opinion
on the Subject, we will be obliged by your
sending the question to Government for
orders forwarding at the same time our letters
on the Subject.

Madras,
27th August 1850.

(Signed) F. De Souza Cammiade & Co.

Official Memorandum.

The Acting Collector of Sea Customs
requests Mr. Atkinson will be good
enough

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enough to state in writing his grounds for asserting the Millinery Consigned by Messrs. DeSouza Cammiade & Co. per Steamer "Bengal" to be Foreign.

Sea Custom House
Madras ...
28th August 1856.

/ Signed / W. E. Cochrane.
Actg Collector Sea Customs

To,
Mr. E. S. Atkinson
Appraiser.

The Appraiser has the honor to report that the grounds for his asserting that the Millinery Consigned to Messrs. DeSouza Cammiade & Co. is foreign are the following. Most of the goods have French names all a foreign style, the writing on the Tickets shews the same, Prices are high, and Cartoons have a foreign appearance.

Sea Custom House.
28th August 1856

/ Signed / E. S. Atkinson
Appraiser

To,
W. E. Cochrane Esqre
Acting Collector Sea Customs.

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/ True Copies /
/ Signed / W. E. Cochrane
Actg Coll. Sea Customs.

B. No. 3791
Proceedings thereon

The Board of Revenue authorize the Collector to allow the goods referred to in the foregoing letter to pass as English.

To.

J. G. B.

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Ordered that the following letter be sent

To

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The Collector of
Sea Customs
Madras

B. No. 3799
To the Collector of Sea Custom Madras

Sir

With reference to the Correspondence noted in the Margin, relative to two cases of Millenery imported by Messrs. Desouza Cammiade & Co., I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will inform them whether there is any thing in the practice of the Madras or English Custom House, which would prevent Foreign goods bonded in England and sent to this port, being passed as English, on the lower rates of duty; and whether Consignees in India have any means of proving by the production of any document or Certificate that the goods they import are the bona fide produce or manufacture of some place in the United Kingdom. —

F. Messrs. F. Desouza Cammiade & Co.	21st	August	1856
To Do. —	22	Do.	—
To Do. —	23	Do.	—
F. Do. —	27th	Do.	—
To the Appraiser	28th	Do.	—
F. Do. —	25th	Do.	—

Vide Endorsee (F.) on B. No. 3799 Customs 28th Augt. Enclosing Mr. Atkinson's letter of 28th Augt. 1856

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
14th November 1856

/ Signed / J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Read the following Paper
Read again Letter from the Collector of South Arcot dated 3rd and entered in Consultation 30th September 1856. —

Resolved

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Resolution thereon.—

Resolved that the above le
be laid before Government, with reference t
Extract Minutes Consultation dated 12th Oc
In Con 16th Oct. tober 1854, No. 1318.—
1854

2 In order to enable the Civil Auditor
to pass the Survey and Assessment charges a
South Arcot subsequent to 31st Ultimo, the Bo
recommend that the Collector may be authorise
for the present to meet these charges out of the
unexpended balances of the amount originally
sanctioned by the Government of India for the
purpose.—

Dated 8th September 1854
In. F. Govt. 12th Oct.
Oct. 1854 No. 1318

3 The Collector will report as soon as p
possible the actual outstanding balance.—

4 The Board have lately suggested the em
=ployment of the Survey Establishment in Trichina=
=poly and await the instructions of Government
on the subject, meanwhile they request that the
Collector will expedite the Submission of the Report
on the Progress up to the 31st
Ultimo, to enable the Board to meet the requisition
contained in the resolution of the Supreme Govern=
=ment dated 8th September 1854 No. 3420.—

Rect to Govt. 8th Nov.
1856 No. 3419

The

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In. F. Govt. 12th Oct. 1854 No. 1318

5 The Collector will request Captain
Priestley in his report to meet specifically the doubts
entertained by the Government of India and expres
=sed in the concluding para of their Proceedings
of the above date.—

No. 1143

To

606

B. No. 3833

From the Collector
of Coimbatore } Sir

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

1 I have the honor to acknowledge
the Boards' order dated 29th February on Pe=
returned here= tition No. 73 of 1855; and in reply beg to state
=with for their information that the Chinnienpalliem
Choultry therein referred to, is not in the Talook of Perindorai,
but in that of Coimbatore, and it is shown in Statement
No. 3 forwarded with my letter of the 30th March
1850 No. 58.—

2 There was no private endowment
for the institution in question as stated by the
Petitioner - on reference to the records of the
Office, it appears that the Enam lands a=
allotted to the said Chattrum, and to Sun=
=dry ceremonies, were resumed in 1808 by
Mr.

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Mr. Garrow the then Collector, and ... money allowance was granted on loan at ... 5.25, per annum, as stated in Mr. Wrangh... letter of the 22d December 1845 No. 109 ... amount was since reduced to Rupees 158 ... vide correspondence noted in the Mar...

To the Board
Dated 30th March
1850 No. 98
From the Board
1st August 1850
No. 225.

Coimbatore
11th September 1856

/Signed/ E. B. Thomas
Collector

B. No. 3797

Proceedings thereon

606. 607

The Collector is requested ... return the Petition No. 73 of 1855 bearing ... Endorsement of Government as it does ... appear to have been received with his letter ... of the 25th September last, No. 142.

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B. No. 4438

To

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

From the Collector
of Tinnevelly
Reporting on
Petition No. 1919 of 1856.

Sir,

With reference to the Order ... of the Board of Revenue contained in their ... Endorsement dated the 17th July last on ... Petition No. 1919 of 1856, I have the honor to ... submit the following report.—

× herewith returned

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2 The Petitioner complains that the unoccupied ground in the Village of Pettah has been sold at a depreciated price of one Anna per Cooly, and offers to purchase it at a rate higher than that at which it has been disposed of.—

3 In October 1855 one Razaloosain Marican of Tinnevelly presented a Petition to my Predecessor Mr. Bird applying for 30 Square yards of land, for building a house upon, out of the land lying unoccupied in the centre of the Pettah Village—The application was referred to the Tahsildar of the Nelliambalum Taluk, to which the Village in question belongs, for enquiry and report—That Officer addressed an Arzee in December following reporting the result of his enquiry, and forwarding the documents connected therewith.—

× A Square of a Carpenters yard is a Cooly.—
1 1/8 Carpenters yard is equal to an English yard.—

4 On reference to the Tahsildar's Arzee, and its accompaniments above referred to, it appeared that the vacant ground applied for was entered in the Village accounts as Sundri Pettah and Market Place belonged to none but the Government, and that on a former Occasion, when 2 Individuals

of

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of the Pettah Village proposed to take up the ground to the extent of 6625 2/4 Cooles for building purposes, on condition of paying to Government an annual rent of 1/2 fine per Cooly, Mr. Parker the then Collector issued an order to the Tahsildar in October 1846 stating that as all endeavours to obtain advantageous Offers better than those made by the aforsaid two Individuals have proved unsuccessful, in consequence of their combinations to defeat fair competition, the land shall not be granted to the applicants in question, and separate Proposals from others, if any be preferred, for parcels of land required for building houses on, will be attended to.

5 Between October 1846, when Mr. Parkers Order above alluded to was issued, and October 1856 in which Rajahoosainkhan offered to purchase the ground as stated in para 3 of this letter, no other proposal, on either to rent or purchase the ground, appears to have been received.

6 As regards Rajahoosainkhan's application, the Tahsildar stated in his report that

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that as the ground in question lies unoccupied in the centre of the Village, and is unfit for cultivation, the sale of the extent applied for will tend to the whole extent of the unoccupied ground being eventually taken up for building; and therefore recommended its being sold at the preferred rate of one Anna per Cooly - Accordingly Orders were sent to the Tahsildar for the sale to the applicant of 30 square yards of land applied for by him.

Subsequent to this, 2 others, by

7 names Kandimadinada Pillay, and Mootoosamya Pillay, having offered to purchase, the former, 100×30 yards, and the latter 100×40 yards, the extent wanted by them respectively, was ordered to be sold to them at the rate of one Anna per Cooly offered by them - The sale proceeds of the 3 spots of land disposed of as explained above having been realized, is Kept in the Taluk Treasury.

Mean while, the Petitioner have-

8 ing presented a Petition at the Huzzoor offering in general terms to purchase the two spots of vacant ground (in the locality under notice)

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Notice / one lying North and the other South of the Shermadavy Road, at the rates of 3 annas 3½ and 2½ respectively per Cooly, an Order was sent to the Tahsildar in May 1856 to report whether the 2 spots of land applied for by the Petitioner were included in the ground already sold or not, and if not, whether any objection existed to selling them to the Petitioner as offered by him.—

In reply the Tahsildar reported that he sent for the Petitioner, and asked him to state if he is willing to purchase, out of the land applied for by him the extent remaining after deducting what has been sold already, to which he declined to give any answer, and when a deposition was recorded, he refused to sign it.—

The Statement of the Petitioner that no notice was taken of his application is false, and his application to sell to him lands already disposed of, is unfair, and unreasonable, and cannot be complied with.—

Tinnevelly Collectors Circuit Cutcherry— Tencanoey— 23d October 1856.— } Signed / J. Silver Collector

To

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No. 342

To

609
B. No. 4628
From the Collector of Tinnevelly— } Sir,

I. D. Sim Esquire
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

With reference to your Endorsement on Petition No. 2859 of 1856, herewith returned, I have the honor to refer to my letter to your address of 23d Instant reporting upon a similar Petition No. 1919 of 1856 from the same party.—

Tinnevelly— 31st October 1856— } / Signed / J. Silver Collector
B. No. 3816
Proceedings thereon
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The land belongs, the Board presume, to the General Head of Porumpoke— which in the Districts in general is not sold by Government but occupied for building purposes without purchase and without payment of Teerwah— The Collector is therefore requested to explain, what is the general rule of the Tinnevelly District in this respect, and what led to deviation therefrom, if any, in this instance— If the Tahsildars' Urzee in 1846 and the orders in reply thereto will throw any

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any light on the subject. Copy of them can be forwarded.—

611
Mg No. 2727
From the Collector of Rajahmundry } Read return of Petitions received
from the late Commissioner Northern Circle
611. 612 and from the Board of Revenue for disposal
B. No. 3815 by the Collector for August 1856.—
Proceedings thereon.—

The Board observe that the first Petition on the Collectors file was referred in 1846 or ten years ago and there are still 188 Petitions received between 1849 and 1856 remaining to be disposed of.—

2 They presume that in many cases the matters referred to in the Petition have really been disposed of long since, and that in others the lapse of time renders enquiry extremely difficult if not fruitless.

3 The Board request that the Collector will if there is no particular objection, make over the whole of the Petitions of long standing (188 in number) to one of his Assistants, with a view to those which no longer admit of enquiry being struck off the file and the remainder taken up for disposal without delay

4 The Collector will in his next Return briefly state why any particular Petition has been removed from his list; intimation of the removal of the Petition and the cause being duly given to the parties concerned.

5 The Board hope that by this means much unnecessary trouble will be saved to the Collector, while at the same time no real grievance will remain unredressed.

To

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No. 350

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

Sir,

613
Bo No. 4582
From the Collr of Tinnevelly. } 1 I have the honor to forward an advertisement for the sale of certain lands Vga in the 4 Talooks noted in the Margin, for the recovery of arrears of land-Revenue due by the holders for Fusly. 1265 amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 4,500-11-11.

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Perichamahl
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As it has been ascertained by enquiry that the arrears are really and fairly due by parties, and that there is no prospect of recovery the same unless it is shewn that active measures will be taken, I beg to request that you will at your earliest convenience be pleased to procure the sanction of the Board authorizing the sales in question.

2. Referring to para 2 of an Extract from Proceedings

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 17th Ultimo observing than in several cases a Number of Palmirah trees are to be sold apparently without the land upon which they stand and that this should be avoided where possible so as to get rid of the system whereby one person owns trees, and another the ground occupied by them, I have the honor to state that in those cases in which Palamyrah trees are recommended to be sold in Column 7 of the accompanying Advertisement, the extent of land taken up by them is not given owing in many instances to the land being of no value whatever in consequence of its being unfit for Cultivation from being situated either on the sea beach or on Sand drifts &c. and in a few cases to the defaulters being only the owners of Palmirahs separate from the proprietors of the lands on which the trees stand.-

3 Where a defaulter has been the joint proprietor of both the land and the Palmirah trees

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trees standing upon it and the land is of some value, both the Extent of land and the trees upon it have been given.-

The land entered in Column 7 of the Advertisement when consisting of Nunjah or Bargayet has been computed in seed cottah Mercall and Measure and when of Poonjah in chains the land measures in use in this District.-

Signed/ J. Silver
Collector

Vizianagrum ..... }
4th November 1856 ..... }

Bd. No. 3798
Proceedings thereon

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Under the circumstances stated 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 Thursday the 18th December next being fixed for the day of sale.-

Bd. No. 153

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Bd. No. 4636

To

J. D. Sainn Esq.re
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

From the Acting Collector of Masulipatam ..... }

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular letter of 7th July last No. 2067 on the subject of import duty on Machinery and to state in reply that the free import of Machinery of all descriptions without limitation into this Country, would in my opinion be of much benefit, I am not aware that any Machinery has been directly imported of late into this District, & cannot therefore tell any thing of actual results.-

I wrote to Captain Orr for his opinion on the subject as some Machinery of European Manufacture is in use at the Ancient work shop at Bezorah. He says that those were landed at Madras and sent up to him, and thinks likewise that no restriction is necessary in the Meaning of the term Machinery as every facility should be afforded to the introduction into this Country of mechanical appliances of all descriptions.- I do not believe however that the small rate of import duty at present existing stands in the way of new of Capital and enterprize in importing Machines for any purpose.-

Signed/ J. Fraser
Actg. Coll.r

Masulipatam
Collectors Cutcherry
8th November 1856.

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Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

To

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

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Bd. No. 4647

From the Collector of Vizagapatam . . . } Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 18th Ultimo. and to report that there are only 11 Samoodars or Carcoons in the Government Estates of this Zillah

Golgondah 15
Survasiddy 6
11

as shewn in the margin of the 3 Government Estates, Palconda is as the Board are aware of under the rent of Messrs Arbuthnot and Co. and Survasiddy and Golgondah only are under the direct management of the Government Officers. These Carcoons Conduct their duties under the Tasildars in making the settlement Vca. as well as in collecting the Revenue, and they likewise perform Police functions in some cases as sub Officers

Although the doule of Golgondah is only fifty thousand and odd Rupees, yet it being a hill country with 280 Villages scattered far apart, the services of 5 Carcoons is much needed. The doule of Survasiddy is Rs. 10,5230 and the Villages are only 68. 6 Samoodars are employed in this Division.—

Vizagapatam District . . .
Bunderpatam Collector's . . .
Circuit Office 8th Novr 1856 . . . } /Signed/ P. B. Smollett

Collector

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Order thereon

Ordered to lie over
Pp. 252

To

J. D. Sim Esquire
Acting Secretary to the
Court of Wards

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Bd. No. 4578

From the Actg. Collector of Madura - - - } Sir

Recommending payment of a debt due by the Minor Zemindar of Shevagungah to Tanapah Chetty amounting to Rs. 14,342-15-9 with interest from the funds of that Estate.—

I have the honor to request the sanction of the Court of Wards for payment of a debt due by the Minor Zemindar of Shevagungah to Tanapa Chetty to the amount of Rs. 14,342-15-9 a p together with interest and Principal to the date of payment.—

The claim is supported by a Bond executed by the late Zemindar on the 15th September 1848. and the list of debts furnished to the Collectors Office on the occasion of the Zemindar's death as well as a Memorandum found from the Guardians Records.—

The nature of the transaction appears to have been that the creditor was desired by the Zemindar to pay to Moodooramien his Head Javabnevis placed at Madura the amount of the Bond for charges incurred by him in supplying goods to the Zemindar at Shevagungah and in Law Suits filed in his behalf which he accordingly did.—

No payment was made during the life time

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time of the Zemindar as stipulated by the Co.

The justness of the claim is admitted by the Guardian and the sum recommended is made up by Principal Rs. 7,260 and interest to the 15th. of November 1856 Rupees 7,092 - 16 - 9 as per

Madura - - - } 6th. November 1856 }

(619.620)

B. No. 3804

Proceedings thereon

(Signed) R. J. Sullivan
Acting Collector

There is a sum of more than 2 Lacs of Rupees in Deposit on account of the Estate - The interest is charged at one per Cent per Mensem as stipulated in the Bond

The Court would observe that the debt is increased by interest to nearly double its original amount, and it appears to them that in a transaction attended with so little risk a lower rate than 12 per Cent would be amply sufficient. They request therefore that the Collector will endeavour to obtain a reduction and would suggest 6 per Cent.

(621)

B. No. 2683

From the Actg. Collector of Madura

To

No. 250

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

Sir

In answer to the Boards Proceedings of

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of the 31st. Ultimo No. 3694 I have the honor to inform them that there are no cases in hand of more than 3 Months standing remaining undisposed of -

(Signed) R. J. Sullivan
Acting Collector

Madura - - - } 6th. November 1856 }

(621.622)

B. No. 3792

Resolution thereon

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government, with reference to the Boards' Proceedings dated 31st. October 1856 No. 3694.

and Extract Minutes of Consultation 15th. September 1856 No. 983.

In Cons. 25th. Septr. 1856.

To

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No. 112

To

C. D. Sim Esquire

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir

In obedience to the instructions contained in the Circular letter of the Board of Revenue dated 7th August last, directing to forward with the Summabundy Report a Statement shewing the

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B. No. 4623

From the Collector of Bellary

No. 2533

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the Extent of Cultivated land its assessment and average per Acre, after deducting the permanent remissions from the Survey assessment, I have the honor to inform you that the Statement in question is accordingly submitted.—

Bellary Collectors Office — 7th November 1856

Signed C. Pelly

Collector

Statement.

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No. 1 Statement Shewing the extent of cultivated land its assessment and average per acre after deducting the permanent remissions from the Survey assessment in the District of Bellary for Fusly 1265.

	Acres	Terim	Average assessment per acre	Deduct Remissions permanentizing	Net remission Bariz	Average assessment per acre
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lands in the Remissions — Dry	185,853	11,48,204	1 4 9	(2)93,877	8,54,327	0 15 6
Wet and Shrapire	66,100	7,59,300	11 7 9	2,02,834	5,56,466	8 6 8
Garden	15,470	1,43,449	9 4 4	38,570	1,04,879	6 11 6
Dry converted into Wet	22,580	1,48,084	6 8 11	37,631	1,10,453	4 14 3
Garden Do — Do	2,446	19,347	7 14 7	5,163	14,184	5 12 9
Total	992,449	22,18,384	2 3 8	6,78,075	16,40,309	1 10 5
Lands in the Remissions — Dry	5,24,795	1,24,260	0 3 10	0	1,24,260	0 3 10
Wet	12,401	53,692	4 5 2	0	53,692	4 5 2
Garden	8,065	17,334	2 2 5	0	17,334	2 2 5
Dry converted into Wet	6,889	17,864	2 9 6	0	17,864	2 9 6
Garden Do — Do	203	824	3 1 2	0	824	3 1 2
Total	5,52,353	2,13,774	0 6 2	0	2,13,774	0 6 2
Total — Dry	14,10,648	12,72,464	0 14 5	293,877	9,78,587	1 11 1
Wet	78,501	8,12,992	10 5 8	2,02,834	6,10,158	7 12 4
Garden	23,536	1,60783	6 13 4	38,570	1,22,213	5 3 1
Dry converted into Wet	29,469	1,65,948	5 10 1	37,631	1,28,317	4 5 8
Garden Do — Do	2649	19,971	7 8 7	5,163	14,808	5 9 5
Total	15,44,802	24,32,168	1 9 2	6,78,075	18,54,083	1 3 2

Remissions besides the above Viz. Cooles Cutting on the Kundachar[um] Palamustum [illegible] 78131

6,56,206 17,75,952 1 2 5

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Order thereon

E. E. Jpr. (Signed) C. Pelly Collector

Ordered to lie over.

Rt. 1 rage per acre after
Bellary for Fasly 1265.

Lands in the Zemindary

Dry ——
Wet and D
Garden ——
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Garden D

Lands without Zemindary limits but subject to assessment &c.

Dry ——
Wet ——
Garden ——
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Garden D

Total

Dry ——
Wet ——
Garden ——
Dry converte
Garden D

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To

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No. 247

To

J. D. Sim Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

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B. No. 4598
From the Collr. of
North Arcot.....

Sir,

The Akkarry renters of the Poonganoor Zemindary having been called upon by me to name sureties in lieu of one deceased, have represented that, being unacquainted with parties in this District, they have named Merah Saib and Troopaty Peddalee, residents of Cuddapah, as their sureties and they requested permission to execute the necessary security bonds and Moochelikah before the Collector of Cuddapah. I have the honor therefore to solicit the instructions of the Board as to acceding to the request of the renters, which does not, under the circumstances, appear unreasonable.

North Arcot Collectors
Cutcherry, 7th November 1856.

Signed C. Whittinghame
Collector

The

Bd. No. 3795
Proceedings
625. 626

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thereon The Board see no objection to a compliance with the request of the Alkarry Renters of the Poonganoor Zemindary heretofore attached to the Cuddapah District to be allowed to nominate two parties resident in Cuddapah as sureties, in lieu of one of those lately deceased, and to execute the usual Security Bonds before the Collector of the latter District.

2 The Collector of Cuddapah will satisfy himself of the competency of the sureties both now and from time to time, while their suretyship continues in force.

No. 254.

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Bd. No. 4640
From the Bd. of Collr. of Masulipatam
Regarding the custom of Enforcing compulsory labour

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

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated

dated 22d October 1856 together with the Minutes of Consultation dated October 18th 1856 regarding the custom of enforcing compulsory labour.

case 1st in connection with irrigation and cultivation which are performed by Village communities and in which it is necessary that all should unite 2d That of sudden emergencies.

2. As far as I can learn, having only had charge of the Collectorate three weeks, it is the practice in this District to enforce labour in all cases of sudden emergency, such as the sudden filling of the tanks endangering the bunds there being few rivers in the District the custom regarding breaches in the tanks is not so clear, but I have no doubt when an opportunity occur forced labour would be used. this Custom appears to be of ancient usage, but for the last eight years I find that no

Order

order has been sent from the Hoozoor on this subject, I have reason to believe that whenever a necessity has arisen the Heads of Villages and local authorities have taken the matter into their own hands. If the want of unity and the prejudices of Caste sometimes existing in a Village community be considered, no reasonable objection can be raised to a whole-some exercise of compulsion, if by the local Village authorities so much the better but a power must exist somewhere. The sudden and total ruin which is spread on the whole expense under a tank, when the bund breaches, not only by the loss of water but the deposit left by it when evaporated, shews that a power must exist somewhere in order to collect a great force in a particular spot.

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3. The present system appears to work well the people seem to turn out willingly when required, and the fact that no order has been sent from the Hoozoor for eight years shews that the power vested in the Government has been sparingly used.

4 I have not thought it necessary to give details of the occasions when compulsory labour has been used, nor have I enlarged on

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the absolute necessity of sudden and entire cooperation when breaches are imminent.

5. Accidents usually occur in the rainy season when a voluntary attendance of a large number of Cultivators is necessarily very difficult.

Madura.....

7th November 1856

} Signed R. J. Sullivan
Acting Collector

627. 628

Order thereon Ordered to lie over

To

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No. 255

To

J. D. Sinn Esqre
Acting Secretary to the Board of Reve
Fort St. George

629.

Br. No. 4641
From the Actg Collr of Madura.....

Sir.

With reference to your Circular No. 1454 of the 13th May last, I have the honor to report that there are no female Yeomiahdars in this District to whom I would recommend the previlege of exemption from personal appearance.

2. Two female Yeomiahdars Masem Bebee and Candoo Beebee sharers in Yeomiah No. 22 in the Register in the name of Masha Bebee who are of 46 & 43 years of age respectively have continued to be mustered by two other female Yeomiahdars as Gosha, but as they cannot satisfactorily prove having strictly maintained their seclusion in private life and the difference between their ages and 50 years being very trifling I leave it for the

Board

× See Statement forwarded with letter to Board of Revenue dy 10th April 1856 No. 79

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to decide whether they should appear for identification.

3. I take this opportunity to mention that one Bebee Begum wife of the Moofty Sudr Ameen of this place who is a Carnatic Stipendiary and not of the class of Yeamiahdars, may be accorded this indulgence. She was transferred to this District by the Government Agent at the pauk from the 19th March 1856 and is in receipt of Rupees 6-14-0 per mensem as the Off spring of a Man who was a servant of the Nawab Wallajah a report of whose existence, I am desired to furnish the Government Agent at the pauk on the 1st of January of each year.

Madura ..... 7th November 1856.

(629. 630)

Order thereon

/Signed/ R. J. Sullivan
Acting Collector

Ordered to lie over

To

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No. 355

To

J. D. Sinn Esqre
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revr.
Fort St. George

(631)

Bd No. 4643

From the Collr. of Tinnevelly

Sir

As promised in the concluding part of Para 2 of my letter to you of 14th Ult. timo. I have the honor to forward herewith a Return of Village Moonsiffs employed in the joint conduct of Police and Revenue duties in the District for the year 1853.

Tinnevelly ..... 7th November 1856.

/Signed/ J. Silver
Collector

No 1

Return shewing the Number of Village Moonsiffs employed in the joint conduct of Police and Revenue duties in the District of Tinnevelly for the year 1853

Talooks	Number of Village Moonsiffs.	Remarks
Sharunnaddany	26	
Nellianalum	20	
Vedaparanam	21	
Bramadasam	25	
Tencasey	14	
Streevilly pootoor	32	
Sauttoor	26	
Shunkerniarcoil	29	
Streevygoontam	19	
Ottapidaram	15	
Nangoonairy	34	
Vullyoor	36	
Puranjanahl	32	
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Order thereon

/Signed/ J. Silver
Collector

Ordered to lie over

To

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B. No. 4649
From the Collector of Bellary ...
+ Ex. Pro. Board of Revenue No. 3510 dated 22nd Oct. 1856 Ex. mins Cons No. 1900 dated 18th Oct. 1856

No. 112

To

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

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the orders of the Board calling for information as to the custom prevailing of compulsory labour for operations in connection with irrigation and cultivation which are performed by Village communities and in which it is necessary all should unite and also of sudden emergency such as breaches of Tank, rivers, and channel Banks- and I am directed to give my opinion on the question of the necessity of obtaining legal power to enforce the requisition for labor in both cases.-

2. The custom of compulsory labour especially in the annual operation of clearing out the river channels in the District is universal with the exception of the Channels from the Toombudra River which work is performed by Government. All the ryots holding land under

under the channels are obliged to perform the share of the labour with a few privileged exceptions and their work is enforced by the general authority of the Village Polails and fines are exacted if the ryot refuses or water is withheld from his land. The Channels of the Pennar River are well known instances in which the custom has prevailed from time out of mind. Work estimated at upwards of 60,000 Rupees is annually done by the ryots.-

3. It is also universally the custom to compel labour for sudden Emergencies. The Village or Talook authorities compel the attendance of the ryots, and they also supply straw, grass, suitable Vs and Tools to repair breaches in Tanks Vs

4 Some times opposition is made by the ryots and I think the probability is that if there is not in the present day a legal power of enforcing this customary labour, the Government Officers will find increased difficulty in getting this necessary work done.

5 I am therefore of opinion that the proposed Enactment is very necessary.-

Bellary Collrs Office ... 8th June 1856 ... } /Signed/ C. Pelly Collector

(633.634)
Order thereon Ordered to lie over

To

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To

No. 116

J. D. Sims Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Rev

Fort St. George

(635)

Bde No. 4652

From the Collr of Cuddapah

Sir,

Para 1 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from the Board's Proceedings dated 18th Ultimo, accompanied by Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 13th idem, in which the Government resolve to request the Board of Revenue to ascertain what are really the number of the servants performing in the Districts, named respectively, the duty of Carkoon or Turfdar, or Zillahdar or Barbutties &c and in reply beg to state for the information of Government, that the individuals designated Carkoons are in number 65 for the Zillah of Cuddapah.

2. The designation of these Officers was introduced by Colonel Munro and the duties are called upon to perform were laid before the Board by the late Collector &c

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* Original No — 62
No entertained as per Ms of Cons. dated 5th July 1856 in the division of Poolevendalah Talook — 3
Total No 65

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Ilr Cochrane on the 29th of August 1848 No 73. They are not employed as Talook Goomastahs or on other duty. In cases of concealed cultivation they are despatched to measure the whole of the lands, to compare them with the Village accounts and report the result to the Tahsildar:-

3. The proposal advanced by the Board of Revenue to transfer from other districts Carkoons who are greater in number than requisite, is fair and equitable, and I trust a sufficient number will speedily be added to Cuddapah, so as to ensure the examination of the whole of the lands brought under cultivation.

Cuddapah Collectors Office 8th November 1856

Signed M. Murray Collector

Ordered

20156
635. 636

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Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

No. 357

To

I. D. Sinn Esqre
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

637
Bd. No. 4669
From the Coll.r of Tinnevelly

Sir.

With reference to the observations contained in Extract from Minutes of Consultation under date the 13th Ultimo, subjoined to the Revenue Board's Circular Proceedings of 18th Idem, I have the honor to forward a statement shewing the land revenue for Fusly 1265 and the actual number of Sarufdars and Peishcars at present on the Revenue Establishment of this District, and to state that the total number of Sarufdars shewn under Column 5 of the statement, with the exception of those employed on other duty as mentioned in the remarks attached to the Statement, are distributed among the

the different Talooks in the District in proportion to the Extent and revenue of each Talook.-

2. This class of Servants in addition to their checking the cultivation Accounts and price lists Vza submitted through them by the Village Curnums to the Talooks, are also employed in the collection of land revenues of the Villages assigned to their respective charge. The District being an unsettled one, their retention on the Establishment is in my opinion indispensably required.-

3 As no Goomastahs were provided to the Peishcars Vza referred to in the Remarks attached to the accompanying Statement, who stood in great need of them, Sarrifdars to the number of 11 as mentioned therein have been employed under them on duties other than those properly attached to their Offices.-

Tinnevelly
8th November 1856

(Signed) I. Silver
Coll.r
Statement

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No 21 Statement shewing the land Revenue for Fasly 1265 and the actual number of Tarufdars and Peshcars at present on the Revenue Establishment of the Tinnevelly District.-

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	Talooks	Land Revenue Beriz for Fasly 1265			Number of Tarufdars	Number of Peshcars	Remarks
		Pycotah Year	Peishcash	Total			
1	2	3	4		5	6	7
1	Nelliambalum	284,094	"	"	7	1	† Of these 5 Tarrifdars have been deputed to do duties of Goomastahs as follows Viz.t 1 under the Peshcar of Streevy goontum Talook, 2 under the 2 Peshcars of Streevilly pooltoor Talook, 1 under the Cutwal of Tinnevelly and 1 under the Tanah Duffadars of Palamcottah
2	Vedoogramum	139,318	"	"	3	"	
3	Yeneansey	163,291	"	"	6	1	
4	Sauttoor	120533	"	"	5	1	
5	Streevygoontum	264,192	"	"	13	1	° One of these is employed as Goomastah under the Peshcar of Sauttoor Talook.-
6	Ottapedarum	88,226	"	"	4	"	# One of these is employed as Goomastah under the the Police Ameen of Hudookapatt in Periyamal Talook
7	Punchamahl	84,926	"	"	5	1	
8	Streevillypootoor	183565	"	"	5	2	
9	Shenkerninarcovil	121112	"	"	5	"	‡ One of these is employed as Dc under the Peshcar of shermadavy.-
10	Sharenmadavy	296,933	"	"	4	1	‡* One of these is employed as Dc under the Peshcar of the same Talook. Viz Bremmadasum
11	Bremmadasum	221,904	"	"	4	1	
12	Nangoonary	107,770	"	"	4	1	‡# One of these is employed as Dc under the Peshcar of the same Talook Viz.t Nangoonary.-
13	Vullyoor	101250	"	"	4	1	‡* One of these is employed as Dc under the Peshcar of the same Talook Viz.t Vullyoor.-
		2167114	318738	2485852	69	11	

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8th November 1856.

(637-638) Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

/Signed/ J. Silver
Collector

Resolved

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Resolved that the following letters be dispatched.

639
Bd No. 3783
To the Secry to Government.

Official Memo

The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to request that the Revenue Secretary to Government will cause the Jummabundy reports for fasly 1264 now in this Office (16 in number) to be returned to the Board's Office for disposal.

Revenue Bd Office
Fort St. George
14th November 1856

By Order
Signed J. D. Sim
Ag. Secretary

640
Bd No. 3801
Proceedings thereon

Read Petition from Gopal Row a Deloyet in the Collector's Cutcherry in the District of Tanjore.

The Board observe that the only charge tenable against the Petitioner Gopal Row was his improper detention of the complainant Mootoosawmy for several days. The Board consider the suspension of about 4 months he has already undergone a sufficient [illegible] punishment

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punishment for this Offence and direct his restoration to Office from the 20th Instant.

Revenue Bd Office
Fort St. George
14th November 1856

Signed J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.

641
My Nos 2750
From the Collr of Vizagapatam. Statement of Demand Collection and Balance of Revenue for October 1856.

642
2745
From the Collr of Rajahmundry Statement of Demand Collection and Balance for October 1856.

643
2747
From the Collr of Chingleput. Statement of Demand Collection and Balance for October 1856.

644
2746
From the Collr of Tinnevelly Statement of Demand Collection and Balance for Oct 1856.

645
2751
From the Collr of Coimbatore Statement of Demand

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646
2752 + Demand Collection and Balance f
October 1856
From the Collr of Malabar.

647
2753 + Statement of Demand
Collection & Balance for October 1856..
From the Collr of Chingleput.

648
2754 + Average Bazar Price
of Grain and Memorandum of Syen Cul
tivation for October 1856..
From the Collr of North Arcot.

649
1749 + Average Bazar Prices
of Grain & Memorandum of Syen Cultiva
for October 1856..
From the Collr of North Arcot.

650
2748 + Return of Person
charged with Offences under Regulation IV of
1822 for October 1856..
From the Collr of Chingleput.

651
2744 Register of answers made
to Petitions presented to the Board of R
Revenue by the Collector for October 1856.
From the Agt Collr of Masulipatam.

652
2743 Statement shewing the Quantity
of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta
From the Collr of Tinnevelly.

653
2741 Statement of the value of
Gold and Silver Bullion and specie imported
by Sea in October 1856
From the Agt Collr of Madura

654
2742 Informing that there are
no returns for certain Statements for October 1856.
From the Collr of Canara

Season Report for Octr 1856

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Saturday the 15th November 1856.

Read the following Papers.

655
B. No. 4693
From the Chief Secty to Government.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department dated 13th November 1856.

Authorizing the defence at the public expense of Suit No. 22 of 1856 instituted by Saravanay Pillay in the Subordinate Court of Madura against the late Acting Sub Collector of that District and others. . . . . (See No. 1211 in separate Volm Page 436)

655.656
B No. 3803
Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of Madura.

657
B. No. 4694
From the Chief Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department dated 13th November 1856.

Authorizing the Collector of Salem to put in his answer to the appeal Petition filed in the Civil Court by Rylasa gounden the Plaintiff in O. S. No. 40 of 1852 and desiring the Board to call upon Mr. Brett for an explanation of the cause of the delay in filing his answer. (See No. 1212 in Separate Volm Page 437)

Ordered

20163 (657.658)

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B. No. 3802.

Order thereon.

Forwarded to the Collector, who will furnish the information called for in Para 1.

659

B. No. 3947. *

From the Officiating Agent at Kurnool dated 30th April 1856.

Read the undermentioned Statements.

660

B. No. 3948 *

From the Officiating Agent at Kurnool dated 30th April 1856.

Read Statement of Extra charges incurred without Estimate for Fusly 1265.

661

B. No. 3949 *
" " 3950

From the Officiating Agent at Kurnool dated 30th April 1856

Read Statement of Extra charges incurred without Estimate in the Magisterial Department for Fusly 1265.

662 +

B. No. 4496.

From the Officiating Agent at Kurnool dated 1st May 1855.

Read Statement of Extra charges incurred without Estimate for the month of April 1856.

Ordered that the following letter be sent.

To

20164

Fort St. George 15th November 1856.

To

The Officiating Agent at Kurnool.

663

B. No. 3811.

To The Officiating Agent at Kurnool

+ Transferred from Civil Auditors Office. 1st May infons 5th Novr 1856.

Sir.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to return to you the Statement of Extra charges incurred without Estimate in your district for the month of April 1856 with its enclosures and to point out that the expenditure on that account should have been included in the annual Statements of actual charges for Fusly 1265 as the sanction of Government for a monthly Audit of the accounts only came into operation on the 1st May 1856. To enable you to have this done the Statements for Fusly 1265 and their enclosures are also herewith returned with the following remarks on same of this items entered therein.-

Dated 30th April infons 5th Novr 1856 Encl 1 — No. 3949.

Statement of charges without Estimate Revenue Department.

Items Nos. 6, 7 and 9 do not require the sanction of Government and will be passed by the Civil Auditor on ordinary Audits.-

Dated 30th April infons 5th Novr 1856 Encl 2 — No. 3947.

Item No. 11. This charge should not have been incurred

Dated 30th April in 15th Novr 1856 2 Encls — No. 3948.

Dated 30th April infons 15th Novr 1856 2 Encls — No. 3950.

Dated 30th April infons 15th Novr 1856 Encl 1 — No. 3949.

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incurred without the previous submission of an Estimate.

Statement of Charges without Estimate Magistrate Department

Items Nos 1 and 2 will be passed by the Civil Auditor without the special sanction of Government.

Statement of Charges under Estimate Revenue Department.

Items No 4. The sums paid for two almirahs one for Oymash Books, and one for English Records should not have been entered in this Statement as these charges appear not to have been incurred under Estimate.

In the Account Particular No 1 the calculations at the given rates of the articles marked thus + in pencil appear to be erroneous and the Acting Agent is requested to have the amounts altered. The charge for feeding a cat should not have been included under the head of Saderwared, but should have been entered in the Quarterly Statement of contingent charges. It should now however be included in the

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the Statement of actual charges without Estimate.

Statement of Charges under Estimate Magistrates Department.

In the Account Particular submitted with this Statement 22 3/4 Quires of 1st Sort Country Paper @ Rupees 6-10-20/100 is stated to amount to Rs 5 where as the correct sum at the given rate is Rupees 3-13-5. This error should be corrected.

Revenue Board Office.
Fort St. George.
15th November 1856.

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

No 97

To
G. I. Forbes Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

664
B. No 3504
From the Collector
of Bellary

Sir.

With reference to the orders of the Board of Revenue No 2164 of 12th Ultimo para 2, directing Collectors to Communicate their opinion on the subject of the abolition of the Bittum referred to in the 2d and 3d paras of Extract Minutes Consultation No 285 under date the 11th March 1856, and adverted to in the 21st para of

of the letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to Government No. 1683 dated 4th July 1856, I have the honor to state my opinion as follows:

2 Now that perfect freedom of cultivation is given to the ryot there is no necessity for the Thahsildar's Dittum or Caboolaty - and it may with advantage be dispensed with at once. The System of retaining in the Dittum Lands which are deducted at the Caboolaty has been so long in practice (and must still to some Extent be observed) will make it difficult at once to introduce a strict rule that the ryot will in all Cases be held responsible for Lands not relinquished within a certain date by Razeenamah but after a short time there will not I think be any difficulty in enforcing the following Rules which seem all that is necessary to substitute for the Dittum in Bellary.

Rule 1st From June to the 15th of September the ryots are to be at liberty to give Razeenamahs for the relinquishment of any portions of their previous Holdings.

2nd These Razeenamahs to be given to the Curnum and filed by him.

The

3d The Curnum or Potail to ascertain from the ryots previous to 15th September whether they intend to relinquish any land and specially to question them when they have left any portion of their puttah Lands unsown, whether they intend to retain that portion or not.

4th Land not relinquished before the 15th September, will be assessed to the ryot at the Summabundy unless it be shewn that the Cultivation was impeded by want of Water, or other sufficient reason is given for its not being Cultivated.

5th A Monthly Statement of Razeenamahs to be sent by the Curnum to the Tahsildar with the Razeenamahs in a prescribed Form.

6th The Tahsildar need not interfere in the relinquishment of Land by Razeenamahs except on Complaint made to him.

7th Absent ryots to be summoned by notice and if they neglect to Come before the 15th September their lands to be forfeited to the Circar and given to others subject to Confirmation by Tahsildar, and on appeal by the Collector. The Village authorities however to be at

liberty

liberty to get the lands of such absent ryots cultivated temporarily for the year only by other ryots at any time.

8th Ryots wishing to take up new Land may do so at any time on engaging with the Village authorities for the Land and entering into an agreement to occupy it for the year.

3. With the above rules which would be soon understood by the Ryots, there will be no necessity for the Tahsildar to make a Caboolaty Settlement. It will only be necessary for him previous to the Summabundy to take a tour through his Talook generally or to any particular Villages where his presence may be required to enquire into Complaints or to investigate any matters Connected with the Cultivation.

4. The Razeenamahs should be in a prescribed [x] Form and printed. The form proposed is sent herewith. The Cost of preparing 100,000 Copies would be about Rupees 180 to 200. which should be debited to general Charges. . . . I

[x] See Enclosure

5. I propose at once issuing orders that Razeenamahs be taken even this year for all lands left unsown after the 15th September unless the ryot wishes to retain them in order that the new system may be brought into practice and be understood as soon as possible by the ryots.

6 Freedom of action to the ryot the subdivision of fields now Commencing, and the foregoing rules, will I think tend greatly to benefit the ryots and render them very independent of Circar interference. I would only then desire to see the revision of the assessment with its accompaniment the simplification of the mode of entering the same in the Village account and ryots puttah, as recommended by me. Carried out and the Ryotwary of Bellary would then be complete and would not need any further interference until it was perfectly Convenient to resurvey the whole as has been proposed, but not until other districts which more urgently require Surveying, are first done.

Bellary Collectors Office
30th August 1856.

(Signed) C. Pelly
Collector.

Encl. 1. In Gentoo.

(664.665)

Ordered to lie over.

Order thereon.

To

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No. 187

To

G. S. Forbes Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

(666)

B. No. 3502.

From the Collector of Nellore.

Sir.

With reference to para 2 of Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 12th July 1856 No. 2164, calling for the opinion of Collectors regarding the abolition of the Cultivation Dittum, I have the honor to state that as regards this District. the question has already formed the subject of the Correspondence noted in the Margin. and the Board having sanctioned the abolition of the Dittum so far back as March 1855; the rules substituted for it were brought into use during the past fusly.

Board's Proceedings 8th January 1855 para 2.
To Board 17th do para 2.
Board's Proceedings 15th March 1855 paras 2-3-4 & 5.
To Board 9th April 1855.
Board's Proceedings 7th May 1855.
From Board 21st May 1855.
To do 25th May 1855
From do 11th June 1855
From do 12th June 1855
To do 16th do

2. The relief to the Ryots by diminishing the interference of the Talook Officers must be very great while so far from there being any

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any falling off in the land retained or newly taken up. in consequence of the additional freedom that is the result of the discontinuance of the Dittum there is a great increase. Other causes may have produced this result, but it is still satisfactory to find that no ill consequence attended the abolition.

+ Land Revenue of fusly 1264 Rs. 11,81,067
Land Revenue of fusly 1265. as per Demand Collection and Balance Statement for June 1856 12,97,998-

3

Tho' not specially provided for in the New Rules. the transfers of land referred to by Government in the concluding part of para 2 of their Minutes are in use here. The transaction being allowed on the written consent of the parties. Provision should however I consider be made by a Rule for the prompt and regular Notification of these transfers as soon as practicable after they have been effected.

Nellore Collector's Office 4th September 1856

/Signed/ F. B. Elton
Collector

(666 667)

Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over.

To

Fort St. George 15th November 1856.

No. 207.

To

J. D. Sim Esqre

Actg. Secretary to the Bd. of Revenue

Fort St. George

660

Bd. No. 3981

From the Collector of North Arcot &

As it is in contemplation to institute a Kistbundy in this District in Connection with the new rates, shortly to be introduced and it would be desirable, while framing it, to do so with reference to the rules established in the neighbouring Districts, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as, with the permission of the Board of Revenue, to furnish me with a statement of the Kistbundy of the Districts of Salem, Chingleput, South Arcot, Cuddapah, & Bellary.

North Arcot, Collrs Cutcherry Chittoor 29th Sept. 1856.

/ Signed / L. Whittingham

Collector.

660 & 669

Bd. No. 3853.

Order thereon.-

Ordered that a copy of the Kistbundy Statements for Fusly 1264 of the Districts of Salem, Chingleput, South Arcot, Cuddapah, & Bellary, be forwarded to the Collector of North Arcot, in compliance with his request.

From S. Arcot	19th Sept.	inl	12 Octr 54
From — do.	13th July	inl	10th Augt. 55
From — do.	11th —	inl	on 16th Octr —
From Bellary	24 April	inl	2d May 56
From Chingleput	15th	inl	17th Octr 55
From Do. — —	18th	Inl	8th Augt. 56
From Cuddapah	22d April	inl	9th July 56
From Salem	13	inl	18 Octr. 55.

Whittingham.

2 Ordered also that copies of the Papers noted in the Margin be furnished to Mr.

To

Fort St. George, 15th November 1856.

No. 162.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

670

Bd. No. 4207.

From the Collector of Madras —

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith the papers noted in the margin, relative to a Permission Certificate applied for by R. Smith Esqre for a piece of land situated at Wooppada, a Government Village, in the district of Rajahmundry, and to request the Sanction of Government for the occupation of the same by him on the terms specified in the accompanying Statement—

1 Explanatory statement from the Register of Government Grants.
1 Letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry 3d October 1856.
1 Application and Plan.

Madras — 16th October 1856

/ Signed / B. Cunliffe

Collector and Register of Government Grants

Description

20175

No. 1 Description of Ground the proprietor of which Fort St. George

15th November 1856.

has applied for a Permission Certificate from the Honorable Company.

Name of the Proprietor	Situation of the Ground	Since when enclosed	Title under which it is held.	Extent of the Ground	Nature of the soil	How laid out and whether any buildings upon it.	Quit Rent proposed	Remarks of the Collector of Madras	Remarks of the Board of Revenue	Decision of Government
				C. G.			Rs a P			
R Smith Esqr	On the East of the Town of Woopada	Has never been enclosed	Government land	2 9 15	Sandy	A part of the ground is under cultivation there are no buildings thereon	+ 8 0 0	The Register recommends that a Certificate in the form A which accompanied the Circular from this Office dated 26th February last may be issued		

+ Vide From Madras 25th November in Con. 13th December 1856.

Madras
16th October 1856.

(Signed) B. Cunliffe
Collector and Register of Government Grants

20177 Fort St. George 15th November 1856.

No. 3.

To The Collector of Rajahmundry.

Sir, I request you will procure the permission of Government for my occupying the piece of Ground here under described —

Samulcottah, 25th September 1856. / Signed / R. Smith

Situation of the ground	Since when enclosed	Contents in Cawnies	Grounds	Square feet	Nature of the Soil	How laid out and whether any building upon it —	Bounded on the North	South	East	West
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
On the east of the Town of Woopada	Has never been enclosed	2	9	1575	Sandy	A part of the ground is under cultivation there are no buildings thereon —	Doombalah Enam of Cappera Veeriah	Road leading to the Sea from the Village	Jeroyto land named Simba dry Pumpoo	D° Purra Pumpoo.

I do hereby certify that the ground above described does not interfere with any Public works. —

/ Signed / A. Purvis
Collector

Fort St. George, 15th November 185

(670 671)

B. No. 3814-

No. 4 Plan.

Proceedings thereon- The Board are of opin

that it will not be sufficient to lev

7 Rupees per annum as Quit re

for the whole of the proposed

Grant when that sum is already

obtained for a portion- something

they think, should be assessed on

the addition, although it is

described as a Sand Hill-

a very moderate amount

will suffice-

Read

Fort St. George 15th November 1856-

Read again letter from the Col:

=lector of Canara dated 20th October and entered in Cons:

3d November 1856-

Ordered that the following letter

be sent:-

(672)

B. No. 3800.

To the Collector of Canara-

To, The Collector of Canara.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 20th ult.o

October 1856. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to

inform you that 250 forms of Prize Awards have been

this day despatched to you by Banghy:-

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
15th November 1856-

(Signed) J. D: Sim.
Acting Secretary

Read the following Papers-

No. 180.

(673)

B. No. 4691.

From the Collector of Coimbatore-

To, J. D: Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the =

receipt of Esctract from the Board's Proceedings =

dated 22d Ultimo, No. 3570 conveying Esctract =

Minutes of Consultation No. 1900, and in reply

beg to report accordingly-

2- The Village communities in this =

District are accustomed to perform some work on

the

the Sources of irrigation, such as clearing Channels repairing breaches &c. I beg to forward a Statement showing the total amount of labor of the above description by Villagers, during the year 1855, amounting to Rupees 6,174- the amount of such labor will of course vary in each year with reference to circumstances and emergencies.-

3. Much depends on local custom - some Channels are cleared by Government, others by the ryots themselves- There is always an effort by the ryot to evade this compulsory labor, some injustice and partiality are inseparable from it- In my openion, it should be abandoned, and the ryots left to do what they see necessary for their own interests, as regards Channels- They require water, and will often themselves remove small deposits, and the Civil Engineer can estimate for removal of any large accumulations, where he sees fit and fair, at Government cost.

4. As regards sudden breaches only I would compel village labor (as an unvoidable emergency) under a slight penalty a fine of

* easily done by the Tahsildar-

of 1 or 2 Rupees on each recusant apportioned according to the value and extent of their share of land, under the Channel or Tank breached. A ryot, with 100 Rupees of land under a tank is more concerned, and usually more able, to assist, them a ryot with only 10, and I would scale the amount of labor and penalty accordingly-

5. I can hardly deem an Act necessary in Coimbatore, there would never be any great difficulty in levying either the labor or the fine, though I do not advocate the former. forced labor is always badly done, and for a small saving to Government, a great cry of oppression is raised- In these liberal days, it is a pity to have any forced labor the Ryots pays for irrigated Nunjah land, & ought to have the water brought to such land.-

Coimbatore,
Collectors Office,
10th November 1856.

(Signed) E: B: Thomas:
Collector.

Statement

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No. 1. Statement showing the amount of the Village labo
for works of irrigation in 1855-

Description of Works	Works of A Class or clearing of Channels	Works of B Class or repairing Breaches in Banks of Channels &c.	Total.	Remarks
Channel branching from Amaravatty River in Darapooram Talook	1,511 " "	" "	1,511 " "	
Do. Do. in Chuckra-pherry Talook	1305 " "	" "	1,305 " "	
Do. Do. in Caroor Talook	2759 " "	" "	2,759 " "	
Do. Do. in Andyoor Talook	" "	25 " "	25 " "	
Do. branching from Bawany River in Sutti-timmgalum Tadapully and Araconoottah Channels	527 " "	47 " "	574 " "	
Colingarayen Channel leading from Bawany River in Erode Talook	" "	" "	" "	Breaches in the Banks of the Channel to a large extent are repaired by the Villagers a sum of Rs. 750 has been fixed for clearing the Channel annually by the Circhar and therefore the Ryots labour for the same is unnecessary-
Total	6,102 " "	72 " "	6,174 " "	

Coimbatore,
10th November 1856

(Signed) E. B. Thomas.
Collector-

673. 674

Order thereon-

Ordered to lie over-

To,

Fort St. George 15th November 1856.

No. 455.

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

675

After
B. No. 4677.

Sir,

From the Collector of Sea Customs Madras

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant, and to intimate in reply, that it has never been the practice of the Department to forward a Statement of the nature therein called for.-

Sea Customs House,
Madras
13th November 1856.

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

B. No. 3806.

Proceedings thereon-

675. 676

The Board observe that the Statement referred to in their letter of 10th Instant, although called the Demand Collection and Balance Statement in the Provinces, is headed in his Office Comparative Statement of the Collections of ordinary Revenue at the Sea Custom House. It is requested that this Return may be submitted as early as possible.-

From

20185.

Fort St. George 15th November 1856.

677
M. No. 2762.
From the Collector of Singlepatam — Read letter informing that the Demand Collection and Balance Statement for October last was forwarded on the 8th Instant.

677. 678
Order thereon — Ordered to be recorded.

679
M. No. 2755. Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.

From the Collector of Vizagapatam — Register of Petitions for

680
M. No. 2757. October 1856.

From the Collr. of North Arcot —

681
M. No. 2756 — Register of Petitions for October 1856.

From the Collr. of South Arcot —

682
M. No. 2760. — Register of Petitions for October 1856.

From the Officiating Agent at Kurnool —

683
M. No. 2759. — Rain report for October 1856.

From the Acting Collector of Malabar —

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M. No. 2761. — Rain report for October 1856.

From the Collector of South Arcot — Forwarding a duplicate Bill & a Statement of Extra Tent allowance of

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M. No. 2758. — the Sub Collector for October 1856.

From the Acting Collector of Malabar — Season report for October 1856.

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Monday the 17th November 1856.

686
B. No. 4626.
From the Chief Secretary to Government — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 10th November 1856.

Sanctioning the alterations made by the late and proposed by the present Collector of Malabar in the distribution of the annual stipends of the Zamorin Rajah and his family as shewn within. (See No. 1194 in Separate Volume.) Page 438

686. 687
B. No. 3819.
Order thereon — Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector (with Copy of the Board's letters to Government) for his information and guidance.

688
B. No. 4627.
From the Chief Secretary to Government — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 10th November 1856.

Granting sanction for a similar remission of assessment during the current Fusly on the dry lands in the Southern Talooks of Salem as that granted to the ryots of those Talooks for Fusly 1265. (See No. 1193 in Separate Volume.) Page 439.

Order

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688. 689

B. No. 3813.

Order thereon.

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B. No. 4628.

From the Chief Secretary to Government

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Ordered to be communicated to the Col of Salem-

Extract from the Minutes of Consulta in the Revenue Department under date 10th November 1856-

Intimating that 3,300 Rupees has been sanctioned for repair =ing &c. the Kulhutty Bungalow desiring the Board to report = separately on the subject of = furnishing the Coonoor Bunga = low and Mr. Thomas to = communicate with the Officer Commanding Neilgherries with respect to the transfer of the same and remarking on the bad des: = cription of bungalow books = used in the Coimbatore = District-

(See No. 1195 in Separate Volume) Page 440

690. 691

B. No. 3820.

Order thereon-

Ordered to be communicated to the = Collector of Coimbatore.-

2- The Board will be prepared to address Government regarding the Coonoor Bungalow on being informed by the Collector of what is requisite in the way of Furniture, Repairs &c.-

3- The Collector will report on the propriety of the transfer of the Coonoor Bungalow to

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to the Officer Commanding the Hills. He will also state whether there is any Public Bungalow at Ootacamund, as in recent issues of the Gazette it has been notified that a building was available for Travellers-

4- The Collector will introduce a better description of Book for the names and remarks of Travellers throughout his District and = submit one for the Boards' inspection.-

No. 141.

To,

G. S. Forbes Esqre

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

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B. No. 3690.

From the Actg Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a = Statement containing the information required in the latter part of the Circular from = your Office dated the 15th July 1856 No. 2204-

Measures have been adopted for introducing this year the new forms of village accounts throughout the district.-

Tanjore 12th September 1856-

(Signed) J. W. Sherry.
Acting Collector

Statement

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Enclosure No. 1.–

Statement shewing the number of villages the accounts of which have been prepared according to the new forms in Tanjore as it stood, up to 31st August 1856.–

Taloks.		1.	Total number of villages the accounts of which should be prepared for 1856. 2	Deduct Villages: Completed. 3	Completed in the connection of the Register No. A 4	Total 5	Remaining to be prepared. 6	Particulars of Column 6. Not commenced 7	In the course of preparation 8	Number of Statements comprising the general account of a village 9	Number of Statements prepared 10	Number remaining to be prepared. 11
Collectorate.	Field assessed	Trevady	18	18	"	18	"	"	"	"	"	"
		Mayaveram	10	10	"	10	"	"	"	"	"	"
		Coottalum	10	10	"	10	"	"	"	"	"	"
		Parallum	10	8	1	9	1	"	1	36	27	9
		Sheally	20	"	12	12	8	"	8	288	149	139
		Puttoocottah	10	8	2	10	"	"	"	"	"	"
		Total	78	54	15	69	9	"	9	324	176	148
	Gross settled	Tritrapoondy	10	"	"	"	10	"	10	400	247	150
		Combaconum	10	"	"	"	10	"	10	410	166	244
		Velengamum	10	1	"	1	9	"	9	369	319	50
		Trangubar	5	1	"	1	4	"	4	164	92	72
		Total	35	2	"	2	33	"	33	1343	824	519
		Grand total	113	56	15	71	42	"	42	1667	1000	667
	Field assessed	Revalore	10	"	"	"	10	"	10	360	240	120
		Nunnellum	10	"	"	"	10	"	10	360	237	123
		Total	20	"	"	"	20	"	20	720	477	243
	Olungoo rented	Panpanasum	10	"	"	"	10	"	10	410	320	90
		Trivalore	10	1	"	1	9	"	9	369	270	99
		Munnargoody	9	"	"	"	9	"	9	369	302	67
		Codavasel	10	"	"	"	10	"	10	410	270	140
		Total	39	1	"	1	38	"	38	1558	1162	396
		Grand Total	59	1	"	1	58	"	58	2278	1639	639
			172	57	15	72	100	"	100	3945	2639	1306

Tanjore 12th September 1856.

(Signed) J. H. Shaw.

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From the Collector of Tanjore

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement shewing the number of villages the accounts of which have been prepared according to the new forms, and the number remaining to be prepared.

I have the honor to be Sir Your most obedient humble servant

(Signed) J. H. Shaw.

Collector of Tanjore

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Enclosure No. 1 & 2.

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No. 109

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

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B. No. 4492
From the Collector of Bellary - - -
Submits for the favorable consideration of the Board an application made to him by Head Sheristadar Neelacuntarow for permission to retire.

In my letter of 25th June last, I submitted to the Board of Revenue my opinion recommendation that the Head Sheristadar Neelacontarow should be permitted to retire from the service in consequence of his age and infirmities incapacitating him for the due discharge of the duties of the Office. Neelacuntarow has now himself made an application to me, in an Arzee dated 1st Instant (Copy of which with translation I have the honor to submit) for permission to retire and has petitioned that in consideration of his past services a Pension to the Amount of his full present salary may be granted to himself for life and a pension of two thirds the same for two succeeding lives - and this request I beg to submit for the favorable consideration of the Board and the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

Encl. No. 142

The services of Neelacuntarow are

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No. 1.-

Enclosure No. 1 in Proceedings of this date.

Statement showing the number of villages the accounts of which have been prepared according to the rules laid down in Fasli [illegible]

172	57	15	100	3945	2059

Signed J. H. Glass

Sanjore 12th September 1856.

(3) Order thereon

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are particularized in his Argee. He was first employed in public duties in the year 1802/1212 A.D. Fusly. But his regular service commenced in 1806 when he was employed as a Goomastah in the Court of Codecondah for 1 year. Afterwards he was selected as a Vakeel in the Bellary Court. where he served 12 years from whence he was promoted to the Tahsildary of Beyapoor (now under the Bombay Government) in which situation he served 3 years, and was promoted to the Office of Hoozoor Sheristadar of the Sub Division of Bagulcottah in the Southern Mahratta Doab in which Office he served about 11 years. He was transferred in 1833 to Salem as Head Sheristadar of that District and thence as Head Sheristadar to Bellary in 1841.—

A.D. 1807

" (1819)

" 1822

" 1833

" 1841

The period he has served Government is therefore upwards of 50 years Viz.t.

	years.	Mo.	days
in inferior Situations	13	6	20
as Tahsildar	3	2	8
as Hoozoor Sheristadar	33	5	14
Total	50	2	12

During the whole of this

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maintained a high reputation for integrity and faithful devotion to the public interests the testimonials he has obtained from his Superiors are of the highest Stamp as will be seen from the enclosed document.—

Enclosure No. 3

During the time he held Office as Sheristadar of the Southern Maharatta Doab Nerlacuntarow particularly distinguished himself by his spirited conduct in the Sindghee insurrection for which he was rewarded by Sir John Malcolm, Governor of Bombay with a Kiltut, Sword, and Complimentary letter who testified to Nerlacuntarows "Zeal and ability in the public service and to his spirited conduct in quelling the Sindghee insurrection".—

He was subsequently in 1832 presented by Lord Clare Governor of Bombay with a Small Jaghyr yielding 500 Rupees per annum to be held by himself and heirs to the second generation in consideration of his services during the Sindghe insurrection.—

Previous to his quitting the Southern Maharatta Doab for his new appointment at Salem, he received from Mr. Walter Elliot (the present Member of Council at Madras)

Madras) and from Mr. Stephenson under whom he had served, valuable tokens of their high Esteem and from Mr. John Orr, Principal Collector of Salem (after his departure to England) he received a valuable gold Watch as a mark of regard and esteem. —

There are many testimonials speaking in very high terms of the fidelity, zeal and integrity of this old servant of Government to which I would beg to solicit the attention of the Board, I have myself on several occasions had the pleasure of bringing the services of Neelacuntarow to the notice of the Board and I am able happily to the present time, to confirm the testimonials. His conduct for uprightness has never been impugned but once and then by a party known by private spite and the sum of the most

most serious charge they could invent against him was that he had sacrificed the Government interests in the Ab Karry Revenue, to favour a connection of his own, a charge shown to be so utterly without the slightest foundation, that it is astonishing it was ever made. —

I trust that in submitting the petition of Neelacuntarow for the Pension solicited by him to the favourable consideration of Government, I am not doing more than performing a duty I owe to that public Officer for, I cannot but feel assured that it is the wish of Government to mark with special approbation the

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the fidelity, zeal, and integri
through a long period of service
of their Native Servants: and
those virtues during his protracted
service of more than half a cen
=tury. Neelacuntarow, by the co
unanimous opinion of all the Gen
=tlemen under whom he has serve
stands prominent, if not un
=rivalled, among the Native ser
Servants of Government.—

Bellary — —
Collectors Office
7th October 1856

(Signed) C. Pelly
Collector

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No. 2.

Petition of Neelacunta Row Head Sheristadar of the Collector of Bellary.—

To

C. Pelly Esqre
Collector of Bellary.—

Sir,

Having spent my best days in the faithful and deligent discharge of my duties for many years in the Honora=ble Company's Service, I take the liberty of requesting you will be pleased to forward my Petition for a Pension for three lives to the Board of Revenue for submission to his Lordship the Governor in Council, supported with your favorable recommendation I beg to annex an account of my services.—

1 In about the fusly 1212 when George Travers Esquire held the appointment of Sub Collector of the Cumbum Division

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Division of the Cuddapah District at which period Sir Thomas Munro presided as Principal Collector over the Ceded District comprising the two Zillahs of Bellary and Cuddapah, the lands were about to be surveyed and a great many persons were being entertained for that work. I offered my services to the former Gentleman I was at that time very young, and wore jewels of the value of a thousand Rupees the Gentleman with much kindness asked me how I would travel about with such valuables through the jungles to perform the survey, and I having given a suitable reply pleased the Gentleman, and he himself took charge of my jewels for me and entertained me for the survey work in which

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I remained for sometime and the Gentleman afterwards employed me as a Temporary Hoozoor Goomastah and subsequently as Sayer Goomastah under whom I performed various duties but as these were temporary appointments it is not necessary to describe them the said Gentleman was afterwards appointed Judge of the Kadecondah Zillah.—

2. The following is a list of the Permanent employments held by me.—

Employment.—

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Number	Employment.	Amount of Service. years	Months	Days
1	Coomastah on a salary of 6 star Pagodas per Mensem in the Court at Rodecondah when it was Estas=blished and when George Travers Esqre presided as Judge from the year 1806 to 1807	1	11	
2	Vakeel in the Court at Bellary from 17th April 1807 to 12th March 1817 under a sunnud obtained from the Sadr Court at the recommendation of the then Judge P. Bruce Esquire, to whom I was Recommended by Mr. Travers when the Rode=condah Court was abolished and he was about to proceed as Collector to Trichinopoly. I being sick at the time	9	10	24
3	Government Vakeel in the above Court on a salary of 21 Rupees from 13th March 1817 to 21st June 1819 under a sunnud obtained from the Government.	2	3	8
		13	2	5

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Bombay Presidency.

4	In the year 1819. J. Nisbet Esquire Sub Collector of Beejapoor sent for me to his District, and I on the 21st June 1819 tendered my resignation for the appointment of Govern=ment Vakeel, and proceeded to Beejapoor where I was immediately appointed Taksildar of the large Talook of Beejapoor on a salary of 105 Rupees, which I held from the 22d June 1819 to 13th August 1822. during the time I held this appoint=ment I received orders from Mr. Chaplin and Established a good management in the District Ceded by the Nizam to the Honorable Company.	3	2	8
5	Naib Sheristadar in the Sholapoor District on a salary of 100 Rupees from 1st September 1822 to 15th January 1823.	4	4	15
6	Head Sheristadar of the Sub Division of the District south of the Bheemah River and Head Sheristadar of the Sub Division of Bagal cotah from 16th January 1823 to 30th July 1833 on different amounts of			

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of Salary raised eventually to 300 Rupees Rayalcatah Dues were called Sub Divisions, but there was a Naib Sheristadar also and a Treasury Dues attached so I recommenced service there as Head Sheristadar.— 10 5 14

14 " "

7 Head Sheristadar of the Salem District from 1st August 1833 to the end of May 1841 when John Orr Esquire, the Principal Collector of the District addressed the Board of Revenue in the 27th July 1833. bringing my Services Dues to their Notice.— 7 9 "

Madras Presidency

Heads.

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8 Head Sheristadar of the Bellary District on Salary of 525 Rupees from 1st June 1841 to 31st July 1843— 2—1—"

Do of Do on Salary of Rupees 700—"—" from 1st August 1843 to the end of September 1856—13—2—" 15 3 "

Total ——— 50 2 12

Particulars.

As Goomastah and other appointments } 16—8—28

As Head Sheristadar ——— † 33—5—14

50—2—12

† In Bombay Presidency—10—5—14.

Do Madras Do.— 2—3—"—"

33—5—14.

The following is an account of the incidents that transpired, and the services performed during the abovementioned period.—

1 Sir Thomas Munro in about the year 1818 took possession of Dharwar Dca in the Bombay Presidency and appointed Mr Chaplin the Collector of Bellary as Principal Collector of the new District, and Mr Nisbett as Sub Collector and those Gentlemen having sent for me I resigned my appointment in Bellary and proceeded thither.—

2 I have entered my service as Sheristadar

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Sheristadar in the Bagalcota Sub Division as that of Head Sheristadar = as the Sub Collectors' Proceedings were not overruled by the Principal Collector, but had to be submitted by him to Bombay - and the orders thereon were addressed to the Sub Collector, and sent thro' the Principal Collector - the Sub Collector had a Treasury and Naib Sheristadar under his Controul.—

3. When I was employed as Sheristadar in the abovementioned division the Dasayee of Kittoor raised an insurrection against the Honorable Company - When, the Principal Collector of Dharwar Mr. Thackrane, Mr. Stephenson, and Mr. Walter Elliot proceeded thither with a Force to still the disturbance, and a battle ensued between the two Forces, in which Mr. Thackrane fell, and the other two Gentlemen were taken prisoners - the Sub Collector Mr. John Munro and I were then at Beejapoor and hearing of the above circumstance, we left the Treasury and the Prisoners at Managoly with the Naib Sheristadar &c.a and proceeded to Dharwar and there hearing that the Kittoor

Nephew to Sir Thomas Munro.

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Kittoor Force was numerous, Mr. John Munro directed me to return to where the Treasury was left, and himself proceeded to Kittoor, and there fell in the Battle at this time Mr. Chaplin, the Commissioner of Poonah arrived at Kittoor with a Force.—

The distance between Kittoor and Managoly is about 160 miles.

4. When the Country was this in insurrection, I was at Managoly in charge of the Treasury &c.a and Rowjee Rasthay and others from the Nizam's Country collecting a Force entered the Sub Division, and took possession of the Fort at Sindgee, and sent out proclamations intimating that the British had been expelled, and that they had sent their own Officers, and directed Charge to be delivered over to the latter they took possession of a part of the Country, and plundered the Villages - the Peishcar of Sindgee belonging to the Honorable Company's Service, was mal-treated and put into prison - and some Village Authorities Joined the invaders - on hearing of this circumstance, I submitted Arzees to Lord Elphinstone the Governor of

Bombay

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Bombay to Mr. Chaplin and t

the General Commanding Fo

=lapoor but not receiving

any reply to my urgees I wrot

letters to the Tahsildars of th

Sub Division directing them t

hold out, and not to give ove

possession— and fearing that

the Treasury would be attacked

if I remained inactive, I collected

a number of Horsemen and Peons

and took refuge at a Village

close to Sindgee, where the disturbers

were.

were located and had 3 or 4 serious engagements with them and as I took measure to prevent pro=visions going into Sindgee from the neighbouring Villages the offenders from starvation commenced making their escape— and I at the request of the Pindaries under my charge gave them permis=sion to plunder those who were decamping, and thus not only plundered them, but also made prisoners of a hundered of them— I exerted myself in this manner regardless of the dan=ger that threatened my life and preserved the Company's Treasury and District, or doubtless the Company would have sustained a loss of Lacs of Rupees.—

5 The engagement at Kittoor having in the mean time subsided, Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Walter Elliot and others came to the place where I was located, and having held an enquiry regarding those who were taken prisoners imprisoned the Chief movers and released the remainder, the Honorable Mr. Walter Elliot

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no doubt still recollects this circumstance.

6 When Sir John Malcolm the Governor of Bombay came to Beejapoor on a visit to the Province, he heard of my services from Mr Stephenson, Mr Walter Elliot and others, and sent for me and in open Court presented me with a Khillut and also a sword with an engraving of the following on the scabbard.

"Presented to Neelkuntia Row Sheristadar in "the southern Mahratta Doaub by the Honorable the Governor of Bombay as a testimonial of "the Government's approbation of his zeal and "ability in the public service, and particularly "of his spirited conduct in quelling the Sindgee "Insurrection."

The following is a translation of a testimonial granted to me on the above occasion

I herewith submit a Copy of the same, as the original was carried away when a theft was committed in my house.

"Your ability and spirited conduct in quelling

"quelling the Sindgee Insurrection, and your faithful and zealous services have been brought to the "notice of Circar, who in acknowledgement of "your merits, present you with a Khillut and "sword - regarding this document as a testimonial of "character and hoping that you will in future be "as faithful and diligent in the management "of Circar affairs as you were before."

19th January 1829. (Signed) J. Malcolm
Governor

7 Lord Clair, the Governor of Bombay visited Dharwar on a tour to the Provinces in about the Month of August 1832 when Mr G. Anderson the Principal Collector of Dharwar and the Honorable Mr Walter Elliot made known my services to his Lordship, and procured me an interview with his Lordship who enquired into many particulars and granted as Jaghire to be enjoyed for 3 generations the Village of Gunjihaul in the Moongood Talook of the

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the Belgaum Zillah under the Bombay Presidency the following are Copies of Letters relating said grant and a copy of the Mahratta Sunnud is herewith submitted.—

No 3385 of 1832

Territorial Department

Revenue

To

G. W. Anderson Esqre

Acting Principle Collector

in the S. M. C

Dharwar

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 17th Ultimo and its enclosures, and to acquaint you that in Consideration of Neela Kuntarows services during the Sudgee insurrection. the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction a grant to him of a Village yielding a Revenue of Rupees Five hundered per annum to be held by himself and heirs to

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the second generation

Bombay Castle
14th December 1832

/Signed/ L. R. Reid
Secretary to Government

/True Copy/
/Signed/ G. W. Anderson
Acting Principal Collector

No 1666 of 1833

Territorial Department

To

G. W. Anderson Esqre
Acting Principal Collector
Dharwar

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 17th instant and to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the Village of Gunjehall in the Taluk of Hoongoond being made over to Neela Kuntarow to be held by him and his heirs to the second generation as a reward for his services brought to the notice of Government in your letter of the 17th November last

last

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lost.—

Bombay Castle
31st May 1838

/Signed/ L. R. Reid
Secretary to Government

/True Copy/
/Signed/ G. W. Anderson
Acting Principal Collector

I expended a large sum in found-
ing a Mokturpha Mah in the
Village granted to me as Jaghire and
in bringing waste land into cultivation
and up to this time have not reaped
any profit. the Bombay Government have
remitted the Baloota and Mokter-
pha that were formerly payable in my
Jaghire Villages. and the following is a
Memo. of the loss sustained on this
account up to fusly 1261 according to the
account furnished to the Enamathee Comm.

Mokturpha	1043	11	6
Baloota	995	7	0
	2039	3	9

Further

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Further loss has been sustained in this
way since that year. the Village was granted
as Jaghire in consideration of services render-
ed of a Military Nature but not for Moolky
Service.—

8 John Orr Esquire the Principal Collector
of Salem having learned from some Gen-
tleman of my character and abilities
wrote me several letters offering me the
Head Sheristadarship of his District
and after I had replied accepting the
appointment I applied to Mr Anderson the
Principal Collector and Political Agent
of Darwar and to the Honorable Mr
Elliot for permission to go. but those
gentlemen were not disposed to allow
me to go, but I having solicited them ear-
nestly, was permitted - at which time the
Honorable Mr Elliot presented me
with a valuable silver Betel Box bearing
the

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the following inscription.

"Presented to Neelakantaraw Sheris-
"tadar of the Sub Division of Bagulcottah
in testimony of his ability courage and fide-
"lity by his friend".—

/ Signed/ Walter Elliot
Sub Collector

And the following is the inscription
on a Silver Ink stand presented to me
by Mr Stephenson.

"Presented to Neelacantaraw She-
=ristadar southern Mahratta Country in
"testimony of my high opinion of his
"valuable services, of his zeal, his ability,
"and his integrity A. D. 1830".

/ Signed/ J. A. R. Stephenson
Sub Collector and Secretary
for Native Correspondence &c
in the Government.—

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9 After my arrival at Salem
I experienced very great Kindness and
respect from Mr John Orr. this Gen-
tleman afterwards was pleased to send
me from England a Gold watch of
the value of a thousand Rupees, which
came to me thro' means of Lord Elphin-
stone, who was then Governor of Madras.
you are aware that a box containing
this watch and several Testimonials
was stolen from my house about 10 or
months ago. the following was engraved
on the inside of the case of the watch.—

"To M. R. Ry Neelakanta raw
"Braminy Jagheerdar. Head sheristadar
"of Salem &c &c as a token of Esteem
"and regard from his sincere friend."

/ Signed/ John Orr
Late Principal Collector

After the departure of Mr Orr
I was treated very Kindly by Mr Glegg who
in his Summabundy reports to the
Board of Revenue, annually, made favorable mention
of me. Extracts of the same were granted to me, but these

Extracts

Extracts were also stolen with the watch and other documents that were in the Box.—

When I was employed as Head sheristadar of the Salem District the Honorable Lord Bentinck Governor General visited the Neilgherry Hills in fusly 1243, and when there called up Collector Orr and myself, and the Collectors and Head Sheristadars of four other Districts to ascertain particulars relative to Revenue administration. At which time his Lordship at 2 different times questioned me on certain points, and I furnished the information he required in writing, which pleased his Lardship considerably, and he was pleased to present me with a shawl of the value of 700 Rupees which I still posses.—

Mr Robertson the late Collector of Bellary who also came to the Neilgherry Hills on the above mentioned occasion there heard of my character and abilities and endeavoured much

much to get me to Bellary as Head sheristadar, but I was not then inclined for the change. subsequently however Mr Mellor having written me two or three letters requesting me to come as Head sheristadar of Bellary, and as I was then desirous to get nearer to my Jaghire village I with much endeavours obtained Mr Gleigs permission and came to Bellary. your honor was Sub Collector at that time, and as I have been under your immediate notice since your Appointment as Collector, you are well acquainted with my abelities and Character.—

11 Having served the Government for a long period, and having a large family to support I beg respectfully.—

First. That a Pension, equal to my present salary which I have enjoyed for the last 13 years, may be obtained for me for life

Second. That two thirds of my

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my Pension being Rupees 500 per annum or Rupees 466-10-8 per Sem, may be obtained for two generations after my demise.

I beg you will be pleased to submit with your favorable support this my application for Pension for myself and two Generations, for the consideration and sanction of His Lordship, the Governor in Council and I beg to state that I am prepared to retire as soon as the sanction of Government is obtained.

I am now 70 years of age. The circumstance of a box containing all my Testimonials, the Gold watch that was presented to me together with other valuables having been stolen from me about 10 Months ago, is well Known to you no trace of the theft has as yet been obtained, I therefore submit a book in which all my testimonials &c are copied for your consideration and I have never

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never at any time during all the period of my service wilfully done any Ryot or other person any wrong and have always endeavoured to

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to do justice to the

Government under

which I serve

/ Signed / Neelacuntarow

Head sheristadar

/ True Translation /

/ Signed / C. Petty

Collector

Ordered

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Ordered to be submitted

with the following letter

To,

The Revenue Secretary to

Government.

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Bd No. 3842.

To The Revenue Secretary to Government

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Collector of Tellary submitting an application from his Head Sheristadar Neelacunt Row to be allowed to retire from the Service on a pension for his own life of 100 Rupees per Mensem the full amount of his present Salary and of 2/3rds of this sum for the two succeeding heirs.—

D/ 7 October in Govt 17 November 1856 No 4492.

2 The Services of Neelacunt Row are stated to have extended over a period of more than 50 years but from this number must be deducted the period of 12 years during which he was a Vakeel in a Civil Court.

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that employment not being usually regarded as of a nature to count for pension.

3 Deducting this however the length of his service has been so very great and it is shewn also to have been highly meritorious and distinguished.

4 After filling minor offices in the ceded Districts he was employed in the Southern Mahratta Country first as a Tahsildar, a Nail Sheristadar, and afterwards for a period of about 10 years as Sheristadar of the Sub Division of the District South of the Bheemah River and the Sub Division of Bazlewattah While thus employed he exhibited such courage and energy in so suppressing an insurrection at Sndghee as obtained for him not only valuable testimonials from his immediate superiors Messrs Stevenson and W. Elliot but the right distinction of a Khelat and sword from the Honorable Sir John Malcolm and a small Jaghire from Lord

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Clare respectively Governors of Bombay.

5 Subsequently he was selected by Mr. John Orr as Head Sheristadar of Salem, and after serving in that District upwards of 7 years, was transferred to his present situation of Head Sheristadar of Bellary which he has held for the long period of 15 years his conduct in both Districts has met with the highest commendations of the Collectors and of the Board.

6 Viewing the services of Neelacunt Row upon the whole the Board concur with Mr. Pelly in regarding them as placing him in the front rank of eminent Native Officers; but they urge that they feel restricted by Precedents and the recorded opinions of the Honorable Court of Directors from going to the full length of his recommendation for pension.

In the cases noted marginally the amounts sanctioned were 4,500 Rupees per.

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Canara Kistna Row. Fort. Govt. 18 inl. Cons. 30 March 1848 No. 277.
South Arcot Madava Row. Fort. Govt. 17 inl. Cons. 30 August 1843 No. 1067.
Coimbatore Appo Row Fort. Govt. 2 inl. Cons. 15 August 1842 No. 937.

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per annum for the 1st life 3,000 Rupees per annum for the 2d and 1,500 Rupees for the 3d and the Services of the Recipients were very similar in Character to those of the present Applicant. I am instructed therefore to submit the recommendation of the Board that in consideration of his distinguished merit the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may be pleased to grant to Seelacant Row a pension for his own life of 4,500 Rupees per annum, to be continued to two successors, the pension for the 2d life being reduced to 3,000 Rupees per annum and that of the 3d life to 1,500 Rupees per annum.

It should be observed that the Sanction granted to Seelacant Row in the Bombay Territory as a reward for his services in respect to the Sholapoor Rebellion affords too small an income

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income to be taken into account on the present occasion.

To Govt. 9 March 35
From Govt. 31 March
in Cons. 2 April 35
No 335
From Govt. 27 June
in Cons. 6 July 37
No 862.

9 It will be seen from the papers noted Marginally & that in the case of Butcha Row Head Sheristadar of Cuddapah, the Honorable the Court of Directors sanctioned the grant of a Pension of the value of 5,800 Rupees for 3 lives, a quit rent being imposed after the deceased of the 1st incumbent, which reduced the income to 2800 Rupees per annum The Services of that Native Officer was

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was not so long as that
of Neelacunt Row but he was
employed for 11 years and
under the Nizam Government
before the transfer of the
ceded Districts to the
Company and the Board have
therefore followed the precedent
noted above as more in point
They notice the pension of Butcha
Row however, in case the Govern
ment should be disposed to
extend an equal degree of liber
to Neelacunt Row on account
of his extremely long service as
Head Sheristadar.

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/ Signed / J. D. Sim
Secretary

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No. 356

From the Collector of Chingleput

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

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for such orders as the Board may deem proper, the accompanying Copies of a letter addressed by me to Messrs Kenrick & Co on the 16th Instant and of their reply received this day relative to the discharge of the 2d Instalment due by them on account of the Abkarry balances outstanding against Mr Kenrick for Fusly 1264.

Chingleput District
Collector's Cutcherry
Sydapet 30th October 1856

/ Signed / C. J. Shubrick
Collector

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Bd No. 4465

No. 1

To
Messrs Kenrick & Co
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to remind you of the termination on the 31st Instant of the 2d Instalment allowed you by the Board of Revenue for the liquidation of the Abkarry balances for Fusly 1264 and request that the sum of Rupees 3,500 payable on that date may be remitted to me at your earliest convenience

Chingleput District
Collector's Cutcherry
Sydapett 16th October 1856

/ Signed / C. J. Shubrick
Collector

/ True Copy /

/ Signed / C. J. Shubrick
Collector

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No 2

To,

The Collector of

Chingleput

Sir

We beg to inform you that having had large demands to meet on account of a succession of consignments made to us on from Paris and London. We find it inconvenient at present to discharge the Instalment falling due tomorrow to Government by Mr. J. H. Henrick for the Ab Karry Rent. We however hope to do so by the 20th Proxime, and will thank you to allow us this time, more so, when it is considered that we have been punctual in the payment of our two last Instalments.

Please submit this represen=tation to the Revenue Board for their favorable consideration.

/Signed/ Henrick & Co

/True Copy/

Madras 30th October 1856

/Signed/ C. J. Lubrick

Collector

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Proceedings thereon-

From Chingleput 18th in Cons. 24th June /52
Pro to Coll. 24th June /52

The entire Ab Karry of the Chingleput District for 3 Fusles 1262-63 and 64 was farmed to Mr J. H. Henrick for the sum of 79550 per Annum. The Rent for Fusly 1262 was paid in full. On account of Fusly 1263 a remission of 12000 Rupees was granted under the orders of Govern=ment dated 20th October 1854 No 1345 and the remainder was eventually paid. The non fulfilment of the engagement for Fusly 1264 has occasioned the long correspondence noted in the Margin. Insideration of presumed loses from unfavorable circumstances the Board accepted the Bond of the Firm of Henrick and Co for the Balance amounting to Rs 3818-15-10 which remained on the 17th November 1855 and allowed

In Cons 26th Octr /54

From Coll. 22d March 1855
From Coll. 14th Cons. 22d March 1855
Pro. to Coll. 22d March
From Coll. 25th April in Cons. 3d May "
Pro. to Coll. 3d May
From Coll. 26th in Cons. 31st May
From Coll. 8th in Dy Cons. 11 June
From Coll. 3d in Cons. 10th Augt
From Coll. 17th in Cons. 24th Novr
To Coll. 24th Novr
From Coll. 27th Novr in Cons. 4 Decr
From Coll. 10th in Cons. 12 Jany 1856
From Mr Adamson 12th Jany "
To Coll. 12th Jany "
From Coll. 29th in Cons. 31st Jany "
To Coll. 31st Jany "
From Coll. 4th in Cons. 18th Feby "
From Coll. 1st in Cons. 5th May "
From Coll. 5th in Cons. 27th May "
From Coll. 8th in Cons. 27 May "
To Coll. 27th May "

In Cons. 24th Novr 1855

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From the Honorable Company's Solicitor 30 June 1858

From Chingleput 3d in Cons. 10 Augt /58

In ft. Cons. 11 June /58

allowed Mr Adamson of that Firm to hold the Farm for an additional year Fusly. 1265 on the same terms the two engagements however being, by the advice of the Honorable Company Solicitor Kept perfectly distinct.

2 By the terms of the Bond which was dated the 9th June 1855 Messrs Henrick were allowed till the 11th September 1855 for the liquidation of the Balance - but in that persod failed to adopt any measures for the purpose They then proposed to pay the debt by Monthly Instalments of 700 Rupees but to this the Board as felt obliged to refuse their consent. In February last the proceeds of some Company's Paper and a sum in Cash placed in the Collectors hands as a deposit were carried to account, and the Balance thereby reduced to Rupees 30237- 9- 8 and the Board on the 31st of the January preceding had accorded a further period of 3 months. Within this time no part of the Balance was

To Chingleput 31st January 1856.

From Coll.r in Cons. 16 Feby /56

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was discharged but Messrs Henrick "We paid 1,000 Rupees immediately after its termination, and offered to make good the remainder by quarterly instalments of 3500 Rs. To this proposition the Board in consideration of the unfavorable nature of the seasons of 1262 & 1263 acceded and they also as a further indulgence warded the Government claim to interest, desiring the Collector at the same time to inform Messrs Henrick and Co that if they should fail to discharge any of the instalments there would be no alteration but to institute legal proceedings on the Bond executed by them.

To Coll.r 27th May /56

3 By the letters now recorded the Board are apprized that the second Instalment has not been paid and it is now therefore their painful duty to consider whether they should recommend to Government to file a

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a suit in the Sub Court or can point out any other mode in which their claims can be secured. They can perceive none, and with great regret therefore resolve to submit these proceedings and the correspondence which has passed with a request for sanction to make the necessary communication to the Honorable Company's Solicitor if in the mean time Messrs Henrick & Co should fail to make good their proposition to pay up the Instalment by the 20th Instant. The total Balance not stated by Mr Shubrick, but the Board presume it to be in round numbers 22,700 Rupees.

4 The Farm for 1265 was sequestered for arrears.

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

(698)
Bd. No. 4700
From the Coll.r of Rajahmundry

Sir,

Replying to Board's Proceedings of the 22d ultimo calling for information on certain points connected with the proposed Act for the preservation of Works of Navigation Irrigation & Drainage

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 22d Ultimo forwarding Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 18th Idem calling for information on certain points connected with the proposed Act for the preservation of works of irrigation, navigation and drainage.

2 It has never been the practice in this District, either in the Government Taloocks or Zemindary and Proprietary Estates, to call upon the Village communities to perform any repairs to the public Works. The Ryots have been far too much in the habit of looking to the Government Officers to execute

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D/ 21st January 1847

epecute even the most trifling sy
either for the preservation of wo
or to enable the cultivation to b
carried on. The rules promulgate
by the late Board of Revenue in t
Department of Public Works do not
appear to have been carried out. I a
decidedly of opinion that authority
should be vested in the Revenue
Officers to determine what works th
Village communities, or rather those
that benefit by them, should be calle
upon to perform, and that the former
should have the power to enforce a
certain penalty in case of refusal or
neglect. Perhaps the system which obt
in parts of Nellore, especially in regard
to the channels leading from the Penna
under which defaulters who fail to
attend in time or furnish a substitute
when called on, or in case of large
holders to send their proper quota
to the work, are fined a fixed sum, inside
be the most simple.

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3 It has long been the custom in this Province for the Revenue Officers to exercise compulsion in obtaining labor when cases of emergency, such as the breaching of a tank or embankment, or danger threatening one or the other, arise. Indeed I have reason to believe that until a healthier system was introduced, when Lieutenant Colonel F. Cotton was Civil Engineer, compulsion was more or less used in obtaining labor for many of the public works. We all know "moderate compulsion" was exercised in obtaining labor during the early years of the construction of the anicuts both at Dowlenswarum and Bezwarah. While utterly opposed to the exercise of authority in ordinary cases, and believing it, when fair rates are paid and the people well treated, to be quite unnecessary, and when such is not the case to be unjust. I am still of opinion that cases may arise in which it may be necessary to compel

labor

labor, such as where life and property are at stake from the apprehended breaching of the bank of a large tank, or a river embankment, or where a large work, such as, in this District the anicut, or Naggaram Aqueduct, on which the prosperity of a large body of people depends, is in danger. It must be the duty of the Revenue Officers in communication with those of the Engineer Department to determine when such necessity has arisen and this should not be on light grounds.-

4 An instance occurred only in August last in this District. The river was cutting away the embankment, in the vicinity of the Village of Veeravellypaulem in the Ramachendrapoor Talook, so rapidly, that there was imminent danger of the embankment being altogether destroyed, and the river breaking in upon the Country. It was therefore

therefore urgently necessary immediately to raise a new bank further inland. The Engineer Officers applied to me, and I felt it to be a case in which compulsory measures, if necessary, were justifiable, and a number of workmen were at once collected, and the work required executed. Due care was of course taken, as it must be in every case, that the workmen were well paid and well treated.

5 There is another description of work to secure the rapid execution of which I think it may be advisable to legalize the use, if shewn to be necessary, of compulsory means to obtain a sufficient supply of labor at the moment required. I refer to the clearing, deepening, or widening important canals of navigation and irrigation, where the inconvenience to the public, who use the

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The Collector of Guntoor 17th November 1856

The Canal, and the Officers, under
Equire the water from the Channels
of it is no pleasure, as to render
it of pecuniary, simpleasance that
the work should be executed
with the least possible delay.

(Signed) J. Cullen
Collector

Ordered to lie over

Resolved that the following Letters do lie on the Table.

Collector

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Bd. No. 3917

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Statement showing the State of the Season in the undermentioned Districts during the month of October 1856.

District and Date	Rain fall	State of the Crops and the Cultivation operations	Prices whether high or low, rising falling or stationery	Further Remarks
My No. 2696 Guntoor Dy 4th in Cons: 10th June 1856	An average fall of 3 3/25 inches throughout the District	The Gidda Jonna has been harvested in the Western Talooks the absence of rain is greatly affecting the dry paddy and Pedda Jonna Crops and impeding ploughing for the second crop - Wet cultivation is thriving - The water under the Kistna Channels is sufficient	Rising	

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District and Date	Rain fall	State of the crops and the Cultivation operations	Prices whether high or low, rising falling or Stationary	Further Remarks
My No: 2742 Canara D/4th in Cons: 14th November 1856	Occasional Showers	The first rice crop is being harvested in good order. The 2d & Garden crops are benefitting by the occasional showers..	Fallen slightly in most of the Talooks	Small pox and fever still prevail in two Talooks Risen in Mangalore or three Talooks and Bilghi:.
My No: 2740 Coimbatore D/1st in Cons: 13th Novr 1856	Partial	The dry and Garden Crops have been reaped in a few places and will be so shortly & in others, but owing to a failure of the rains the produce is rather limited. Horse Gram and Lamp Oil seeds are flourishing wherever they have had rain.		
		The Wet crops under river irrigation are thriving in some places and perishing in others where freshes are absent. The tanks having received but a scanty supply of water, cultivation under them has been very limited Cotton is being reaped to a small extent and the Sugar Cane looks well..	Falling	
My No: 2758 Malabar D/6th in Cons 15th Novr 1856	M. S. S 6—5—½	The 1st Crop has been reaped in good order the 2d has been sown throughout the greater part of the District, but the scanty rains in October it is feared will affect the outturn. the Oil Seed crop has suffered from the same cause..	Rising	Small Pox has abated. Cholera prevails slightly in the North West part of the District.

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(Signed) J. D. Sim
Actg Secretary

To

Fort St. George 17th November 1856

To The Acting Collector of

Ganjam

Sir,

(700. 701)
Bd. No. 3812
To the Ag Coller of Ganjam

With reference to your Endorsement on the accompanying Petition No. 3305 of 1856, I am instructed to state that the Board are quite satisfied that the Petitioner deserves in equity the punishment you have inflicted, but that, as at present informed, they do not perceive how it can be legally justified, they request therefore that you will favor them with a report on this point.-

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Fort St. George
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(Signed) J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Received

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Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.-

(702)
My. No. 2748
From the Coll. of North Arcot — Return of Village Officers referred to in Section VII Regulation VII of 1831 suspended or dismissed during October 1856.

(703)
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From the Coll. of North Arcot — Return of Village Officers referred to in Section VII Regulation VII of 1831 suspended or dismissed during October 1856.

(704)
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From the Coll. of Malabar — Return of Village Officers referred to in Section VII Regulation VII of 1831 suspended or dismissed during September 1856.

(705)
2779
From the Coll. of Malabar — Return of Persons charged with Offences under Regulation IX of 1822 in September 1856.

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2772
From the Coll. of Rajahmundry — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance of arrears of the Estates under the Court of Wards for September 1856. Statement

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From the Coll.r of Tanjore — Statement of Demand Collection and Balance of Revenue for October 1856.

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From the Coll.r of South Arcot — Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in Store available for exportation to Calcutta on the 31st October 1856.

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From the Coll.r of Tanjore — Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta from 15th to 31st October 1856.

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From the Coll.r of Tanjore — Statement of the value of Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie imported by Sea in October 1856.

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From the Collector of Malabar — Statement of the value of Gold and Silver Bullion

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Bullion and Specie imported by Sea in October 1856.

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From the Collector of Trichinopoly — Average Bazar Prices of Grain and Memo of Cyen Cultivation for October 1856.

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From the Collector of Salem — Average Bazar Prices of Grain and Memo of

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of Iyen Cultivation for October 1856.

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From the Agent at Kurnool — Average Bazar Prices of Grain and Memo of Iyen Cultivation for October 1856.

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From the Collector of Madras — Account Current of Salt for October 1856.

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From the Collector of Salem — Rain Report for October 1856.

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From the Actg Collr of Madura — Rain Report for October 1856.

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From the Collr of Tinnevelly — Rain Report for October 1856.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Tuesday the 18th November 1856.

Read the following Papers

719
Bd. No. 4679
No. 1217

From the Chief Secy. to Government — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Public Department dated 10th October 1856—

Resolved that a Copy of the Bill, together with its annexure, for "taking Accounts of the population of the Town of Bombay" be forwarded to the Board of Revenue and to the Superintendent of Police, respectively, for their information—

(Signed) T. Pycroft
Chief Secretary

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Order thereon — Ordered to be recorded—

Bd. No. 4658
From the Chief Secy. — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department under

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date the 11th November 1856—

Communicating certain correspondence from the Military Department relative to the procurement of carriage for the families of a Detachment of the 44th Regiment Native Infantry which was ordered to proceed to Cumbum and desiring the Board to inform the Collectors that the orders conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation of 27th August 1856 apply to the supply of Carriage to the families of troops marching under orders from station to station, as well as to the troops themselves—

See No. 1200 in separate Volume Page 441

Ordered

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Bd No. 3828

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Order thereon

Ordered to the communicated to the different Magistrates and agents for their information and guidance—

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Bd No. 4696.

From the Chief Secretary to Government — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Public Works Department under date the 14th November 1856 — Stating that due attention will be paid to the request of the Board to be furnished with the Report of the collector of Cuddapah on the Village of Budwaid, wherein that Report shall have been received and disposed of by Government — See No. 2129 in separate Volume Page 645.

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Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

To

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No. 143

To

G. S. Forbes Esqre

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

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Bd No. 2814

From the Acting Collector of Ganjam — Dated 25th March 1856 No. 55 — 24½ Jenne 1856 No. 130

With reference to my letters to the Commissioner Northern Circars I have the honor to submit a letter from the Acting Head Sheristadar of this district and in consideration of the time he has been acting I venture to beg the Board to reconsider the orders passed by the Commissioner on the subject of the acting mens salaries the more so as in writing to him I overlooked the order quoted by the Sheristadar and as the parties have all been long acting I trust they will be dealt with libe-rally —

Ganjam District Collectors Office Chellapore 17th July 1856

/ Signed / W. Knox

Acting Collector

To

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Encr. No. 1

To, W. Knox Esqre
Acting Collector
Ganjam

Most Honored Sir,

The late commissioner for the Northern Circars has said nothing in his answer to your reference regarding the payment in full of the Salary of the Appointments which I and my Subordinates officiate in for the period which intervened between the suspension of the late Head Sheristadar of this District and his final dismissal, This is not a new and unprecedented concession as may appear from the order which I have taken the liberty to transcribe in the margin

From Board of Revenue 18th March 1844 No 107
Order thereon 6th April 1844 - 342
From Board of Rev.e 21st April 1842 - 160
Order thereon 4th May 1842 - 582
From Board of Rev.e 16th Aug.t 1841 - 328
Order thereon 20th Sept.r 1841 - 1183

Extracted from the "The Civil Absentee Rules" published 1849 page 97, on this ground I most humbly

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humbly beg that you may very kindly be pleased to make a reference to the Board and I most humbly trust that the justice of my claim will be admitted by its members as it is by you —

Chetterpoor — 16th July 1856 —

(Signed) B. Dasapah
in Maharatta character
Acting Sheristadar

(True Copy)
(Signed) W. Knox
Acting Collector

Ordered to be submitted with the following letter —

To The Secretary to
Government
Revenue Department.

725. 726
B. No. 3829
To the Secretary to Government —

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit, for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Acting Collector of Ganjam

to

to the Board of Revenue dated 17th July 1856
together with a previous correspondence
From Acting Collector 9th inst.
14th February 1856 between that officer and
Commissioners Proceedings the Commissioner Northern
14th February Do. Circars on the subject
From Acting Collector 25th November of the increased salaries
In Cons. 1st May " to be paid to the public
Collector Proceedings 29th April " Servants who acted in
In Dy. Cons. 1st May " during the suspension
From Acting Collector 24th inst.
30th June "
Collectors Proceedings 30th June "

higher Offices
of the late Head Seristadar of Ganjam

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It will be seen that the principle which the Commissioner followed in regulating the pay of the several acting incumbents, was that each individual should receive one half of his own salary together with a moiety of that of the officer for whom he officiated.

vide Commissioners Proceedings 29th April 1856. also Cir. b absentees rules page 98 para 7.

Enclosure in from Collector 17th July 1856. In Cons. 18th Nov. 1856.

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The Acting Seristadar has since referred to several precedent in which a more liberal course was followed. These were not brought to the notice of the Commissioner but the Board have now examined them and find that in three cases the Government

Extract Minutes 20th in Cons 30th September 1841 No. 1183.
4th in Cons 16th May 1842 No. 582
9th in Cons 18th March 1844 No. 208.

Sanctioned the payment of full pay to the acting Officers whilst in a fourth they allowed the full rate to the highest officer / an Acting Seristadar / alone, declining to grant a similar indulgence to the other servants.

Extract Minutes Consultation Fort St. George 11th April 1844 No. 342

In the present instance by the order of Government dated 25th January 1856 No. 85 para 14, S. Venkata Row, the late Head Seristadar, was permanently removed from his office and pensioned from the date of his suspension. It therefore appears but just that the several acting employers whose labor and responsibility were materially increased and who performed all the work of the several situations in which they officiated, should receive the full pay of those offices, no additional expense being incurred by Government.

Lr Cons. 24 February 1856 No.

5.

Should the Government concur in these views the Board will direct the Acting Collector to make an adjustment of salaries in the manner proposed.

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Commissioner Proceedings 30th June 1850

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It should be stated that in one instance the Commissioner has already sanctioned the payment of full salary as the individual (the acting Tahsildar of Wadada) came from Rajahmundry on the distinct understanding that he should have full pay and drew none from his former District

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The person who officiated as Head Serintudar was not confirmed in that office, but this does not appear to affect his claims

Revenue Board Office
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Signed J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

No. 711.

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

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B. No. 4729.

Sir,

From the Acting Collector of Ganjam

Para 1. With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board

Submits explanation on forced labor with his opinion

Fort St. George, 18th November 1856.

Board of Revenue dated the 22d Ultimo No. 3510 Communicating to me the orders of Government calling for information in respect to the employment of forced labor for the protection of public works in cases of sudden emergency, I have the honor to inform you that the practice of employing forced labor exists in all the Zemindaries of this District when the villages of the laborers are too distant to allow them to return home for their meals batta is paid them, it was in this way that the Puddmanabhasagarum in Purlakemidy was built by Puddmanaboodoo. There exist few or no works of public utility in the Zemindaries. Religious edifices and other such works are generally built by forced labor and so are the few new tanks or Channels that are made from time to time, Contributions of Chunam charcoal and wood are also levied when required each village having to deliver a certain quantity. I do not mean to say that the Zemindars get unpaid work men, In the Government Talooks I find from the records that on several occasions the

the ryots were made to pay for large repairs done to certain channels for the benefit of their lands, it is the custom for Govern= ment to clear out certain large channels once a year and the ryots do it a second time if required, some times it has happened that the villagers have quarrelled among themselves and left the work undone and men have been made to pay for the work or send a sufficient number of hands to do their share. This occurred in the Sub Division at the Polaky channels in 1853. Ryots frequently assemble of their own accord or at the call of a Revenue Officer to stop a breach, but forced labor may be said to be unknown here.

2. With regard to the necessity of obtain= ing legal power to enforce labor in emergent cases, I have no hesitation in giving my opinion as far as it goes in favor of the proposed enactment. The wants of this district particularly require it. The Hill streams come down suddenly and with great rapidity and require prompt & measures to stop at once any threatened damages to the works, and now that Govern= ment are expending money so liberally on roads

roads and embankments there should be the power to make all in the neighbourhood assist in their preservation but many of these works run through Zemindars Proprietors estates, and if they happen to take offence at any act of the Collector or Civil Engineer they can by a word prevent their ryots giving any assistance, even indifference would be taken as a sign not to work by these people, this should be prevented and I would suggest that the Zemindar or Proprietor be made res= ponsible for the supply of the quota of men from his Estate.

3. If too it is known that all must come and help to repair a work it will give all a common interest in its preservation and parties who would not hesitate to cut a breach in a bank for their own benefit will be restrained by public opinion.

4. Lastly we want men in this district as there is a great drain to Moulmein yearly and it is often difficult to collect large bodies suddenly particularly when Cultivation is going on this difficulty has increased much of late since peons and others have ceased to force men to obey their calls, it is not difficult to get men to settle to a work that requires some time but it is to get them for one or two days. For this and the other reasons I have given, I am in favor of the proposed law.

(Signed) W. Knox
Acting Collector

Ganjam District,
Collectors Office,
Chitterpoor
1st November 1856

Ordered to lie over

Application

Order thereon.

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B. No. 456.

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Fort St. George

Application for rewards to informers of concealed Cultivation as per circular orders of the Board of Revenue under date the 27th May 1850 Page 524

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Talook	Village	Name and occupation of informer	Name and occupation of accused	When and by what Government Servant the fraud was investigated	Nature extent and Period of Concealed cultivation	Amount of Concealed Moturpha	Amount of Concealed grazing tax or other Revenue dues	Amount recovered	Reward proposed	Detailed Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	R. a. p. 9	R. a. p. 10	11
Sungum Talook	Aut maker	Godum Hosen Keerna ny a cultivator and since appointed Pescar	1 Visvanany Venkatanursoo	Acting Collector Convicted 3d July 1855	73-8- Fusul Cummee 12-14- Concealed Cultivation 6-6- Declared to be waste but actually Cultivated 4-5-0 Reported to be inundated and lost but proved not to have been so 6-9-9 Concealed Fusul Cummee			116-2-25-0-		This recommendation is submitted in accordance with the views of the late Acting Collector as set forth in his decision dated 3d July 1855 but the money does not appear to have been ordered to be kept in deposit as it should have been The information was given at the Jamabundy of Fusly 1264 The delay in sending up this application has occurred partly perhaps in consequence of the departure of the officer who decided the case and latterly from the great difficulty experienced in realizing the sums due from several of the Ryots There is still a balance outstanding of Rupees 17-8-7 for which the Puttahs lands of the defaulters are reported to have been attached Vide also letter to the Board of Revenue from Collector of Nellore dated 30th April 1856 Para 4
			2 Vullatoor Chenchooramdoo							
			3 Autmakoor Soobiah							
			4 Autmakoor Chinna Soobiah							
			5 Autmakoor Veerapah							
			6 Gredloor Veerasawmy							
			7 Autmakoor Venkatarayadoo Shroff							
			8 Colagany Lutchminursoo							
			9 Chittamoony Soobareddy							
			10 Chulla Venkatareddy							
			11 Pedda Paupeah							
			12 Vuntaroo Soobareddy							
			Moonsiff							

Read inhabitants of canal

Fusul Cummee

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133-10-9

Nellore Collector's Office 1st November 1856

E. E. J.t / Signed / F. B. Elton
Collector

Reso

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Fort St. George, 18th November 1850

Bd. No. 3826.

Proceedings thereon — Resolved that the foregoing application be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in council, with the Board's recommendation that sanction be granted for the disbursement of Rupees 50, being the amount of Reward proposed to be given to one Gooliam Hoos-sain Keernany through whose instrumentality concealed cultivation bearing an assessment of Rupees 133-10-9 has been discovered in the instances particularized in the Collector's statement, of this latter sum Rupees 116-2-2 have been recovered from the parties who committed the fraud, and carried to the credit of Government, and the remainder Rupees 17-8-7 will be realized by the sale of the Puttah lands of the defaulters.

2. The delay which has occurred in the submission of this application is ascribed by the Collector partly to the departure of the Officer who decided the case, and partly to the difficulty experienced in realizing the sums due from

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from several of the Ryots —

3. With reference to Mr. Ellis's remarks the Board observe, that the retention of the sums above referred to in deposit for such a lengthened period would have been improper.

No. 1149.

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

Sir,

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Bd. No. 4728.

From the Acting Collector of Guntoor — Para 1

Reporting with reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 18th Ultimo upon the transfer proposed to be made of Samoottdars from the District.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of 18th Ultimo with Extract Minutes Consultation dated 13th Instant, calling for a report upon the transfer proposed to be made by the Board, of some of the Samoottdars from this and other Districts to meet a deficiency that has been found elsewhere.

2. In reply I beg to state that in many of the villages in the Eastern

Eastern and South eastern parts of the District, the population and revenue are very large, so that it is impossible for one Samootdar to supervise more than a very few Villages. In the western Talooks there are some times as many as 20 or 24 Villages under one Samootdar.

3. I would beg to submit in the strongest terms the inexpediency of reducing this important agency. While the Talook servants have a general control the Samootdars are held responsible for all the local details in their subdivisions and their field of labor is now quite as large as it ought to be for the exercise of that care and attention which are essential for the correctness of the information on which much of the revenue administration is based.

Para 3

4. The Government question the utility of these low paid servants in checking the curnums accounts, but I would beg to draw attention to the frequent comments of Government on the almost utter worthlessness of the Curnums agency when left unchecked,

and

and the records of the Boards Office, particularly of the period of the special commission in 1845, will fully testify to this fact. I should much desire to see the salary of this most useful grade of servants on whom in this District a great burden of general revenue work falls raised to a higher standard, but must deprecate the removal of what appears to me one of the most effectual checks to the recurrence to the former state of Malversation practised by the Curnums, for if the number of Samoot-dars is reduced so as to prevent the possibility of the supervision which is now exercised by them, I fear, our revenue accounts, althó in printed forms, will in future be wanting in the essential quantity of accuracy, which alone gives them value, while the details of local administration will necessarily fall into that confusion which will afford a cloak for fraud and Malversation.

5. The new Moyenzabitah of this District was carefully prepared by Mr. Stokes some years ago and restricted

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to the lowest scale compatible with the successful management of the District. The distribution of the work among the several classes of servants including the Samoodars was also carefully arranged and if any of the latter are withdrawn, it will be necessary to make some provision for the work now done by them by increasing the strength of the other parts of the Establishments, and it would not thus seem fair to take one item and compare it with a similar one in another District as a ground for equalization, without at the same time allowing a comparison in other items in which probably a counterbalancing difference might be found.

6. I have moreover no hesitation in asserting it as my opinion that the reforms brought about in this District by Mr. Stokes and the several important measures introduced by him for placing the assessment on a better footing, could not have been effected without the full agency of the Samudars entertained, nor is this less necessary for the continuance of the success of those measures and for providing for several others, which, as the Board are aware, are in progress or contemplation.

7. I trust the Board will also pardon me if I observe that it would be an inconvenient precedent and one which would tend to deprive the Collector of confidence in his arrangements for the administration of this District, if his Establishment is held liable to be pudented upon at any moment to supply any deficiencies which may be discovered to exist elsewhere.

Guntoor,
Collector's Office
5th November 1856
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Order thereon

(Signed) H. Newill
Acting Collector

Ordered to lie over.

No. 126.

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

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B. No. 4720
From the Collector
of Rajahmundry

Sir

I have the honor with
reference

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reference to my letter of the 30th June last and the Proceedings of the Board of the 6th August forwarding Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 28th July 1856 to report that the Committee being of opinion that the period first fixed by them for the next Local Exhibition was with reference to the seasons in this part of the Country better suited for the show than any time later in the year, I have announced subject to the approval of the Board, and to such instructions as they may give for the guidance of the Committee that the next Exhibition will take place on the 25th and 26th of February next. I beg to enclose a few printed Copies of the lists of Prizes offered for competition.

Rajahmundry District,
Collector's Office,
Cocanada 8th November 1856

Signed J. Purvis
Collector

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Order thereon—

Ordered to lie over—

To

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No. 249

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

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Bd. No. 4736

Sir,

From the Collector of North Arcot.

Submits with certain observations the statement of the number of Tarafdars and Peishcars in North Arcot called for in para 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation 13th October 1856 forwarded with Board's Proceedings 18th Idem—

Para 1 I have the honor to submit the statement of the Number of Tarafdars and Peishcars in this District called for in para 3 of Extract Minutes of Consultation 13th October 1856, forwarded with Extract Proceedings Board of Revenue No. 3446 dated 18th October—

2. On the 15th March 1848 the Collector, Mr. Lovell forwarded on the requisition of the Board of Revenue the draft of a Hookumnamah defining the duties of Tarafdars, Copy of which is annexed—

3. The duties specified in rules 2 and 3, are stated to be performed. The same remark is applicable to rule 4. whether efficiently performed is questionable. To rule 5 the same remark applies—The instructions contained in

rule

rule were usually rendered unnecessary by the Village Officers communicating direct with the Tahsildar—

The duties stated in rules 7 & 8 are said to be performed—

Rule 9 is no longer necessary. There is now no Dittum in this District— Rule 10 is not attended to, the Cultivation Accounts are forwarded direct to the Tahsildar according to the new Rules. It is doubtful whether the position and authority of the Tarafdar are such as to enable him to perform efficiently the duties specified in rule 11. Rule 12 recites the duties of an Aymaishdar or examiner of Cultivation duties which are now performed by all the Talook servants on specific orders from the Collector— Rule 13 is not attended to, this duty is performed by the Tahsildar or any other public servant performing the Aymaish— The same remark applies to rule 14— The duties in rule 15 are also attended to at the Aymaish, and not specially

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specially performed by the Tarafdar—

The reports required in rule 16 are not generally furnished by the Tarafdars, but are usually prepared before the Jamabundy by the Tahsildar either from local enquiry or in most cases from the reports of the Village Officers—

With reference to rule 17 the Tarafdar is not now of much use in collecting the revenue—

The duties in rule 18 are not judging from my experience at the Jummabundy very efficiently performed—

The Tarafdars services are now as useless in respect to rule 19 as those required by rule 17—

The duties in rule 20 are certainly not performed with efficiency—

The diary directed to be prepared by rule 21 is certainly not generally kept—

5 The duties of this inferior class of public servants may in general be said to be more ostensible than real, their services are of no value in checking the accounts of the Village Curnums, and Tahsildars are too often inclined to throw

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throw upon them a responsibility —
that properly attaches to themselves —
6 These remarks do not apply
to Paishcars — In this District their
position is superior to that of the
Sarafdars — Their pay is greater and
they have greater public consideration
a few of them are selected for the
performance of the duties of Police
Ameens —
7. If any changes in the lower
classes of public servants are in con-
templation, I would certainly advocate
the abolition of the Office of Sarafdar
and an addition to the pay of some of
the Peishcars thereby improving the
position and increasing the consider-
ation of these latter officers who are
in fact the Tahsildars Deputies —
The office of Sarafdar is not of much
consideration in the eyes of the public
and the public servants hold it in light
estimation — It appears very desirable with
a view of raising the character of the Head
of the Village that there should be as few
intermediate authorities as possible
between him and the Tahsildar —

North Arcot Collector's Cutcherry
Chittoor 7th November 1856 } Signed C. Whittingham
Collector

Instructions —

Fort St George 18th November 1856

No 1

Instructions for the guidance of Subordinate
Revenue Officers called Surfdars —

1 The Surfdar should reside in
the central or Cusbah town of his Division
when his attendance is not required else-
where —

2 Before the commencement of the
season of Cultivation his first attention should
be given to the State of the works of Irrigation
in his Division —

3 He should take care to as-
certain that all the works are in good repair
not failing to report upon any that he may
find to be defective —

4 He should ascertain that the
sluices and supplying channels of all the
principal tanks are well cleared out that the
Calingulahs which were dammed up in
the former season are opened before the
rains commence —

5 He should instruct the Mu-
nigars and other village officers where
he finds it necessary, on these points and
to keep always their Calingulahs open
in rain setting in until the weight

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of the storm should have passed when the floods begin to abate and their utmost force in knowing the Coleingulahs may be closed to retain the additional supply of water. We should admonish the Mu= =nigars whenever the tank is full and the Coleingulah closed and especially when the weather is unsettled to see that a careful watch is constantly kept on the banks to guard against accidents for which purpose a temporary shed should be removed so that the person on guard may not be driven from his post by the weather. By the observance of these precautions many accidents will be prevented. If the Turfdar finds that the Monigars after due warning are neglectful of their duties he should not fail to report them to the Tahsildar.

5 On receiving information of any works of consequence being in danger of being breached the Turfdar should lose no time in proceeding to the spot and cause the ryots immediately to do what may be necessary

necessary for its preservation and should immediately report the particulars to the Tahsildar and especially he should report without delay to the Tahsildar any injury or accident which may occur to any of the works.

The Turfdar should also see to the state of all the Dasawundunn works and that the Dasawundundars are not allowed to continue in the enjoyment of their emoluments while the works of irrigation are in an inefficient state without the circumstance being duly reported.

8 The Turfdar should also keep the Tahsildar informed of any change of weather or other circumstance materially affecting the state of the Cultivation such as a fall of rain, supply of water received into the tanks, injury to the crops from blight or insects &c.

9 The Turfdar should require from a Curnum of each village a distinct account of the land taken up for Cultivation, to be rendered by the 5th of each month for the preceding month

month and he should quickly form an abstract shewing the quantity in each Village and forward it to the Tahsildar retaining the accounts rendered by the Curnums in his own office of which also he should require the Curnum to preserve the original draft in his Duftar.

10 He should similarly obtain from each Curnum a Statement of the Cultivation and of the demand Collection and Balance in each month on the 15th of the following month and forward a similar abstract thereof to the Tahsildar without delay. When there has been no additional land taken up or Cultivated the returns should be made nevertheless shewing distinctly that such is the case.

11 The Turfdar should settle all disputes between the ryots regarding their occupation of lands and distribution of water endeavouring as much as possible to bring them to mutual agreement on such matters when he experiences

experiences any difficulty he should refer the question to the Tahsildar.

12 As soon after the Cultivation is Completed as he can he should proceed to make his examination of the village account selecting first those in which the sowing is known to be first over, so that he may have the more leisure, as the season advances, for those in which it is later.

13 He should prevent the Monigars or other influential ryots from withholding lands from such as are willing to undertake their Cultivation. When ryots take lands which might have been cultivated and allow it to be left waste the reasons should be enquired into and if they are insufficient or it is found that lands are taken up merely to exclude other ryots from Cultivating the matter should be duly reported by the Turfdar in order that the full Kenwah may be charged.

14 He should also cause regular accounts to be rendered of the Mokurpha Laces and ascertain at his

his examination whether there are any by whom it is fairly due, who made the tax and cause their names to be entered in the lists. Duly braiging to notice the Conduct of the Monigars and Curnums in allowing it to be evaded. -

13 The Tursdar should without fail bring immediately to the notice of the Tahsildar any fradulent conduct of the Monigars and Curnums or other irregularities which he may discover in the manner of keeping the village accounts and the Collection of the revenue. He will otherwise be considered as implicating himself in the misconduct of those Officers.

15 The Tursdar should report without delay the decease of every village officer in order that the Situation may be duly filled up and he should see that the maniem is not taken possession of by any other than the person properly entitled thereto and discharging the duties

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of the Office.

17 He should see that the lists are punctually realized as they become due.

18 He should see that the receipts are given for the lists regularly as they are collected Separate chits should not be given for each list But the payments should all be noted consecutively on the back of the Ryots puttah or an additional leaf annexed to it for the purpose If proper receipts are not given he must not fail to report the circumstance. -

19 He should see that the Collection of old balances of former years is not postponed - where any such balances are outstanding if the parties are able to pay, the payment should be insisted upon without delay but if after full enquiry it is found that they are without means it should be so clearly stated in order that relief

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may be afforded them and the ac-
count be speedily adjusted &c.

20 He should see carefully to
the proper preservation of all circar
topes and trees bridges and
buildings and other public pro-
perty of every kind, make prompt
enquiry regarding any that may
have been injured or destroyed and
report the particulars without
loss of time.

21 The Surfdar is required to
keep a Diary of his proceedings which
should be forwarded to the Tahsil-
dar on the 10th of every Month
or whenever it may be called
for

for and be returned with his
Counter signature.

22. The Surfdar should afford
the Tahsildar every assistance in
the discharge of his duties and
render ready obedience to all his orders.

/True Translation/

/Signed/ E. C. Lovell
Acting Collector

/True Copy/

/Signed/ C. Whittingham
Collector

Statement

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Fort St. George 18th November 1856

Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

No 191

To J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

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Bd No 1,612

From the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir

I do myself the honor to transmit the prescribed advertisement for the sale of certain lands of this District the property of Ryots in the Talook of Lonaud who have failed to satisfy the demand for arrears of Revenue due on account of Fusly 1265 and I solicit your Board's Sanction for the sale taking place

The arrear for the fusly amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 1,740-2-9 is justly due by these proprietors who have shown no intention or inclination to make good the Government demand. Notwithstanding the service upon them of the legal notice I have therefore no other alternative than to let the law take its course

Trichinopoly Collector's Office 8th November 1856

/Signed/ J. Bird

Collector

Read

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11	Sivadoss	208	52	63	12	5	Paikeas	
							Sarfelay	
12	Do	197	12	54	10	0	Paikeas	
							Sarfelay	
13	Vandavanda	228	15	62	10	0	Paikeas	
							Sarfelay	
14	Subbaid	90	19	32	3	11	Pelicas	
							Sarfelay	

North Arcot

Collector's Cutcherry

Chittoor 7th November 1856

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Order thereon

Master

Ordered to lie over

20269 Fort St. George 18th November 1850

Read advertisement.

Number of Defaulters	Number of Talooks	Number of Villages	Extent	Assessment	Amount of arrears
135	1	6	89 46 11	509 15 7	509 15 7

737 738

Bd. No. 3823

Proceedings thereon.— Under the circumstances stated 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 for Friday the 19th of December next being fixed for the day of Sale.—

No. 256.

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

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Bd. No. 2617

From the Ag Collector of Madura } Sir

I have the honor to forward for

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for publication in the Boards Office an advertisement for sale of lands in satisfaction of arrears of Revenue for Fusly 1265 amounting to Rupees 1057—12—10 in 13 Villages in the Madacolum Talook

Madura 8th November 1850 } /Signed/ R. J. Sullivan
Ag. Collector

Read advertisement.—

Number of Defaulters	Number of Talooks	Number of Villages	Extent	Assessment	Amount of arrears
253	1	13	183 5/4	1057 12 10	1057 12 10

739 740

Bd. No. 3824

Proceedings thereon.— The Board of Revenue authorize the Sale for arrears of Revenue for the lands alluded to in the foregoing letter, and direct the publication in their Office of the advertisement forwarded by the Acting Collector the Sales taking place on the dates and at the Stations specified

2. The trees entered in the list will if practicable be sold with the land on which they stand.—

No. 236.

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

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Bd. No. 2618

From the Collector of Nellore } Sir,

I have the honor to forward for publication

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Fort St. George 18th November 1856

Publication in the Boards Office the accompanying advertisement received from the Sub collector for the Sale of land for arrears of Revenue and beg to solicit Sanction for the Sales.—

Nellore Collectors Office
10th November 1856

/Signed/ F. B Elton
Collector

Read advertisement

Number of Defaulters	Number of Talooks	Number of Villages	Extent	Assessment	Amount of arrears
38	1	2	" " "	233 2 /	233 2 /

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Bd No 3822
Proceedings thereon.— 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 Monday the 22d December next being fixed for the day of Sale.—

No 229

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

743
Bd No 1616
From the Collector of South Arcot

Sir
I have the honor to submit an Advertisement in the prescribed form for the Sale of

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of some lands belonging to certain defaulters of the Talook of Virdachellum against whom there is a demand of Rupees 692 12 7 for Fusly 1265 and to request but you will be so good as to obtain the Sanction of the Board for the disposal of a sufficient quantity of land to cover the amount outstanding against their owners.—

South Arcot
Collrs Cutcherry
Cuddalore 10th November 1856

/Signed/ A. Hall
Collector

Read Advertisement

Number of Defaulters	Number of Talooks	Number of Villages	Extent	Assessment	Amount of arrears
83	1	26	160 5	680 5 9	646 7 1

743.744
Bd No 3821
Proceedings thereon.— 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 Monday the 22d December being fixed for the day of Sale.—

To

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Fort St. George 18th November 1856

No 376.

To

I. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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After Bd No 4,665

From the Collector of Chingleput

Sir

Fort St. George

Referring to the Boards Endorsement on the accompanying Petition No 3183 of 1856 under date the 7th Instant, I have the honor to state that there is no objection to the Petitioners being furnished with copies of the accounts applied for by them from their Office. But as their allegations that the accounts of this Office have been fabricated requires to be enquired into, I shall esteem it a favor, if you will kindly forward the copies in question to me for delivery to them, when I will have an opportunity to look into them and see in what respects they differ from the entries made in my accounts.

Chingleput District
Collrs Cutcherry Sydapet
12th November 1856

/Signed/ Le. I. Shubrick
Collector

Bd No 3825
Proceedings thereon
745, 746
Petition No 3183 of 1856

Resolved that the permission of Government be solicited for the grant to Petitioner through the Collector of copies of the Documents referred to.

To

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Fort St. George 18th November 1856.

No 238

To I. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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Bd No 1683

From the Collector of North arcot

Sir

Fort St. George

I have the honor to forward a statement together with Twenty one notices prepared in the form which accompanied the Boards Circular dated 30th April 1855, shewing the lands attached and proposed to be sold for arrears of Revenue due from certain Ryots of the Twenty one Villages in Poloor Talook and to request that the Board of Revenue will sanction the sale of their lands in satisfaction of the arrears. The 26th 27th 29th and 30th of December 1856 are the days fixed on for the sale.

North Arcot Collrs Cutcherry
Chittoor 12th November 1856

/Signed/ C. Whittingham
Collector

Read advertisement

No	Number of Defaulters	Number of Talooks	Number of Villages	Extent			Assessment			Amount of arrears		
				56	12	12	380	9	"	505	7	9
1	40	1	21	"	4	"	2	7	4	2	7	4
3	1	1	1	"	15	"	4	14	9	4	14	9
4	1	1	1	"	3	4	2	7	4	2	7	4
5	1	1	1	"	"	12	"	5	3	"	5	3
6	4	1	1	10	11	8	52	14	11	52	14	11
7	5	1	1	6	12	"	29	10	3	29	10	3
8	1	1	1	4	5	12	15	2	11	15	2	11
9	3	1	1	"	1	4	"	11	"	"	11	"
10	1	1	1	2	5	8	24	7	7	24	7	7
11	1	1	1	7	10	4	71	4	3	71	4	3
12	7	1	1	3	7	12	25	10	5	25	10	5
13	5	1	1	3	"	"	39	4	2	39	4	2
15	2	1	1	1	14	12	18	11	8	18	11	8
16	2	1	1	3	2	4	10	"	2	10	"	2
17	1	1	1	2	11	12	25	8	6	25	8	6
19	1	1	1	"	4	"	14	5	7	14	5	7
20	1	1	1	2	5	"	6	14	3	6	14	3
21	1	1	1	"	7	"	2	4	9	2	4	9
27	1	1	1									

Bd No 3827

Proceedings thereon. 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 sale taking place on the dates and at the stations mentioned.

Nos 2 11 18

2. Three of the notices are returned in order that the assessment on the Trees entered therein or that of the land on which they stand, may be exhibited in the proper Column. If the land on which the trees in advertisement No 18 stand belongs to the Defaulters it should be sold with the Trees.

Received.

Received the undermentioned

749 Miscellaneous letters and statements

My No 2781 From the Ag. Collector of Malabar. Return of Fines imposed and Stoppages made from the pay of Public Servants for the Quarter ending 30th September 1856.

750 My No 2782 From the Ag. Collector of Malabar. Return of Public Servants suspended or dismissed for the Quarter ending 30th September 1856.

751 My No 2784 From the Ag. Collector of Malabar Reports that no persons were confined in Jail under Regulation IX of 1822 in September last nor any Revenue Defaulters during the 3d Quarter of the Current year.

752 My No 2785 From the Collector of North Arcot. Reports that no persons were in confinement under Regulation IX of 1822 during September and October 1856.

753 My No 2780 From the Collector of South Arcot. Return of Persons charged with Offences under Regulation IX of 1822 in September 1856.

754 After My No 2786 From the Collector of Rajahmundry. Reports that no persons were in Confinement under Regulation IX of 1822 during September and October 1856.

755 My No 2783 From the Collector of Canara. Register of Petitions referred by the Board of Revenue for disposal for September 1856.

756 My No 2786 From the Ag. Collector of Tanjore. Register of the State of the River

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Fort St. George 18th November 1856.

757 — River Cauvery for October 1855 and 1856.
My N° 2787
From the Collector of Sea Customs. Madras — Comparative Statement of the Collections of Ordinary Revenue in Fasli 1265 and 1266.

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My N° 2789
From the Collector of Sea Customs. Madras — Import Statement of

759 — Bullion and Specie for October 1856.
My N° 2788
From the Collector of Sea Customs Madras — Export Statement of

760 — Bullion and Specie for October 1856.
My N° 2790
From the Ag. Collector of Madura — Average Bazar Prices of Grain and Memo. of Iyen Cultivation for October 1856.

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My N° 2794
From the Collector of Tinnevelly — Average Bazar Prices of Grain and Memo of Iyen cultivation for October 1856.

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My N° 2792
From the Collector of Nellore. — Statement Shewing the quantity of Salt in Store available for Exportation to Bengal cutta on the 31st October 1856.

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My N° 2793
From the Collector of Chingleput. — Statement Shewing the quantity of Salt in Store available for exportation to Bengal cutta on the 31st November 1856.

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My N° 2791
From the Collector of Madura — Statement Shewing the quantity of Salt in Store available for exportation to Calcutta on the 31st October 1856.