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Fort St. George 19th December 1856.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Friday the 19th December 1856.

Read again Extract Minutes Consultations dated 11th entered in Cons.n 19th April 1856.

No. 96.

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

Sir,

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3d 2d 1565
From the Collr. of Nellore

With reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation under date 11th April 1856 which accompanied Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 29th Ultimo on the subject of Charges incurred on account of Temporary Police Silladdy in Fuslies 1263 & 1264 I have the honor to state that the Sanction of Govern.t dated 24th December 1853 was for 100 Peons at 8 Rupees each for 6 Months amounting to Rupees ——— 300 " "

By a subsequent Sanction dated 9th January 1854 Duffadars being authorized to be employed 9 of the Peons were appointed Daffadars making their pay up to 7 Rupees each which caused an increase for 6 Months of 108

Total amount Sanctioned for 6 Months 3108

By

Fort St. George 19th December 1856

Rs. 418-3-11 Do. an account of the Sub Collectorate

Rs. 9-11-11 Increase Caused by the price of Running higher than what was taken in the original estimate Rs. 138 Total Rs. 290 for new Departments & high prices - The Remainder of Rs. 291 is still much higher than the amount sanctioned & this is due to the addition of Sixe Estates to Government with a Revenue of about 3 Lacs since the time the original Estimate was Sanctioned - The increase in the Charge for Duftar Cloth is due mainly to the same Cause & the Special assistants Cutchery -

Bundar Gudoor Purgunah	5 monthly Rs	5-0-0
Dewitpurgunah		5-0-0
Putafah Talooks		7-0-0
Rahimky	Do.	8-0-0
Ryeloor Balongally Purg.		6½-0-0
		31½
per annum		378
of which incurred for 11 Months		346½
not incurred for the 12 Months out of the Sanctioned monthly amount Rs. 63		63-
Net.		283-8-0

3 The increase in the Talooks Saderwared is due to the accession of the Purgunahs detailed marginally since the time the Government last Sanctioned the Estimate of such Charges When the Establishments were Sanctioned for each estate as Reported to Government these Saderwared allowances were also approved by the Commissioner - But as Government do not appear to be aware of this I beg now that their Sanction may be obtained for the Rs. Amount in question or Rs. 378 for the present -

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4 I avail myself of this opportunity to submit a Revised estimate for the Horzon Saderwared also as I think some Changes are essentially necessary in the quantities of certain articles Besides the addition of work thrown upon the Cutchery by the acquisition of new Talooks the work in the English Department which has been greatly increasing of late necessarily keeps the Servants late in the office and Causes an increased Consumption of paper and oil - The Sub Collectors office has been also newly established - The Contingent Charges on account of the Press which has been set up from the 1st of this month is another item - I beg that Sanction may be obtained for this Revised Saderwared Statement -

Masulipatam
Collectors Cutchery
9th June 1856 -

(Signed) J. Fraser
Acting Collector

Revised

Name	Date	Charge	Credit	Balance
Estate of Eighteenth Division				
Estate of Eighteenth Division				
Estate of Eighteenth Division				

Office for Licensing
Carriages
" " 1 " " " 15 2 8 " " 10 " " " " 3 2 8 .

Office of Queen Anne Street
Public Coffee
" " " " " 3 11 7 " " " 1 1 " " 5 5 " " "
do 3 P
ad - 5-57
1 1 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "
Inv Annuls

Office for Licensing Coaches
Coffee for Hackneys
" " 1 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "

Stand
" 1 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "
ad 2 mins
Inv Annuls

Office Coffee House for
Licensing Public Hackneys
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "
do 3 P
ad 2-2m
29 12 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "
Inv Annuls

Carriages for the use
of the Metropolis
Assessed Taxes
" " 2 " " " 1 " " " 2 " " 1 " " " " "

Office for the use of
the Water Trustees
" " 1 " " " 2 " " " 1 " " " " 1 " " "

County Fines
" " " 1 2 " " " 9 6 3 " " 9 8 " " 1 9 " " "

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	Rs A P	Rs A P
Mats		
Batta for Printing Ink to Circuit Cutcherries		
Ink Battles Country		
Cash for Killing Rats in the Gentoo Records Room		
	122334	171079
Contingent Charges of the Printing Office		
Sub Collectors Cutcherry		
Goa Paper		
Condapilly large Size		
Do small Size		
Bengal Paper		
Lamp Oil		
Coarse Cloths for Dusturees		
Value of Guns and Red Ink Cotton		
Gentoo Ink		
Ink Battles		
Total Hoozoor District	122334	175051
Bunder Talook Goodoor Purganah		
Deeny Talook Deeny Purganah		

	Rs A P	Rs A P
Mats		1
Batta for Printing Ink to Circuit Cutcherries		8 32 8 8 10
Ink Battles Country		2 136 1 8 1 6
Cash for Killing Rats in the Gentoo Records Room	at Rs 80 per day	798 798
		1559 3 0 1351 8 0
Contingent Charges of the Printing Office		72 72
Sub Collectors Cutcherry		Rs 238 Rs 318
Goa Paper	300	12 Rs per 100 Quires 36 36
Condapilly large Size	16	Do
Do small Size	152	16 6 4 300 10 Do 30 13 9 8
Bengal Paper	100	12 9 7 12 9 7
Lamp Oil	49	9 3 7 10 2 Rs per Seer 20 10 12 5
Coarse Cloths for Dusturees		2 at 3 Rs 6 6
Value of Guns and Red Ink Cotton		10 1 8 1 14
Gentoo Ink		10 3 2 6
Ink Battles		5 10 8 2 2
		39 13 4 97 57 2 8
Total Hoozoor District	1223 3 4	1750 5 1 1520 8 0 229 13 1
Bunder Talook Goodoor Purganah	55	at 5 Rs per Month 60 5
Deeny Talook Deeny Purganah	55	Do 60 5

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No 371

To

I. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort Saint George

Sir,

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Bd No 1835

From the Coll.r of Tinnevelly

With reference to your letter of 10th Ultimo, requesting me to expedite the despatch of the information called for in Para 3 of Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 11th April 1856, I have the honor to submit a Statement of Fines refunded to parties in Fasly 1264 amounting to Rupees 97. 4. 8 shewing the particulars circumstances under which the repayment was made, and to request that you will be good enough to procure the sanction of Government for the same.

Tinnevelly

18th November 1856

Signed I. Silver

Collector

Account

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Pattiyam Talook	Fasly 1264	84	7			
Do	Do 1265	90	8			
Palghaut Talook	Fasly 1264	90	8			
Do	Do 1265	90	8			
Ryttadroog Talook	Fasly 1264	8	6	8		
Do	Do 1265	8	6	8		
Balaghaut Talook	Fasly 1264	37	8	31	8	
Do	Do 1265	19	8			
Do	Dated 14 3 58					
Pattiyam Talook	Fasly 1264	77				
Do	Do 1265	77				
Palghaut Talook	Fasly 1264	88				
Do	Do 1265	88				
Ryttadroog Talook	Fasly 1264	71	8			
Do	Do 1265	71	8			
Balaghaut Talook	Fasly 1264	316	8			
Do	Do 1265	316	8			
Grand Total		1223	4	209	13	1

Fine and Forfeiture Collectors Cutchery 9th June 1856

Charges for 11 months

Do for 11 months

Do for the Fasly 1264

Do for the Fasly 1265

Do for 1 month

Do for 1 month

Do for 1 month

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No 1

Account Particulars of Fines repaid to parties in the Magisterial Department in the District of Tinnevelly during Fusly 1264.

	Rs	A	P
Amount of fine imposed by the Police Ameen of Valiayerooppoo on Soutlien and Arasn Pullers of the same place but on appeal, ordered by the Joint Magistrate to be refunded to them on the ground that the land, which the said Individuals had been charged with having prevented from being cultivated by one Vencatarungien, belonged to their Master			
Do of Do imposed by the Tahsildar of Streevellypoottoor on Aroonachellum Pillay of Coonnoor but on appeal ordered by the Joint Magistrate to be refunded to him on the ground that the assault with which he had been charged was not proved	8	1	
Do of Do imposed by the Tahsildar of Shermadavy Talook on Ganapathy Igen and Shaik Rowlen of Keelasernel but	128		

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	Rs	A	P
on appeal ordered by the Joint Magistrate to be refunded to them on the ground that no Police charge was proved against them	4		
Do of Do imposed by the Tahsildar of Shermadavy Talook in Pullavasum and Sooruthun of Pathamaday, but on appeal ordered by the Joint Magistrate to be refunded to them, on the ground that the charge brought against them was false	5		
Do of Do of 20 Rupees imposed by the Joint Magistrate on Pasongely [illegible]n of Veera=masingapooram, but on appe[illegible] ordered by the Magistrate to be reduced to [illegible] Rupees on the ground that the fine of 2[illegible] Rupees was too heavy a punishment of the offence of having prevented people from gathering Carda=moms on the Hills	10		
Do of Do imposed by the Tahsildar of Brem=madasem Talook [illegible] on Chinna Pichooven and 4 others of Vazacolum, but on appeal ordered by the Joint Magistrate to be refunded to them on the ground that the case was one coming under the provisions of Regulation V of 1822	12		
Do of Do imposed by the Tahsildar of Brammadasum Talook on Namasevayem Pillay			

Pillay of Vagacolum, but on appeal ordered by the Joint Magistrate to be refunded to him, on the ground that no Police charge was proved against him — 8 "

Do of Do imposed by the Police Ameen of Cadiem on Auroomooga Nadan and Coothala Nadan of Pandeapooram, but an appeal ordered by the Joint Magistrate to be refunded to them on the ground that the charge brought against them was not proved — 5 " "

Do of Do imposed by the Tahsildar of Premmadasum Talook on Ramalingum Pillay of Vagacolum, but on appeal ordered by the Joint Magistrate to be refunded to him on the ground that the case was one of a civil nature coming under the provisions of Regulation V of 1822 — 1 " 4

Do of Do imposed by the Head Assistant Magistrate on Vellameera Rawthen of Malapoliem, but on appeal ordered by the Magistrate to be refunded to him, on the ground that by the closing of the Surplus Channel, the Prosecutor suffered no injury — 10 " 4

Do of Do imposed by the Head Assistant Magistrate on Honaryappa Pillay and another of Pullien Cuttalay Coodeyroopoo but on Appeal ordered by the Magistrate to be refunded to them, on the ground that the charge brought against them was not proved — 10 8 "

Do of Do imposed by the Tahsildar of Ottapadarum Talook on Sungara Narayanum and others, but on appeal ordered by the Magistrate to be refunded to them on the ground that the charges of assault and bribery brought against them were not proved — 6 " "

Do of Do imposed by the Tahsildar of Ottapadarum Talook, on Moothia Naicken and 5 others of Coomara Chithumpully but on appeal ordered by the Assistant Magistrate to be refunded to them on the ground that the charge of assault was not proved against them — 6 " "

Do of Do imposed by the Tahsildar of Ottapadarum Talook on Ambalum Permal Naicken and 5 others of Vayatha, but on appeal Ordered by the Assistant Magistrate to be refunded to them, on the ground that the charge of assault and robbery was not proved against them — 7 " "

Do. of Do. imposed by the Tahsildar of Sauttoor Taluk on Veerayee a female of Coasoocoondoo, but on appeal to the Assistant Magistrate it having been increased to 5 Rupees, and as the Defendant was confined for 15 days in default of payment, the fine of 1/2 Rupee imposed on her by the Tahsildar was refunded to her ——— 0 8 0

Do. of Do. imposed by the Police Ameen of Colacaud on one Sengoomoottoo of Singapathoo, but on Appeal, ordered by the Head Assistant Magistrate to be refunded to him on the ground of the evidence against him not having been satisfactory ——— 1 0 0

Do. of Do. imposed by the Police Ameen of Abwarteroonagary on Vathalathaga Odathasy and 2 others of Soobramaneapoorum, but on appeal, ordered by the Assistant Magistrate to be refunded to them on the ground of the charge brought against them, not having been proved ——— 3 0 0

Do. of Do. imposed by the Police Ameen

of Abwarteroonagary on Santhosha Madan on of Pooleangandoo, but on appeal, ordered by the Joint Magistrate to be refunded to him on the ground of the evidence against him not having been satisfactory ——— 4 8 0

Do. of Do. imposed by the Head Assistant Magistrate on Narasinga Row Proprietor of Maroothacolum Village for his having declined to give adoyooly to the Paracaodus, and ordered to be paid to the latter in consideration of the trouble and expence incurred by them in consequence of the refusal on the part of the Proprietor to give the aforesaid engagement, under section VIII Regn. XXX of 1802 referred to in Clause 2d Section VIII Regulation V of 1822 ——— 14 0 0

83 4 8

97 4 8

Tinnevelly 18th November 1856

E.E. Dos / signed J. Silver Collector

Order thereon

Ordered to be submitted with the following:—

To

The Secretary to

Government

Revenue Department

(882. 885)

B. No. 4331

To the Secretary to Government. } Para 1 Sir,

In Revenue 29th April 1856

With reference to paras 1, 2 & 3 of the Extract Minutes Consultation dated 11th April 1856 No. 370, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letters and the enclosures of the second and third, from the Collectors of Nellore, Masulipatam and Tinnevelly dated 6th May 9th June and 18th November 1856, furnishing explanation respecting certain items objected to by Government in the statements of actual charges incurred in their districts in Fusly 1264.

Submd 19th December 1856 - 22564 - 4835

2 With regard to the expenditure of Rupees 2925 - 9 on account of Temporary Police Libbendy in Nellore in Fusly 1263 and 1264 it is observed that Sanction was granted on the 24th December 1853 No. 770 Judicial Department for the employment of 100 Peons at 5 Rupees each

In Bd's Cons. 5th January 1854

each for six months, and that an additional sum of Rupees 18 per mensem was

In Cons. 12th Jany 1854 Sanctioned on the 9th January 1854 No. 21 for the same period, in order to raise the pay of 9 of these Peons who were to be appointed Duffadars to 7 Rupees each a Month Sanctioned Rupees 3108. In Extract Minutes Consultation dated 10th July 1854

In Cons. 24th July 1854 No. 802 this Establishment was authorized to be retained until the end of october 1854 after which measures were directed to be adopted for gradually reducing the number. The reduction commenced in November and the force was finally discontinued at the end of February 1855, since that time no such Establishment has been entertained.

3 The Acting Collector of Masulipatam explains that the increase of Rupees 527 - 1 - 9 - in the Huggoot Sadarwarred in Fusly 1264 over the Sanctioned amount is chiefly in the items of Lampt Oil and Cloth for Duffadars.

	Sanctn. Fy 1264	Diffce
Lampt Oil Rs	120 — 581 —	461 -
Cloth Rs	48 - 102 - 10 - 6 -	54 - 10 - 6 -
Total	168 - 683 - 10 - 6 -	515 - 10 - 6 -

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The excess in the former items is thus accounted for

Expenditure on account of fusly 1263
adjusted in fusly 1264 Rupees — 95-7-"
" late Special assistant
Collectors Office } —— 28-3-"
Sub Collectors Office —— 9-4-"
Increase on account of high price —— 138-"-"
Rupees —— 290-9-"

The remainder Rupees 291 is owing to the reversion to Government of the estates since the original Sudderwared Estimate was sanctioned. The increase in the charge for Duffer Cloth is due mainly to the same cause and the Special assistant Collectors Cutcherry

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Goodoor Rupees	5
Deevy	5
Pentapaud	7
Ralinghy	8
Ky Kaloor-Bahurgully	6½
Total	31½ per m
or Rupees	378 per a
of which incurred for 11 months	346½
not incurred for 12 months	63
Total	283-8-"

The increase of Rupees 283-8-" in the Talook Sudderwared is the acting Collector states the expenditure on account of Sudderwared of the Goodoor Deevy Pentapaud, Ralinghy Ky Kaloor and, Bahurgully Estates, which reverted to Government after the Estimate of such charges was sanctioned, these allowances were appointed by the Commissioner Northern Circars when the Establishment of each estate were sanctioned.

agreeably

5 Agreeably to the instructions contained in para 3 of the Contract Minutes Consultation under reply the Collector of Tinnevelly submits a statement shewing the Fines imposed on certain parties in the Magistrate Department in Fusly 1264 and the particular circumstances under which repayment was ordered to be made in each case.

6 Under the explanations afforded above the Board recommend that Sanction be granted for the following charges amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 3,818-6-11.

Vellore

Temporary Police Subsidy after deducting Refunds Rupees — 2910-8-6-

Masulipatam

Excess in Huzzoor Sudderwared in Fusly 1264 —— 527-1-9

Do —— Talook —— Do —— 283-8-"

Tinnevelly

Repayment of Fines —— 97-4-8-

Total Rupees — 3818-6-11

7 For the reasons assigned by the Acting Collector of Masulipatam in para

paragraph of his letter, the Board recommend that the revised Estimate of Sundarwaries charges of the Mandapam district amounting to Rs 1803-1-4 may receive the sanction of Government. This sum is exclusive of the charges marginally entered. The first three items it is observed do not come under the head of Sundarwaries and should be included in the monthly Statement of contingent charges. The charges for the printing Proofs should be met either by a reduction to this extent in the district Establishment, or from the funds received for work performed.

	Rs	a	p
Collectors Cutcherry	1328	1	4
Sub Collectors "	97	-	-
District "	378	-	-
	1803	1	4

	Rs	a	p
1 Cooly Hire for bringing good water for the Guard at the Treasury	22	13	-
2 Pots for the use of the Water Pandal	1	-	-
3 For feeding a Cat for Killing rats in the Centro Record Room	7	9	8
4 Contingent Charges for printing Proofs	72	-	-
Total	103	6	8

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
19th December
1856

Signed J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Extract

Bk No 4058

From the Chief Sect to Govt

886

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Public Works Department under the 6th October 1856.

Communicating a letter from the acting Honble Company's Solicitor suggesting that the Rupees 132-5-3 the balance of the estimate for repairing the Steps of St Thomas' Mount be paid by the Collector of Chingleput to the Members of the Board of Revenue as ex-officio Trustees to the Marmelong Bridge &c charity Fund and that they pass it to the credit of their account current with the charity.

See No 1814 Separate Volume- 854

To.

The Chief Engineer
Department Public Works.

886 887

Bk No 4313

To the Chief Engineer
Department Public Works

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 24th June 1856. I am directed by the Board of

Inbont 15th July 1856

of Revenue to forward to you copy of a letter from the Acting Honorable Company's Solicitor to the Secretary to Government dated 18th September 1856 from which you will observe that the cost of obtaining an order from the Supreme Court for the payment into Court of the unexpended balance belonging to the Marmalong Bridge Charity Viz: Rupees 132-5-3. would far exceed that amount. Mr Boyson therefore suggests that the Board of Revenue as the Trustees of the charity should pass the amount to the credit of their account Current with the Charity

Cn F. Govt 6th Octr Inbon: 19th Decr 1856.

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The Fund however has hitherto been under the control of the Department of Public Works and the Records of the Board contain no information regarding it. I am therefore desired to request that you will favor me with a Copy of the Trust deed, or forward the original for the Boards perusal.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
19th December 1856

/Signed/ J.D. Sim
Acting Secretary
Extract

Bd No 4900

From the Chief Secy to Govt

888

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department under date the 27th November 1856.

Desiring to be furnished with information in the form annexed written on the subject of the Garden assessment of Chingleput and directing the Board's attention to para 2 of Mr Hendrick's letter of April 25 with respect to the Garden land being rent free when occupied by Cattle Sheds.

See No 1259 in Separate Volume. P542

Bd No 4301.

888. 889

Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Chingleput who will furnish the information required by Government at his earliest convenience.

Extract

22569 Fort St George 19th December 1856.

Bd No 5047

890

From the Chief Secy to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department under date the 5th December 1856

Desiring the Board to fix a date and require Messrs Kennick & Co to enter into satisfactory arrangements for the liquidation of the ale Kurry balance still due by them and should the latter still fail authorizing the Board to communicate with the Honorable Company's Solicitor for the purpose of proceeding against them.

See No 1285 in Separate Volume P 543

Bd No 4323

890. 891

Order thereon, Ordered to be communicated to the Collector.

Extract

22570 Fort St George 19th December 1856

Bd No 5116

892

From the Chief Secy to Govt

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department under date the 12th December 1856.

Authorizing the Collector of South arcot to meet the further charges for the survey and assessment of his District out of the unexpended balance of the amount originally sanctioned for the purpose and the Civil Auditor to pass those charges subsequent to the 31st October last.

See No 1308 in Separate Volume P 594

Bd No 4304

892. 893

Order thereon, Ordered to be forwarded to the Collector for his information and for communication to Captain Priestly

The Board hope to receive at an early date the report referred to in Para 2.

Extract

22571 Fort St. George 19th December 1856

Bd. No. 5117

894

From the Chief Secy to Government } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department under date the 12th December 1856.

Stating that Government consider the explanations furnished by the Collectors of Ganjam and Rajahmundry regarding the dismissal of certain subordinates of their Establishment to be quite satisfactory.

See No. 1315 in Separate Volumes. P 545

Bd. No. 4299.

894. 895

Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of Ganjam and the Collector of Rajahmundry with reference to their letters dated respectively 6th August and 22nd July 1856.

Extract

22572 Fort St. George 19th December 1856

Bd. No. 5129

896

From the Chief Secy to Government } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Judicial Department under date the 12th December 1856.

Resolving to solicit the sanction of the Supreme Government for the entertainment of a Goomastah in the Magisterial Department of the Court of the District Moonsiff of Permagoody in Madura on a Salary of 10 Rupees per mensem.

See No. 1322 in Separate Volumes. P 548

Bd. No. 4305

896. 897

Order thereon.

Ordered that a Copy be forwarded to the Acting Collector of Madura for information, and guidance.

Extract

22573 Fort St George 19th December 1856

Bd No 5166

898

From the Secy to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department under date the 15th December 1856.

Informing Petitioner in Rupees 2920 of 1855 that the Government see no sufficient reason for permitting him to sue in the Courts of adawlut for the recovery of a Share in the Enam which he claims.

See No 1314 in Separate Volume. P 547

Bd No 4306.

898.899

Order thereon.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Acting Collector who will make the necessary communication to the Petitioners.

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To

22574 Fort St George 19th December 1856

No 129

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

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Bd No 2309

From the Collr of Nellore

Submitting information regarding the Police Establishment in the Zemindaries &c.

Sir,

With reference to Paras 19 and 20 of Mr Cunliffe's letter of the 4th June last, I have the honor to submit two Statements 85
the 1st Shewing the number of Cutcums in the District, and their aggregate Emoluments in money Enam and fees and the 2d Shewing the numbers and emoluments of the Police Establishments in the Zemindary and Poligar Villages.

2d As regards the enquiry respecting the efficiency of the Police Establishments in the Zemindaries &c the result of my enquiries tends to shew that the more Serious crimes are not more prevalent in the Zemindary than in the Ryotwary portion of the District, but that the Ameels or other Officials of the Zemindars, owing to their Revenue functions, are enabled to exercise an undue authority in

in those parts of the Country which are distant from European control which our heads of Police ill part and with a small Establishment are unfit to cope with. This remark however refers rather to petty tyranny exercised over their own people than to the suppression of more heinous Crimes.

3 A case of the Kind has lately been punished with imprisonment & fine, which will I hope have a Salutary effect.

4 The Village Moonsiffs in those parts yield implicit obedience to their own revenue authorities which may lead to some control in the suppression of crime or the whole the execution of Justice

and Security of person would seem to be less certain in the Zemindary Divisions than in the Government Talooks, and that this is the result of the Police and Revenue powers being virtually divided.

5 The only remedy that I can suggest would be a considerable extension & better organization of the Police Establishments, and taking the village Moonsiffs, and other Servants who are liable to be called on to perform Police duties, into Government pay.

6 Very considerable delay has occurred in procuring the statistics on which the present Returns, are framed from the Statement No 2 Talooks.

†Statement No 2.

Vellore
Collectors Office
18th June 1856

/ Signed / F. B. Elton
Collector

Statement

22575

Fort St George

19th December 1856

No 1

Statement shewing the Number of Currnums in the Vellore District and their aggregate Emoluments in money Enam, and fees.

Taluks	Number of Currnums Nominated	Number of Currnums Unnominated	Number of Currnums Total	Enams Extent	Emoluments Fees Assessment	Emoluments Fees Calamaxam	Emoluments Fees Ready money	Emoluments Fees Total	Remarks
1 Cotah	48	57	105	67 11 11	1354 2 5	1433 15 -	100 9 -	2888 10 5	
2 Sarvapully	100	191	291	93 10 13	1853 1 7	2241 5 10	479 15 -	4574 6 5	
3 Vellore	137	187	324	115 13 4	2276 10 8	4253 3 1	543 8 9	7073 6 6	
4 Talamunchy	110	252	362	80 2 10	591 13 -	2636 12 9	238 15 7	3467 9 4	
5 Somaltul poor	50	100	150	95 3 13	1286 1 4	1604 7 1	477 10 6	3368 2 11	
6 Sungum	103	239	342	167 4 11	2107 4 2	2171 12 11	1454 4 4	4733 5 5	
7 Gundarole	46	81	127	71 13 12	653 - 11	391 15 7	298 12 8	1343 15 2	
8 Karur	149	209	358	363 2 4	2642 3 1	3701 7 1	1611 13 -	7955 7 2	
9 Carlighenny	109	208	317	267 15 6	1748 12 7	2463 10 6	255 14 11	4468 6 -	
10 Wodiaghenny	124	224	348	375 8 9	1929 12 10	4956 3 2	338 - 5	7224 - 5	
11 Sydapoorum	88	102	190	104 10 12	762 15 1	810 10 7	399 8 6	1973 2 2	
Total	1064	1850	2914	1803 1 18	17205 13 8	26665 7 7	5799 2 8	49670 7 11	
12 Baddaspoody	93	378	476	217 9 1	2027 3 -	2304 10 6	366 3 6	4698 1 -	
13 Davagondoor	222	630	852	633 13 4	3799 2 4	6047 3 3	307 10 8	10154 - 3	
14 Enamana Vellore	126	503	629	771 7 -	4517 12 10	3738 3 7	- - -	8256 - 5	
15 Angole	147	468	615	1018 - 8	5561 4 7	3492 2 11	220 3 4	9273 10 10	
16 Chendalore	110	349	459	1116 9 -	5401 9 11	1391 5 11	232 3 10	7025 2 8	
17 Cavelly	87	131	218	96 15 1	1316 9 8	1472 12 8	146 14 -	2936 4 4	
Total	790	2459	3249	3854 1 12	22623 10 4	18446 6 10	1273 2 4	42343 3 6	
Shortnum	-	-	369	406 1 4	2677 10 5	4324 - 9	- - -	7001 11 2	
Carterbady	-	-	13	3 4 -	14 1 6	32 11 11	- - -	46 13 5	
Amaram	-	-	29	26 1 -	110 2 -	388 9 7	- - -	498 11 7	
Enam	-	-	35	36 9 4	200 - 8	569 - 9	- - -	769 1 5	
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Total of Statement	1854	4309	6609	6129 3 33	42831 6 7	50426 5 5	6472 5 -	99730 1 -	

Vellore, Collector's Office 18th June 1856

/ Signed / F. B. Elton
Collector

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Alexandra		12.1	35	13	326	8	10	242	2	10	568	11	8
Hermann		121	38	2	9	92	5	6	2131	9	5	2215	11	11
Hannover		121	22	11	12	208	5	8	317	9	11	525	15	7
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Hartwig			24	2.			2.			182	2.		184	2.
Ida			75	188	15.		152.			151	11.		305	11.
Alexander			75	432	6	2	350	8.		219	12.		550	2.
Ulla	und Hermann		2.	18			13	8.		19			32	8.
			328	1820	9	2	1421	12.		2323	10.		1745	6.
Hanna	Elke	Alexandra	136	68	15.		88	79					88	79
	Hermann		137	427	12.		507	11	6	5888	8		6395	152
	Otto		5	10	1		5	14		5	13.		10	114
	Alexander		173	662	11	8	478	8	5	483	15	11	962	83
Ulla	und Hermann		165	529	10	12	629	2	8	909	1	6	1558	42
			1216	1719	2	6	1719	2	8	7185	15.		9916	18
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Ulla und Hermann 108 " " 287 6 2 283 " 8 570 6 10

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	423	96	13	5	629	2.		2711	6	2	3320	10	2

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Vencataghery Pon Gole Talook Pollams		34	6	..	13	5	9	..	..	13	5	9
Cumums		71	25	..	37	..	..	479	..	516	..	..
Cavilgar		16	..	..	..	..	..	191	..	191	..	..
Vetty & Chuckler		67	46	12	93	8	6	215	6	308	14	6
		188	77	12	143	14	3	885	6	1029	4	3
Chendalore Do	Cumums	16	6	..	3	..	..	146	2	9	149	2	9
	Cavilgar	6	..	..	..	..	..	147	..	..	147	..	..
	Poonamallee	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		29	6	..	3	..	..	293	2	9	296	2	9
Tranquebar Moor Do	Cumums	36	..	..	..	..	..	275	13	6	275	13	6
	Moonsiffs	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Mondaur	14	55	..	72	8	..	49	14	6	122	6	6
	Vetty & Chuckler	40	43	3	81	12	..	108	14	..	190	10	..
		99	98	3	154	14	..	432	11	..	588	14	..
Surrapully Do	Moonsiffs	5	5	..	..	49	5	7	..	..	49	5	7
	Cumums	34	2	9	2	40	15	1	456	10	3	497	9	4
	Cavilgar	15	3	9	4	28	13	1	297	4	..	326	1	1
	Salaries	9	3	2	2	19	14	2	59	13	1	79	11	3
	Mondaur	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	81	10	1	81	10	1
	Vetty & Chuckler	38	10	9	12	67	15	..	209	1	6	277	..	6
		107	24	14	4	206	14	11	1104	6	11	1311	5	10
Combaconum Do	Moonsiffs	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	4	..	5	4	..
	Cumums	70	5	11	4	33	8	6	2086	4	2	2119	12	8
	Cavilgar	69	32	13	8	236	12	11	1364	2	9	1600	15	8
	Vetty	60	17	14	..	90	15	6	413	7	11	504	7	5
	Chuckler	42	8	4	..	23	6	4	158	13	9	202	4	1
	Saliary	4	2	4	8	2	2	7	29	12	2	31	14	9
	Bundalavadoo	1	..	1	8	..	7	..	3	12	11	4	3	11
		273	67	..	12	407	4	10	4061	9	8	4468	14	6

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Calastry Pannoor	Moonsiffs	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Currums	164	659	"	2073	12	"	4106	10	"	6180	6	"
	Cavilgar	8	12	"	"	17	4	"	"	"	"	17	4
	Moodaus	157	50	"	"	184	14	"	407	8	"	592	6
	Vetty & Chuckleros	87	189	"	"	327	12	"	449	"	"	776	12	"
		421	910	"	"	2603	10	"	4963	2	"	7566	12	"
Choondy	Moonsiffs	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Currums	11	55	4	"	78	7	6	490	8	11	569	"	5
	Moodaus	8	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	12	6	2	12	6
	Vetty & Chuckler	17	11	1	"	16	9	10	47	6	9	64	"	7
		41	66	5	"	95	1	4	540	12	2	635	13	6
Woodiagherry Talook	Currums	2	5	"	"	20	"	"	97	7	3	119	7	3
	Mahatauds	1	1	5	"	10	"	"	15	12	"	25	12	"
	Vetty & Chuckler	1	3	"	"	20	"	"	"	"	"	20	"	"
		4	9	5	"	70	"	"	95	3	3	165	3	3
Chioondy	Moonsiffs	42	2	8	"	9	8	3	"	"	"	9	8	3
	Currums	96	514	"	"	250	6	9	2672	14	3	2923	5	"
	Moodaus	47	141	2	"	107	12	6	198	11	7	306	8	1
	Vetty & Chuckleros	66	71	7	8	41	4	10	266	6	9	307	11	7
		251	729	1	8	409	"	4	3138	"	7	3547	"	11
Mootaub Jaudoo	Buddaspoody	Moonsiffs	4	6	2	"	19	10	1	"	"	"	19	10	1
	Currums	4	29	5	4	94	2	"	321	15	3	416	1	3
	Moodaus	4	84	"	"	29	"	"	"	"	"	29	"	"
	Vetty & Chuckleros	11	16	2	8	41	12	"	147	15	10	189	11	10
		23	135	9	12	184	8	1	469	15	1	654	7	2
Coligar Soowamar	Goonduvole Talook	Currums	4	"	11	4	12	10	3	46	10	3	59	7	6
	Cavilgar	1	"	5	"	2	4	9	2	10	5	4	15	2
	Vetty & Chuckler	4	3	4	8	23	3	6	22	13	7	46	11	"
		9	4	4	12	38	2	6	72	5	3	110	7	9

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Proceedings thereon.

The Board presume that the "unnominated" Cumnies of Statement No. 1 perform no duty and they wish to Know whether they receive any portion of the emoluments. If they do, the amount should be shown in separate columns in order that it may be seen what portion of the emoluments are received by those who do, and those who do not perform the duties appertaining to the office. The Board conclude that the Cobbowasum was deducted from the gross produce of the land before the shares of Government and the Ryot were determined and are therefore the joint contributions of Government and the people. The ready money payments we at is presumed is paid only by the people. It should be explained whether the two last items are included in the ryots Puttahs and levied with the Government assessment or realized by the Cumnies themselves.

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No. 150

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre.

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

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Bd. No. 4032.

From the Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir,

Para 1

Forwards the Account current of the Animallie Forest operations for the Official year 1855/56 prepared in the form which accompanied the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 22d March 1855 No. 347 together with the report of the Acting Superintendent.

2. Captain Hamilton's report speaks for itself, and I need hardly add any thing to it. I would however beg to observe that the Forest operations during the year under review have been satisfactory, and are creditable to that Officer.

3. The total charges in 1855/56 including the pay of the Establishment amount to Rupees 31,095—0—6 and the receipts by the sales of Timber to Rupees 53,343—5—10 showing a net profit to Government of Rs. 22,248—5—4 as exhibited in the account Current.

4. The total estimated value of Timber

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Timber felled in the year including the remaining unaccounted for at its commencement amounts to Rupees 3,42,408 6 1, of which 53,343 5 10 worth of planks &c. were sold, and Rupees 33,947 2 . the value of Timber destroyed by fire which will be written off the accounts as per sanction of Government conveyed in the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 12th August 1856 No. 854 the net amount of Timber remaining unaccounted for at the close of the official year 1855/56 is Rupees 2,55,117 14 3 as shewn in the memorandum No. 2 appended to the account Current.

5. A large amount of advances made from my Treasury for the Forest operations stands debited in my Books to the personal Head Captain Hamilton Acting Superintendent of Anamallie Forests, and it is necessary that the same should be adjusted to proper head of charges. with this view I beg to submit an abstract statement shewing at one view

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view the whole transactions connected with the Forests since the formation of the Agency in 1850. From which it will appear that the total amount advanced to the Superintendent as from my Treasury up to the end of the Official year 1855/56 is 1,42,372 13 11. to which must be added the following two items Viz:- as

Amount taken by the Superintendent for Forest expenditure from the sale proceeds of Timber not brought to account in my Books — 9925 3 2

amount value of Stamp papers issued gratis for taking contract Bonds from the Coolungo-de Kumbidy and Goore Buseramsing not included in Captain Hamilton's account. ——— 7 " " "

making in all Rupees ——— 152305 1 1.

of this amount, Rupees ——— 81.85 9 7. remains in the hands of Captain Hamilton on the 30th April 1856 Rupees 6,841 10 5 are as advances outstanding against workmen to be recovered hereafter and Rupees 407 4 8 will be written off the accounts as per Sanction of Government dated 12th August 1856 being irrecoverable advance Deducting these three items from the aggregate

advance

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Fd. for account rend. of the Superintendent for 1854/55 ——— 106768 7 11

Ad. per Do. Do. for 1855/56 ——— 31075 — 6

136863 8 5

Add amount value of Stamp papers not included in Do. but charged in the Collectors accounts ——— 87 — — —

136870 8 5

Actual charges sanctioned by Government under date 30th Jany. 1852 Rs. 138072 8 8

Do. Do. under date 7th Feby. 1853 ——— 1397 14 4

Do. Do. under date ——— 1445 4 8

advance the net charges incurred for the Forest operations amount to Rupees 136870 8 5 of this sum Rupees 44245 2 3 was previously sanctioned on the dates noted in the margin Rupees 50897 8 is the pay of the Forest Establishment disbursed in 1855/56 to be passed by the Civil Auditor as directed in the para 3 of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 22d March 1855 and Rupees 999 3 2 is the sale proceeds of Timber &c. which has been neither credited nor debited in my accounts, but appropriated by the Superintendent for expenditure in the Forest operations. These items being deducted the net amount requiring adjustment in my accounts is Rupees (77610 6 4) Seventy seven thousand six hundred and ten, annas six and pice four, for which I request the Board will be good enough to obtain the special sanction of Government to enable

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enable me to close my Books so far as the Forest transactions up to 1855/56 are concerned.

6. Independent of the advances exhibited in the abstract statement as now sent there is a further sum of 2767 — 14 — 4 standing debited in my accounts to the personal head "Captain Hamilton Acting superintendent of Animullie Forests" it comprizes three items as particularized in the margin the first of which is the Feeding charges of Government Elephants employed in dragging Timber in the Animallie Forests including the pay of Mahoots and other servants, and amounts to Rupees 2523 — 7 — 9 up to 30th April 1856 — of this sum Rupees 1551 — 3 — 4 has been since sanctioned by Government under date 9th July 1856, and will be charged against the Forest Department as directed in the Board's remarks

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remarks on my Statement of actual charge incurred without Estimate for Fusly 1264 the remainder Rupees 972-4-5. will be disposed of hereafter.-

7. With regard to the other 2 items the records of my Office are now under examination, and measures will be adopted for their early disposal.-

8. I take this opportunity of requesting in favor of the Board's obtaining the sanction of Government for Captain Hamilton's revised Estimate of 34,000 Rupees alluded to in my communication of the 21st August 1856 No. 112. a sum of Rupees 21,9.90 -"-"- has already been advanced to him in anticipation of sanction and I think he will have to draw one me from more funds as the Forest working season has commenced.-

9- The delay in the transmission of the present account Current has been unavoidable from the necessity of returning it to the superintendent more than once for correction.

Coimbatore Collector's Office,
Pullachey, 29th September 1856.

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector

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No. 1.

To,
The Collector of
Coimbatore.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to forward my Account Current for the Official year ending 30th April 1856.

2- The following is a rough Estimate of this seasons operations 4,135. Planks were cut which I value at Rupees 1,24,050 and 800 Heads and Butts at 3,000 making a total of Rupees 1,27,250 Deduct carriage and floatage at 6½ co Rupees per plank Rupees 26,877-8-11- Escpences in cutting Rupees 9,969-14-4. Rent for 998 Trees at 5 Rupees per Tree Rupees 4,990. Establishment 5,290-11-". Feeding Commissariat Elephants 1,120-6-7. making a total of Deductions of Rupees 48,248-6-11. and leaving a clear profit to Government of Rupees 79,001-9-1. I escpect the timber will realize more than I have valued it at, as the demand for good teak continues to be very great.-

3. In my letter of the 3d Instant and on previous occasions I pointed out the large quantity of refuse timber now lying scattered about in the forest, and yearly diminishing from the

Since sanctioned under date 23d June 1856.

the effects of the annual fires. should Govern
sanction the purchasing of 20 Elephants there
applied for, I have no doubt I could collect
all the refuse timber shewn in Memorandum
to Ponany in 2 years where it would realize
after paying all escpences upwards of Rs
154440.-

4. I see no means of procuring Eleph
without purchasing them, the Merchants in the to
trade have their own Elephants, and the fa
that are for hire in the Country have been
up by the contractors for the Railway
Company which is more advantageous to the
owners as they are generally partners with
Contractors.

5. The Government Forest produce
an immense quantity of other valuable timb
besides teak, such as Rose wood, Curroo
Murdoo Vengy kutcha teak and many o
other useful woods, all of which as soo
as the Railway is fairly opened to co
traffic will, I imagine be brought into
Market to supply which, from the annamalle

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Forests Elephants are obsolutely necessary, in
that case I should have employment for even
a greater Number than I have asked Government
to sanction.-

6. At the commencement of the working
season I informed you that I was going to
adopt a new system by taking assemen into my
pay instead of employing Contractors, the former
system was to give an individual a contract for
one or two hundred planks, this, he sublets to
a number of workmen or maistries who
as long as they cut a certain number of
planks, did not trouble themselves about the
scantlings or wastage of timber. The new
plan is to employ the assemen themselves
and pay them according to the class of
timber they cut, as they get 1½ Rupee more
for a 1st than for a 3d class plank it is
their interest to produce as many of the
former as possible, the consequence has been
that the last season I have turned out
the finest and greatest number of planks
that have ever been cut in the forest.-

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The ascemen themselves are so pleased at being independent of the contractors and their agents (who paid themselves out of their work and in addition robbed the ascemen out of a considerable portion of their dues) that I shall this season be able to command any number of men and I shall be quite independent of Contractors - Formerly there were always one or two contractors who failed in their contracts and tho they had to produce securities before the contract was given to them - yet the difficulty in obtaining the money from the securities had always been very great and there is a considerable sum yet unrecovered from contractors - This last season I have only 9 Rupees outstanding upon workmen. The only objection to this system is the enormous extra work it entails on the Overseer measuring the planks, under the contractors, the planks, when ready were all collected together and measured at once, whereas now where the tree is

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is felled there the planks have to be measured - I do not think there is another overseer in the service who would have gone through the work Mr. Overseer Reid did last season constantly having to walk 20 or 30 miles a day, now that Government has allowed me to entertain an Assistant Overseer the work will be lessened.

7. On my handing over the timber to the Bombay Government I found great deductions made wherever there was a crack or a flaw in a plank, I therefore employed sawyers and cut off from 60 Planks the portion deducted - The result was as follows, Paid sawyers 73-11-2 sold slabs by Public auction for Rupees 453-11-11- leaving a profit of Rupees 379-15-10 whereas had I left this timber on the planks the Bombay Government would have given me no credit for it whatever I also sold end pieces for Rupees 609-11-11- and 371 rejected planks for Rupees 6,990-11-11- equal to Rupees 18-13-5- per plank

planks or 1-14-5 per Cub ft. unless the Bom
Government alter their present system of co
measuring. I shall in future have all the c
timber as it arrives at Ponany cut to the co
dimensions clear of all deductions likely
be made by the Government Timber agent.

8. 998 Trees have been felled in the co
Colungode Numbadies forest which at 5 Rupee
a tree amounts to Rupees 4,990 this amount has
been paid to him. I take this opportunity to
mention that the portion of the forest he
offered to rent to Government and which I
recommended Government to accept. On enq
proves to be still under dispute with the Coc
Circar and his object in wishing to let it
was evidently to make Government interes
in securing it for him. I therefore declin
to rent it. Some of his people have been
apprehended by me for cutting teak timber
within the rented boundary I have committe
them for trial. From the information I
obtained

obtained during the time I was at Colan:
=gode enquiring into this timber steal:
=ing case. I have no doubt in my co
own mind that the Numbaddy was co
cognizant of the robbery, but I was
unable to obtain sufficient proof to co
establish his guilt. I found that he co
was in the habit of giving contracts for
cutting Teak Timber in the unrented co
portions of his forest without mentioning
the boundary in the contracts, and as he
receives 3 Rupees for every plank and co
one plank in every ten brought out of
the forest this omission of the boundary
marks looks suspecious to say the co
least of it. I would suggest it co
that

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that he be directed in future on

whenever he gives a contract on

for cutting teak Timber to on

have the boundary line distinctly

laid down in the Contracts.-

Coimbatore District,
9th June 1856

(Signed) Douglas Hamilton, Capt.
Acting Supt. annamally
Forest.

/ True Copy /

/ Signed / E. B. Thomas
Collector.

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Statement

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No. 2.

Memorandum of the Quantity of Timber unaccounted for-

Brought forward the value of timber unaccounted for up to last year	10,654 2 "	
Add Timber felled in 1855/56	2,35,865 1 5 1	
Total Balance	342,408 6 1	
Deduct sold in 1855/56	53,343 5 10	289,065 " 3
Particulars.		
4135 Planks under transit to Ponany at about 30 Rupees per plank	124,050 " "	
800 Heads and Butts cut & dragged close to Bandy station at 4 Rs each after deducting transport to Ponany	3,000 " "	
About 50,000 Cubic feet of refuse timber lying out in the forest for want of Elephants to drag them in at 5 Rs per Cubic feet.	150,250 " "	
1180 Logs cut and lying out in the forest for want of Elephants to drag them in, at 3 Rupees each	3540 " "	
37 Planks stored at Ponany at 25 Rs per plank	925 " "	
44 Logs stored at foot of ghat at 10 Rupees each	440 " "	
About 1000 Cubic feet out side slabs stored at foot of ghat at 8 Annas per Cubic foot	500 " "	
For Timber supplied to Gun Carriage manufactory for which Bills has been submitted by money not received	360 " 3	289,065 " 3
Deduct Amount to be written off the value of 600 Planks burnt up as shewn in Memorandum No. 2 of account current for the Official year 1854 and 55.		33,747 2 "
Total Rupees		25,5117 14 3

/ Signed / Douglas Hamilton, Captain
Acting Supt. Annamalay Forest
/ Signed / E. B. Thomas
Collector

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Dr. Account Current of the Annamally Forest, Coimbatore District for the Official year 1855 and up to 30th April 1856 Cr.

To Fixed Establishment		5089
" Axemen for felling and cutting timber of all descriptions	9969 14 4	
" Clearing Brushwood from the felled trees to guard against fire	60 11	
" Feeding Commissariat Elephants and pay of Drag rope, man and cook	1120 6 7	
" Shipping Planks by Coolies & Government Elephants	562 8 -	
" Carriage of Planks above and below ghat	12,347 8 "	
" Floating Planks from Mungara to Ponany	896 13 11	
" Sawyers to cutting end pieces and rejected planks at Ponany	77 5 10	
" Repairing and extending road above and below the Ghaut	614 8 3	
" Sundries such as ropes Batting. Implements &c	356 2 "	
	26,005	
	31,095	
Balance in favour of Government	22248	
Total Company's Rupees	53343	

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By Amount to be received from the Agent of the Bombay Government on account of the timber Supplied in the year 1856 for which receipt has been sent to the Collector of Coimbatore

1st Class	103 Planks cont[g] 6740	3 3½ Rolls at 68 Rs per 100 Rolls			4583 6 1	
2 "	249 "	12826 10-6	" at 65	" "	8337 7 4	
3 "	730 "	27,397 1-4	" at 55	" "	15,068 6 6	
4 "	353 "	10,744 11-9½	" at 50	" "	5372 7 8	33,361 11 7
By Amount received by the Collector of Coimbatore from the Executive Engineer Neeligherry Barracks for teak supplied					3953 2 3	
By Amount received from the sale of rejected Planks and end pieces at Ponany the amount being sent to the Collector of Malabar to be remitted to the Collector of Coimbatore					8052 " "	
By Amount received by the Collector of Coimbatore from the Officer in charge of Public works at Salem for teak supplied					151 14 "	
By Amount received by the Collector of Coimbatore from the Executive Officer in charge of Palaehy road for teak supplied					161 5 6	
By Amount received by the Collector of Coimbatore from the Assistant Commissary General Trichinopoly being part payment of Rs 7360 — 3 for teak supplied					7,000 " "	
By Amount received by the Collector of Coimbatore for teak supplied to the Collar bridge					663 4 6	
						19,981 10 3
Total Company's Rupees						53343 5 10

[Signed] Douglas. Hamilton, Captain
Acting Supt[te] Annamalay Forest
[Signed] C. B. Thomas
Collector

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No. 1.

Memorandum of Cash received from the Collector of Coimbatore and expended and the balance of Cash remaining on hand.-

Balance brought forward as per last annual account		6633 54
To Cash received from Dr. as advances for forest expences out of the pay of the fixed Establishment		5089128
To Cash received from Dr. as advance in anticipation of the sanction of Government for the revised Estimate of 34,000 Rupees		25806 72
		9000 " "
		46529
Deduct Charges.		
By Pay of Fixed Establishment		5089128
By Amount of forest expenses as per particulars given in the account current		3260534
		31095
Cash in hand on 30th April 1856	Balance	15434
Amount outstanding against workmen to be written off		818597
Amount outstanding to be recovered hereafter		40748
		6841105
	Rupees	15434

Not sanctioned

On the 25th October 1856	Rupees	7500 " "
On the 7th December 1850	"	2000 " "
On the 19th March 1850	"	2000 " "
On the 6th July 1850	"	10000 " "
On the 16th September 1850	"	19000 " "
On the 13th December 1851	"	14000 " "
On the 29th October 1852	"	23000 " "
On the 27th September 1853	"	25000 " "
On the 22nd March 1855	"	28000 " "
	Rupees	130500 " "

/Signed/ Douglas Hamilton, Captain
Asst. Supt. Annamalay Forest

/Signed/ C. B. Thomas
Collector.

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No. 3.

Abstract Statement showing the Amount of advances made and the actual charges incurred for working the Annamallie Forest up to end of the Official year 1855/56.-

Advances upto 1854/55		
Amount advanced on account of the Pay of the Establishment from the commencement of the Forest operations to the end of the Official year 1854/55 as per last Account current		22509 56
Dr. Dr. for Forest expenditure from Dr. to Dr. as per Dr.		704674
Amount advanced to Collengode Numbidy being the Amount of rent for 1,500 Trees at 5 Rupees each and to Goorroobuse Ramsing being compensation for his claim on the Collungode Numbidy's Forest as per Dr. Dr.		9500 " "
		1024761 01
Advances in 1855/56		
Amount advanced for the pay of the Forest Establishment as per account current now sent		5089128

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Amount advanced for Forest expenditure out of the balance from the sum of 1300500 Rupees sanctioned by Government — 25806 72

Amount advanced in anticipation of the sanction of Government for the revised Estimate of 34000 Rupees as per account current now sent — 9000 " "

Total advanced from the Collectors Treasury upto 1855/56 — 42372 13

Add

Amount taken by the Forest Superintendent for Forest expenditure from the sale proceeds and not brought to account in the Collectors Books but included in the Superintendents account current for 1854/55 — 9925 32

Amount Value of Stamp Papers issued gratis for taking contract Bonds from Collengode Numbedy and Goorooluse Ramsing not included in the account current of the Superintendent but charged in the Collectors Books — 7 " "

— 9932 32

— 39876 310

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Grand Total of advances — 152305 11

Deduct

Cash remaining in the hands of the Supdt of Ammallie Forest on the 30th April 1856 — 8185 97

Amount of advance outstanding against workmen to be recovered hereafter — 6841 105

Amount of irrecoverable balance of advances to be written off the accounts as per sanction of Government dated 12th August 1856 — 407 48

— 15434 88

Remainder actual charges incurred up to the end of the Official year 1855/56 as per account of the Superintendent including the 7th Rupees being value of Stamp Papers above alluded to — 13687 085

Deduct

Amount of actual charges sanctioned under date 30th January 1852 — 13802-8-8

D:o D:o under date 17th February 1853. — 14517-11-3

D:o D:o under date 15th March 1853. — 15724-14-4

— 44245 23

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Copy of the Establishment paid in 1855/56 to be passed by the Civil Auditor as per instructions conveyed in the Minutes of Consultation dated 22d. March 1855 — 5089/28

Amount appropriated for expenditure from the sale proceeds of Timber &c. not brought to account in the Collector's Books — 992532

Net amount requiring the special sanction of Government — 17600

Coimbatore Collector's Office, Pulachy 29th September 1856.

[Signed] C. B. Thomas
Collector

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Order thereon Ordered to lie over.

To

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No. 131

To

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

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B. W. 4272.

Sir,

From the Jr. Coll.r of Malabar — Reporting with reference to the Board's Proceedings No. 1449 dated 13th May 1856 how the Suit for the recovery of a Salt Compensation allowance therein alluded to, originated. —

With reference to Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 13th May 1856 No. 1449; I have the honor to state that the Isle of Dhurmapatam was the [illegible] simple property of Government vide Paras 9-55 & 65- of the Report of the Commissioners dated the 14th October 1793. and Para 100 of Mr. Commissioners dated the 14th October 1793. and Para 100 of Mr. Commissioner Grant's report dated the 4th January 1822.—

2. When the manufacture of Country Salt was prohibited in Fusly 1224 (1814/15) and the pans in consequence laid waste in accordance with Sections 4 & 5 of Regulation I of 1805, the Collector Mr. Warden publicly notified throughout Malabar that those who had held them should receive Compensation, rendering account.

* Vide his Report to the Board of 24th February 1815.

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account of any profit they had derived from
manufacture of the article. Fourteen
Manufacturer at Chunniapatam and
or two of the adjacent places, produced an
account shewing certain profits amounting
Rupees 243-8-0 the rest of the manufa
stated that they had derived no profit fro
the manufacture, but the full amount of
Compensation was paid to these manufac
according to their accounts from Fusly 12
when the Manufacture ceased up to Fu
1242. In course of time part of the
pans were converted into paddy land
and the compensation for such pans
was gradually discontinued.

3. A statement of pans
amount of Compensation &c
accompanies this return.

4. The only person
above alluded to as have
furnished the accounts and claims
Compensation

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compensation, were the then Sheristadar of the
Northern Division, a Tahsildar of Do. and
one Chova Karen, one of the principal merchants
at the time in Malabar. - It appears that to
these Officials and other, the compensation
was paid even for pans, the fee simple
property of Government. -

5. The circumstance came to the
notice of the late Collector Mr. Conolly who
instituted full enquiry thro the Sub Collector at
Tellicherry and the result led to his ordering
the discontinuance of payment of the payment
of Compensation for Salt pans which belonged to
Government to private individuals. The order
to take effect from Fusly 1257 a Copy of the said
order addressed to the Sub Collector is herewith submitted. -

9/21st February 1850

6. It is for the compensation of the pan
No. 3 of the Statement referred to in Para 3 that
the complainants have now preferred a claim: none
of the other manufacturers affected by the order, have
objected. -

Calicut. — }
14th October. }

(Signed) W. Robinson -
Actg. Collector -

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Ex. i Statement of Salt Pans for which Compensation

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was paid in consequence of the Manufacture of the Ar

No.	Name of the alleged proprietor entered in the Accounts.		Name of the Pans.	Amount annual Compensation paid from Fusly 1224 to 1243.	When and what Amount of compensation was discontinued: Fusly 1254	Fusly 1255	Fusly 1256	Fusly 1257	Fusly 12
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Cotyam Taluk									
1	Dhurmapatnom	Palayaad	Chovakaren Mayen coolty	Kyakra Kora Padana	11 11 6	" " "	" " "	" "	11 11 6	"
2	—Do—	Andaloor	Do— Macky	Moondayodem do	19 15 5	" " "	" " "	" "	19 15 5	" " "
3	—Do—	Do—	Do	Cadavatha do	82 14 "	" " "	" " "	" "	82 14 "	" "
4	—Do—	Do—	Do	Vettila do	10 13 7	" " "	" " "	" "	10 13 7	"
5	—Do—	Palayaad	Poochacundy Oosencoolty	Nudeevilay Korath do	5 8 6	" " "	5 8 6	" "	" " "	"
6	—Do—	Andaloor	Koonjeecundy Aunada	Moondavoden	15 3 3	" " "	" " "	" "	15 3 3	"
7	—Do—	—Do—	Theekodatha Koren	Do do	20 8 10	" " "	" " "	" "	20 8 10	"
8	Nittoor	Vadakoompad	Parapraven Coonjaimed	Pathinitumshom do	12 " "	6 7 6	" " "	5 8 6	" " "	"
9	—Do—	Koonath	Narenholy Comappen	Pathuramshom do	15 4 "	" " "	" " "	" "	" " "	"
10	Olavilum	Olavilum	Cooroonhot Nair	Thucay calamoo Mooshar calams do	4 4 7	" " "	" " "	" "	" " "	"
11	—Do—	—Do—	Moondayoden	Anboo Catilay calam do	" 8 1	" " "	" " "	" "	" " "	"
12	—Do—	—Do—	Poyapratha Nair	Nambiar Colum do	3 3 5	" " "	" " "	" "	" " "	"
13	Tellicherry	Vadykagom	Colhamungalaven Calesperi	Chitayil Thayay do	4 0 12	" " "	" " "	" "	" " "	"
14	Edacad	Edacad	Eranjikul Devasom (Pagoda)	Eranjekalay do	" 12 10	" " "	5 8 6	" " "	" 12 10	"
				Total	2438	6 7 6	5 8 6	25 7 11	142	"

having been prohibited.-

Particulars of the Puttahs granted to convert Pans into Paddy fields.-

Fusly 1262	Total amount discontinued	Amount paid since Fusly 1263.	Fusly	No.	Extent Cawny	Extent Square feet	Revenue fixed for Pans converted into Paddy fields	
12	13	14	15	16	17		18	
" "	11 11 6	" "	1254	14	3	1,200	12	9 7
" "	19 15 5	" "	1260	17127	2	1300	11	2 6
" "	82 14 "	" "	1258	120	5	1,000	26	" 8
" "	10 13 7	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "
" "	5 8 6	" "	1255	151	7	310	24	15 3
" "	15 3 3	" "	"	"	"	"	"	" "
" "	20 8 10	" "	"	"	"	"	"	" "
" "	12 " "	" "	1243	4	7	166	15	11 6
10 6 "	10 6 "	4 14 "	1257	198	4	1100	10	6 "
" "	" "	4 47	"	"	"	"	"	" "
" "	" "	" 81	"	"	"	"	"	" "
" "	" "	3 35	"	"	"	"	"	" "
" "	7 15 "	32 13 "	1256	75	3	1,500	2	10 5
" "	" 12 10	" "	"	"	"	"	"	" "
10 66 "	197 12 11	45 11 1	"	"	"	"	103	7 11

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Tax levied when Salt was being manufactured.	Remarks	
19		
106 u u	The land was held free of Revenue for 1255 & 1256. The Puttah shews that it was the Semour property of the Sirkar.	
14 u u	This was held free of rent for 2½ years from 1260. the payment of Compensation was discontinued on account of a dispute between the Chowa Rachwa and Cotary Pataly subsequently Puttah was granted and paddy cultivated on the land	
28 u u	This was held free of rent for 1258 & 1259 - The Puttah shewing that the land was Semour property of the Sircar the payment of Compensation was stopped -	
8 12 u	The pan being Semour property of Sirkar, the Compensation was discontinued.	
20 u u	This was held free of Revenue for 2½ years from 1253 The Puttah shews that the pan belonged to the Sirkar and that therefore the compensation would not be paid in future.	
7 u u	The pan being Sirkar property Compensation was discontinued. -	
7 u u	Ditto	
20 u u	Held free of Revenue from 1243 to 1246 which was afterwards collected Subsequently when the land was laid waste the tax was remitted - The	
22 32	Puttah shews that it was the property of a Ryot. -	
3 65	Held free of Revenue for 1257 & 1258. A Wadhast was addressed under date the 12th October 1847 No. 84 approving of the Sub Collectors Suggestion that the Compensation	
2 65	should be paid deducting the Sum of Rupees 10-6 - u The pan belonged to a Ryot. -	
4 52	Held free of Revenue from 1254 to 1256. The amount paid the holder	
5 8 u	was Rs. 2-10-5 less than the actual amount of Compensation as the Sirkar is entitled only to 25 per Cent of the Pulam of Coods in that	
4 u u	Renshom the tax is small and God knows where it is - Vide in No. 45 of 1243 & 46 of 1845 permitting the continuance of the payment of Compensation The pan being cultivated the compensation was discontinued and it is shewn in the Puttah to belong to a Ryot.	
252 92		

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No. 19.

Memo. to the Head Assistant Collectors Cutcherry.

With reference to the Memoranda forwarded from this Office requesting to know the grounds on which compensation was made to the Manufacturers of Salt from the Pans situated in the Dhurma Patonam & Renshom, which appear to belong to the Sircar, in the same manner as the indulgence is made for those in the above place, Rendoottara and Tellicherry belonging to the Ryots detailed answers have been received from that Cutcherry, accompanied by the proceedings held with the Ryots as well as records connected with the Subject. On an Examination of the above as also the records of this Cutcherry it is found that the Ryots have adduced no grounds for the necessity of paying the Compensation for pans situated on Sircar lands, and that they are unable to produce any documents to Establish their claims to the same.

It

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It appears by the old records of this Cutcherry that at the time the Ryots applied for a compensation a list of the pans wherein they had manufactured the article was drawn out and the indulgence commenced to be assumed that it was done with a Knowledge that the list embraced those pans also which belonged to the Sirkar.—

After an attentive and needful Examination of the Records bearing on this subject there is strong reason to conclude that it was through the neglect of the then Officers that the said indulgence was extended to the Sirkar Pans in common with those of the Ryots. There is therefore no occasion for the said payment being continued in future.—

It is required that the above circumstance be made known to the Ryots, and measures adopted for the realization of arrears of Rent the payment of which might have been withheld by the people on the supposition that they would be entitled to the compensation of Pans of the said description.—

21st February 1850.—

(True Copy)
(Signed) W. Robinson
Aj. Collector.

L.G.B.

22609 (904.905)
B. No. 4332
Resolution thereon—
In Cons. 13th May 1850.

Fort St. George 19th December 1850.

Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 9th May 1850 Revenue Department No. 476.

2. In submitting their Report to Government upon the suit instituted for the recovery of a Salt Compensation allowance, the Board under date 3d May 1850, expressed a wish that the Collector had entered into some detail regarding the transaction which led to the institution of legal proceedings, and the Government, in their reply, directed that the necessary information should be called for and submitted to them.—

3. In his present letter

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the Collector furnishes the required information. It will be seen that the land for which Compensation was paid in this case for a series of years, in consequence of the suppression of the Manufacture of Salt, was the Inam property of Government, and that when this circumstance came to Knowledge of the late Collector Mr. Conolly discontinued the allowance on the ground that full compensation had been granted for all expenses incurred in forming the Salt Pan and that annual compensation for the land itself was only due in cases where it also belonged to private parties.

4. A similar course was adopted by the late Collector towards several other parties who had in like manner received compensation for land which belonged not to them but to Government.

5. The matter is now before the Courts and the result of the suit will be reported in due course.

I. G. B.

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No. 145

From

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

To

The Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Circular, dated the 18th December 1855 No. 3400, forwarding Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated the 8th December, and calling upon the Collectors to submit their opinion on the condition of the Village tribunals in their respective Districts, their working, the respect in which they are held, when they are inoperative what are the causes of this inactivity, and the appropriate remedies, whether the Moonsiffs salaries are adequate, what their ability is, in regard to education and intelligence, and what effect the hereditary tenure on which the Officers held has on the efficiency of the class, I have the honor to

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B. No. 4258 from the Coll. of Salem, affording the information called for in the Board's Circular of the 18th Dec. 1855 No. 3400 - respecting the Village Moonsiffs.

to state that the Village Moonsiffs in this District differ considerably in regard to intelligence and influence in different Talooks.

2. In the 8 Talaghat Talooks, the authority of the Moonsiffs is, in general, respected, and the Moonsiffs are tolerably intelligent. They are for the most part in good circumstances, though not wealthy, and are not subservient to the Village cumnums. Perhaps a fourth part of the entire number are able to read and write. The majority belong to the Vellalar Caste. There are some Pullies and a few Brahmins.

3. In the 4 Baramahal Talooks the Moonsiffs of Tripatoor exercise greater influence and are more intelligent than the Moonsiffs in the 3 other Talooks. They are possessed of more property, and from the Villages being larger in the Tripatoor Talook than in the other 3 the individual salaries are generally higher. This difference

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in qualifications and influence may be owing partly to the circumstances now stated, but it is also open to remark that the Moonsiffs in the Tripatoor Talook were from the commencement of our rule superior to the same classes in the 3 Talooks of Dorampoory, Vengaricottah, and Kistnagherry. The Moonsiffs in these 3 Talooks have less influence as a class, and are poorer than the Moonsiffs in any of the other Talooks in the District. The Moonsiffs in the Baramahal Division belong chiefly to the Vellalars, the Reddies, and the Pullies. The Vellalars are not of the same sect as the Vellalars in the Talaghat Talooks. Perhaps 25 per Cent can read and write in the Tripatoor Talook, and 15 per Cent in the other 3.

4. The Moonsiffs in the 2 Balaghat Talooks are more wealthy than the Moonsiffs in the other

two

two Divisions. They are the least dependent on the Curnums, and about half are able to read and write, but their influence over the people is not so great as that of the Curnums. The superior influence of the Curnums in the Baramahal and Balaghat Talooks may be traced to the higher position which the Curnums held in these Talooks under the native Government, as compared with the Potails or heads of Villages.

5. It is not in my power to compare the extent to which the Moonsiffs in the different Divisions exercise their Civil power, as no returns of Suits are sent to the Collectors Office.

6. In regard to the hereditary tenure, and the effect it has on the efficiency of the Moonsiffs as a class, I may remark that the value of the Moonsiffs Office is enhanced when it is held on this tennure. It is further evident that whatever promotes

promotes the value of an Office is a means of securing efficiency in the person who fills it. In this District the hereditary right is usually allowed, though the claimant may be unable to read or write. Regret has been paid to the hereditary principle for the sake of the value it gives to the Office. It has also been deemed of more importance that the persons who hold the Office should possess local influence than that they should be able to read, but there is no good reason why a certain time should not now be named, when the qualifications of reading and writing would be considered absolutely essential to any one succeeding to the Office of Moonsiff. In that case the Moonsiffs, after a time, would as seldom fail as the Curnums do at present, to have their Children

Children duly instructed.

7. It is owing either to ignorance or to want of local influence that Moonsiffs find no exercise for their functions. I may observe as to the 1st point that most of the Village Curnums have recently received a printed Copy of Regulation IV of 1816, to be preserved, in conformity with Section XXXIX of that Regulation for the information of the Moonsiffs and 2dly that the local presses afford a means, no less important than novel, of further instructing the Moonsiffs in their duty. The Zillah Judges can now address the entire class collectively; and with the aid of printed forms the Judge may obtain returns of work with far more ease than formerly. The utility of the presses as a means of circulating orders or information to

to every individual Moonsiff may be considered a new reason that Officers of this class should hereafter be able to read.

8. It is important that the Office should be held by those who have most influence with the inhabitants. On this ground whoever exercises authority in the Revenue Department is constituted ex-Officio (Reg. IV of 1816) the Moonsiffs of the Village. In the Salem District the Moonsiffs are furnished with written appointments, and in most instances the two Offices of Monegar and Moonsiff are held by the same person. It would be bad policy to set aside as of no moment the qualification which property, social position, and Official authority confer, though it seems that the time is at hand

hand when another kind of fitness may be properly demanded.

9 In the settled portions of the District the two Offices are not combined because in general the Agents employed in collecting the Revenue have no local connection with the Villages. On this account the Moonsiffs in those parts have no sort of Official emolument, but notwithstanding this disadvantage the Office is held in estimation and is claimed as hereditary when Vacancies occur.

10 The Moonsiffs' salaries have not been revised in this District. The Official Salary increases the value of the Office but the Office is not esteemed solely for the sake of the Salary. It is not probable that any increase in salary would be attended by an immediate increase in

in the number of Suits tried by the Moonsiffs, supposing that no change of persons ensued. The inhabitants will not bring their Suits to the Moonsiffs' Court unless they have confidence in his personal efficiency, and such efficiency cannot be secured merely by raising the salary.

11 The number of Village Moonsiffs in this District was reported to the Board in my letter of the 24th Ultimo

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Ultimo N: 24 - It was ex-

plained in that letter that

the Moonsiffs receive a

salary in virtue of their

Office as Monegars No emoluments are

attached by the State to the Moonsiffs Offs

Salem Collectors Office.

O Ossoor .....

16th October 1856 ...

906. 907. Order thereon

Signed W. A Bull

Collector

Ordered

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Bc No 4723

Tabular report on lapsed Enam in the District of Madura for the 4th Quarter of 1856

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Taluk and Village, Extent & Value of the entire Enam	When and by whom granted name of the original grantee summud on other documents in support of the grant	Nature of the Grant Charity, or service, If service, nature of the duety prescribed by the Grant.	Name of the last holder date of his decease & relationship in which he stood to the Original grantee	Share enjoyed by the deceased and that held by other member	Family left by the deceased, name and age of the parties, their Circumstances, and the means of subsistence possessed by them	Recommendation of the Collector and the grounds on which it is made.
Eroombaly Vadamal thy rent free Enam Nunjah Cawney 15/16 taxed 8-15-2	Date and names of the Grantor and Grantee not known No summud. In the accounts of Fusly 1212 the whole Enam of this description amounting to 4 9/16 Cawnies is entered in the name of Vencatasawaravath yar and in that of Fusly 1217 in the names of Shasha vathyar, Annava thyar, Vencatasawa ravathyar, and Subapathy Sastry	Services Teaching Vedahs to boys and reading Poora naks.-	Easwaravathyar died on the 3d August 1850. he was a disciple of Subapathy Sastry in Col-3	The entire Enam was enjoyed by deceased.-	Narravathyar son of the deceased aged 9 yrs and 69 yrs Vencatachellavathyar aged 14 yrs Meenatchy amaul Daughter aged 8 years Soobamaul widow aged 35 years Coopamaul Sister aged 55 years Parvathyamaul widow of his brother aged 30 years Easwaravathyar Nephew aged 6 yrs 7 They possess no other means of subsistence.	Subapathy sastry held enjoyment of the portion of the enam in question till 1246 when he died without issue. The deceased in 1247 under took the service with the Consent of the Villages and without the sanction of the authorities. As the service performed is valued by the Ryots, Continuance of the portion of the Enam to the son of the deceased is recommended.-

Madras

12th November 1856

Signed R.W. Sullivan

Acting Collector

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B. No. 4322

Proceedings thereon The Acting Collector

is requested to report the

number of Boys instru

cted by the deceased or

by present

holder

of the Office, the

qualifications of the latter

party and the number of

Hindoo Inhabitants in the

Village.—

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22623 Fort St. George 19th December 1856

No. 155

To J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

(910.)

B. No. 4872

From the Acting Collector of Guntoor

Pointing out an Error in para 11 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 21st August 1856 in which Rupees 4-14-4 is presumed to be the highest dryland Assessment in the District and proposing to reduce all above 5 to that standard.

Sir

In para 11th of Extract Mi-

nutes Consultation dated 21st August 1856

Rupees 4-14-4 is quoted as the Maximum

dry rate of Assessment in this District

The accuracy of this, I was led to question

at the time of the receipt of the above

paper and a reference was made to test

it in the Sherista Department, but I regret

that the subject was not brought to notice

on the occasion of my letter of 22d September

last.

2 The higher rates of dry Assessment

are specified below, exclusive of those in

the Mungalagherry Taluk, which have been

modified by the introduction of joint Rents,

and as the conclusions arrived at by the Go-

vernment are based on erroneous premises,

it appears proper that the matter should

be brought to their notice.

3 The Government will doubtless not be prepared to substitute the actual highest rate in the District, viz^t Rupees 7 for that assumed by them as such, viz^t Rs 4 - a 14 - p 8 omitting a fraction, and as on their disapproval of the original proposition of merging the garden in the highest dry rates of each Village, the sum of Rs 4 — as 14 — p 8 has been taken as a fair standard, to which to reduce the garden rates for the imposition of Teeva: -jasty, they will not perhaps be disposed to depart far from it, and as the maximum is actually much higher than Rs 4 — a 14 — p 8, I would suggest that 5 Rupees be taken as the standard for the object under discussion, so as to avoid fractions.

4 I further propose to reduce all the higher dry rates of the District to Rupees 5 as it will involve a decrease of the present revenue of only Rs 262 — a 9 — p 0 as shewn in the above statement, which must be considered insignificant compared with the advantage of getting rid of exorbitant rates, which cannot be justified

on

Statement shewing the Decrease of Rates at 5 Rupees on Lot 3

1 Rates	2 Land	3 Acres	4 Rs	5 a.	6 p	7 Rs	8 a.	9 p	10 Rs	11 a.	12 p	13 Rs	14 a.	15 p	16 Rs	17 a.	18 p
Rs 1 p																	
7 = 0	@	1	32	8	0	2	2	0	2	1	9	1	11	6	5	0	0
6 = 0	@	20	121	10	0	2	2	0	1	9	1	9	11	6	5	0	0
5 = 0	@	24	272	2	0	2	2	0	1	9	1	9	11	6	5	0	0
5 = 0	@	54	205	10	0	2	2	0	1	9	1	9	11	6	5	0	0
5 = 0	@	15	55	12	0	2	2	0	1	9	1	9	11	6	5	0	0
5 = 0	@	11	55	10	0	2	2	0	1	9	1	9	11	6	5	0	0
5 = 0	@	24	371	12	0	2	2	0	1	9	1	9	11	6	5	0	0
5 = 0	@	105	532	10	0	2	2	0	1	9	1	9	11	6	5	0	0
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on the principles of Assessment now recognized by Government and which have hitherto constitute a tax on the industry and capital spent in the artificial improvem of the lands.-

Guntoor District
Collectors Office
Amaravatepatam
15th November 1856

(Signed) H. Newill
Acting Collector

(910. 911)
B. No. 4329

Resolution thereon /

Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the orders of the Right Hon:able the Governor in Council.

2 The Government were pleased to direct that old Garden Lands receiving water from the new Kistnah Channels should be assessed at the highest dry rate

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rate of the District with a charge of Rupees 4 in addition for water. The highest dry rate was supposed to be Rupees 4-14-4 per acre. The fraction was to be struck off and thus the assessment for Garden, receiving water from Government sufficient for two Crops was to be Rupees 8-14-0. The Acting Collector in the letter under submission points out that Rupees 4-14-4 is not the maximum dry rate of the District, and in a tabular statement in para 2 he shews the several rates above Rupees 4-14-4 commencing with Rupees 7 as the maximum with the land and assessment appertaining to each rates. Mr. Newill considers Rs 5 per acre, which is only 2 annas above the rate already sanctioned by Government, to be a fair maximum rate and suggests that it may be substituted for Rupees 4-14-0

Mr.

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Mr. Nevill further proposes to red
all the higher dry rates of the Distr
to Rupees 5, which will involve a
decrease of the present Revenue
to the amount of Rupees 262-9 only

3 As the rates above Rup
5 are stated by the Acting Col
:lector to be exorbitant the Boar
beg to support both propositio

4 It is observed that Sta
:ment No. 2. from the Commissio
alluded to in para [illegible] of Consulta
Minutes [illegible] Consultation above referred
to shewed the dry rates of 12 Villages in
the Mungalagherry Talook only, and not
those of the whole District.

No. 378

To J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to the Boar
Endorsement on Petition No. 1769 of 185
I have the honor to submit the following
report.

The

912
B. No. 4895
From the Collr
of Tinnevelly
Reporting
upon Petition No.
1769 of 1856.

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2 The Petitioner cultivated in
Fusly 1262 17 seed Cottahs of Coir one
crop punjah land in Vauthayem
Sainan Peravoo in Vadagary villuge
in Tencausey Talook, and the Teerwah
therean was collected with reference
to the carr mailwarem rate, but the
Petitioner having urged objections
to it on the ground that the land on
which the teerwah was collected
at the carr rate was properly liable
to be assessed at the Peshanum
rate from its having been cultivated
in the Peshanum season the difference
of teerwah between the carr and Pesha:
:num rates Vizt Rs 79-6-11 was held in de:
:posit and a letter was addressed to the
Board by Mr. Bird under date the 22d April
1854 recommending that the rate which re:
:quires that all cultivation made from July
to September inclusive shall be accounted
and taxed as carr and subsequent cultivation
as Peshanum might be relaxed by substi:
:tuting Peshanum for Carr mailwarum in

consequence

consequence of the latter being fixed on the ave
of one or two favorable seasons out of seven ye
and of the water in the majority of seasons being ava
only very late in the season or not till the Rabee
one has commenced.

3 The Board in Para 7 of their Proceedy
dated 2d August following observing that to tax
Carr lands as Pishanum would be contrary to the
general system of the District, authorized the re
duction of the Carr Mailwarum alluded to by
Bird to that on similar lands in the neighbourh
Accordingly the sanction of Government was ob
ed in Para 43 of the Settlement Report for Fusly
1263 dated 1st January 1855, for refunding to the
party to the Petition under notice Rupees 73
11-11, being a portion of the sum collected from
him as above mentioned, and being the differenc
between the former high Carr Mailwarum and
that to which it was subsequently reduced agre
ably to the instructions of the Board above
mentioned.

4 The Government having in Para 9
of Extract from Minutes of Consultation under
date the 11th March 1856 on the report of the
Land Revenue Settlement for Fusly 1263,
granted

granted sanction for writing off the old
arrears of Rupees 1734-2-3, inclusive of the
sum of Rupees 73-4-11 above mentioned an
Order was issued to the Tahsildar of Tev:
:causey Talook under date the 11th October
last, directing him to credit the sum of Rupees
73-4-11 out of Rupees 79-6-11 above referred
to towards the payment of the Kist due by
the Petitioner for Fusly 1265 as requested by
him, and to forward the remainder to the
Koozzoor Treasury, being the balance of the
Kist due by the Petitioner for Fusly 1262.

5 The Petition under report is
herewith returned.

Tinnevelly
21st November 1856

(Signed) J. Silver
Collector

912 913
3d No 4352
Proceedings thereon

Ordered that the following
Endorsement be passed on Petition No
1769 of 1856.

"The Collector reports that
Rupees 73-4-11 ordered to be refunded to
Petitioner has been credited towards the
payment of the Kist due by him for Fusly
1265 Further notice of this Petition
is therefore unnecessary."

To

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No. 187

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

914
B. No. 4892
From the Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 6th ultimo No. 3243, I beg to explain that the apparently large site allotted for a Burial ground at Coonoor, is owing to the rapidly increasing population in and near Coonoor both belonging to the place itself, and many of the work people and followers from Jackatalla.

2

Land is also being bought up so rapidly, and so little fit land is left that I thought it highly desirable to secure in time, a fit spot sufficient for the probable demands of the population a few years hence when this will be found by no means too much. This site is in a valley somewhat removed from the Houses the present population is about

Coimbatore
Collector's office
21st November 1858

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector

914. 915
B. No. 4324
Proceedings thereon

The Collector is requested

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to explain more fully how the land referred to is occupied, and what are the rights of the Todahs and Burghers over it. He will also state whether unoccupied land is not available in a situation as convenient as that selected or nearly as eligible.

No. 194

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

916
Bd. No. 5007
From the Collr of Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 12th Instant No. 3808 I have the honor to forward Copy of letter from the Superintendent of Annamallee Forests bearing date the 24th offering his remarks on the subject of the road alluded to in Captain Francis's letter to the Chief Engineer of the 8th October 1856, to which, I have nothing to add, but that I believe the project and outlay, desirable.

Coimbatore Collrs Office
26th November 1856

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector

Enor No. 1
No. 188

To the Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to Extract

from

x Extract herewith returned

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from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
No. 3808 dated 12th November 1856, forwarded
to me for remark. I would beg to state
that the trough road suggested by Captain
Francis, could be very easily constructed
from the foot of the slip to Calongode
as material is abundant all along the
line. The total distance is about 18 miles
and the cost at Rupees 300 per mile
as Estimated by Captain Francis would
be Rupees 5,400.

2 Sanction has just been ob-
:tained by the Civil Engineer of Mc
Cotta for metalling the road from
Calongode to Mungara at a cost of Rupees
5730. So that if a trough road were made
from the foot of the slip to Calongode
the line over which the annamallay
Timber passes would be complete to the
floating point, and could be used in
good or bad weather.

3 When I first went to the
Forest in 1848 I traced a pass down
the Hill side, at a slope, practicable
for Carts, and I agree with Captain
Francis in thinking that it might be
opened out with very great advantage
to the Forest as well as to the surround-
:ing Country. Timber of all descriptions

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descriptions, is now so much in
demand, and so difficult to obtain,
that I feel sure that if a cart
road existed up the Hill side,
which would induce Cart con-
:tractors to seek work above the
Ghaut in greater numbers than at
present, large supplies of valuable
Jungle wood might be annually
sent out of the Forest.

4 The length of the trace
which I made is about 6 miles,
and tho' Colonel Cotton on going
over it with me approved of the line,
he considered it too great an expense
to incur at that early stage of the
Forest work, and the timber has
hitherto been supplied down the
side of the mountain.

5 Owing to the nature
of the ground it is almost im-
:possible to keep the slip in
proper order planks are constant-
:ly damaged in their descent, thro' striking
against rocks laid bare by the heavy rains.

for

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for in spite of attempts made to dra
the slip is some times a complete ba
6

The cost of slipping a flu
means of Coolies is about 8 As the s
plank could be carted down by m
of Ghaut for somewhat less, and
would be no risk of damage to
leaving the probable demand and
of Jungle wood out of the question
opening out of a pass is highly des
if only on account of the Teak tim
annually supplied to the Bomb
Dock yard.

7 Captain Francis
the probabl
think would be ample.
Coimbatore
24th November 1856

(Signed) J. Michael
Supt Annamally Fo

(True Copy)
(Signed) John M Brown
Mg Asst Collec

916.917
B.D. No. 4246
Resolution thereon,

Resolved that the above lette
its enclosure be forwarded to the Chief
Engineer with reference to the Contract for
the proceedings dated 1st ultimo No 7758.
2

From Lieut. Michael's Lette
the construction of a Trough road from
foot of the slip to Colingode and the ope
of the pass referred to appear to be very
desirable works.

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No. 388

To

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort Saint George

Sir,

On the 18th April last Govern-

918
B.D. No. 5045
From the Coll.
& Tinnevelly
Forwarding
copy of the Master
Attendants letter
with its enclosure
reporting the re-
sult of the prelu-
minary investi-
gation of the Pearl
Oyster beds newly
formed off Tuti-
corin

ment sanctioned an Estimate of Rupees 1,404. for a search of the Pearl banks off the Coast of Madura and Tinnevelly, North and South of Tutacorin, to be conducted by Mr Robertson, Master Attendant at Tutacorin. The necessary preparations for commencing the search, after the Monsoon, were accordingly made

2. On the 11th Ultimo the Jodee Talaven / or Head Diver / at Tutacorin having reported to me the formation of new Pearl Oyster beds off Tutacorin, I addressed the Master Attendant on the subject, and directed the Jodee Talaven to place himself in communication with that Officer & suggested to Mr Robertson, a preliminary

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preliminary examination of the bed
specified by the Head Diver. Sh
now the honor to transmit to th
Board, for the purpose of being la
before Government, copy of Mr Robert
letter of 27th November, with its enc
reporting the result of the preliminary
investigation, which is so far satisfa

3 The complete search will
made in January, and the result
communicated to the Board or
Government.

4 Adverting to the concluding
Para of Mr Robertsons letter the
Government under date the 11th July
1856, directed that the earliest suitable
opportunity should be taken advantage
of, to send the boat purchased for
the Master Attendant more than a
year before that time, from Coring
to Tuticorin but still after a lapse
of above Eighteen Months, the boat
has not yet been sent, and the

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Master Attendant feels the want of
it.

5 As regards any measures
for guarding the Pearl Oyster beds
by stationing guard boats off them, or
otherwise, I defer bringing forward the
subject, till I am acquainted with
the result of the complete examination,
to be commenced next Month, when the
whole subject will again be brought
before the Board and Government

Tinnevelly,
1st December, 1856

I have &c
(Signed) I. Silver
Collector

No 71

To The Collector
Tinnevelly

Sir

With reference to my letter
of the 20th Instant I have the honor
to acquaint you that, the weather
having proved favorable on the 24th
Instant, I left this at half past
two

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two O' Clock on the following morning
25th Instant / to make a partial examination of the Pearl Banks on which Oysters had been reported by the Chank Divers to have formed, and it is now my pleasing duty to state that, the Inspection which was conducted over six Banks far surpassed my utmost expectation. Pearl Oysters were found on all the Six Banks, as will be seen from the accompanying remarks on each but on Banks No. 1. 2. 3. 4 and 6 the Oysters were almost in one entire mass over the whole extent of the Banks. If a preference were given to any particular Bank it would be to No 6. which was found to be particularly prolific.

Seeing that a very large quantity of young Oysters, have formed on the Banks within the last four or five months, and all, as well as those of an older growth, looking exceedingly

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exceedingly healthy, there is every probability that the greater proportion will come to maturity about four to five years hence.

The existence of such a large mass of young Oysters found on the six Banks examined must naturally lead any reasonable person to expect that Oysters of a mature growth will be found on some of the adjacent Banks, which although I am most anxious to search, must remain untouched until the general examination, as the Money sanctioned for the Inspection cannot admit of hiring a Cargo schooner Boat at Rupees (10) ten per day, particularly as a schooner of thirty four tons has been engaged for Rupees (250 / two hundered and fifty per mensem from the 5th January 1857.

Had the boat which was contemplated

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built at Coringa for this Port be
at the disposal of the Master Attend
much good might have been accomplis
longer this, and a further search
taken place on the Banks contig
to the six which have been looked
Two good sailing boats would
be of great service now for the protec
of the young Banks at all events
boat built expressly for this port, wo
be more serviceable here in every respec
than being "sised up" / as I am led to
lieve / as a boat for pleasure, and al
purposes, that may be required, a
Coringa

In conclusion, I beg with all due
respect to remark that, as the boat for this Port
not been "Otherwise provided for" or brought down
to Tuticorin by the Steamer "Hugh
Lindsay" as mentioned in a letter from
the Secretary to the Marine Board
under date 30th June 1854. I cannot see

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see the slightest difficulty in having
the said boat sailed down here, and
in time for the Inspection of the Pearl
Banks in January 1857.

Master Attendant's Office,
Tuticorin, 27th November 1856. } (Signed) W. Robertson
Master Attendant

Report on an Inspection conducted
over six Pearl Banks seven Miles to
the Eastward of Tuticorin on the 25th
of November 1856.

On the 15th Instant information
having been brought to the notice of
the Master Attendant, through the
Police Tallaven that the chank Divers
had reported the existence of
Pearl Oysters on some Banks off
Tuticorin; it was considered advisable
to have an immediate examination
of those Banks, and the 19th Instant
was the day named for that pur-
pose, but the weather proving
so very unsettled nothing could
be accomplished until the 25th
Instant when one Cargo schooner
boat

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boat, with two canoes left this at half past two O'Clock on the morning of this day, and passed over six Pearl Banks all of which were found to be well stocked with young Oysters, as may be seen by the following remarks.

For future reference and convenience the Banks have been numbered.

No. 1 Bank.

Cooroochan Paur.

Pearl Oysters from four to two years old were found in large heaps over the whole extent of this Bank. Oysters of the same age were in large quantities on the sandy bottom extending some distance from, and round the Bank. The Choorum was found in a limited quantity amongst the Oysters adhering to live, and dead Chank, and other dead shells, and particles of rock on the sandy bottom, but none were found on the Bank.

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No. 2 Bank

Cooroochan Paur Toondum

Oysters on this Bank about the same age and quantity as the Bank described above - Choorum none.

No. 3 Bank

Navary Paur

Oysters in large quantities on this Bank about the same age as on the two Banks noticed above. Choorum none.

No. 4 Bank

Oothe Paur

Oysters on this Bank much the same in quantity and age as Banks Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Choorum none

No. 5

Odooroovie Paur

Oysters were found on this Bank, but not in such quantities as on the Banks above noticed Choorum found in limitted quantities.

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No. 6

Clothie Paur

This Bank is of some Extent and may be considered superior to any of the other five abovementioned. The Choorum was not found on this Bank and the Hulleikay has not been on any of the Banks noticed above and taking into consideration the small quantity of Choorum that has been found, the future prospects of the Six Banks looked at out of Seventy five, may be considered exceedingly satisfactory and there is every reason to believe that, a fishery may be looked for in 1860 & 61, over the Six Banks just examined.

Master Attendant's Office,
Tuticorin, 27th November, 1856.

/ Signed W. Robertson
Master Attendant

/ True Copy /
/ Signed J. Silver
Collector

Order

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(918. 919)

Bd. No. 4330
To the Secretary
to Government

Ordered to be submitted with the following letter.

To
The Secretary to
Government
Revenue Department.

Sir

Dated 1st Inclosure
19th Decr. 1856

With reference to Para of Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 385 dated 18th April 1856, sanctioning the expenditure of Rupees 1404 for a complete examination of the Pearl Banks North and South of Tuticorin, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward the accompanying letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly enclosing a Report from the Master Attendant of that Port Mr. Robertson to whose superintendence the search has been entrusted.

2 These papers have reference merely to a preliminary and partial inspection made on the 25th November last in a Cargo Schooner boat, and two Canoes out of the 75 Banks lying in that direction. Six were examined and five of these proved to be covered with large Mapes of young Oysters free from the "Sooram" or Halikay" fishes which were reported by Captain Quinton to be destructive to the Oysters and are alluded to by Government in para 4 of the Extract quoted above.

3 There were Oysters on the other Bank also but they were not abundant and a limited quantity of the "Sooram" was discovered on it.

4 The Oysters on all the Banks are from four Months to two years old. The young Oysters are

are in large quantities and both these and the older ones look healthy—Mr Robertson states that they will arrive at maturity in four or five years hence when a fishery may be established. He also infers from the large number of young oysters that others of mature growth must exist on some of the other Banks

5 It is intended to commence the general examination in January 1857 for which purpose a schooner of 34 Tons has been engaged from the 5th Instant at Rupees 250 Per Month—

E.M.C. 18713
Date 11th July 1856
In Con 18—

6 In regard to the Board purchased nearly 2 years ago for the use of the Master Attendant at Tuticorin, I am desired to state that the Collector of Rajahmundry has been requested to ascertain and report whether it is likely to be despatched to its destination and if what use has hitherto been made of it—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
19th December

(Signed) I. D. Sim
Ag. Secretary

Ordered also that the following letter be sent—

920
Bd. No. 4314
To the Collector of Rajahmundry

To
The Collector of
Rajahmundry.

Sir

I am desired by the Board of Revenue to request that you will ascertain and inform

inform them whether the Boat purchased by Government about 18 months ago for the use of the Master Attendant at Tuticorin and stated by the Marine Board in July last to be in charge of the Master Attendant at Cocanada has yet been dispatched to its destination and if not when it is likely to be sent to the first mentioned Port and also what use, if any has hitherto been made of it—

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Fort St. George
19th December 1856.

(Signed) I. D. Sim
Ag. Secretary

No. 8528

To
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

921
Bd. No. 4984
From the Supg Engineer Southern circle
Pub. Roads

Sir

I am directed by the Chief Engineer to forward plans and Estimates received from the Assistant Civil Engineer in charge Tinnevelly District for the improvement of roads in the Thencaussee Taluk to the amount of Rupees 9,200 to be defrayed from the accummulated Quit Rent of the Courtallum Pagoda—

2 Before sending these Estimates up to Government, Colonel Faber will be glad to be favored with the Board's opinion as to the funds being available for the purpose—

No. 157 dated 14th November 1856

3 A copy of Lieutenant Oakes's letter is herewith forwarded—

Central Office P. Works
Fort St. George 22nd Decr 56—

(Signed) E. Lawford.
Supt. Engr. Southern Circle

22656 to 158 Fort St. George 19th December 1856.

Bd. Vol. 4347

Proceedings thereon

(Ju. 922)

The Board observe that the surplus Funds referred to amount to Rupees 9,208 of which Rs. 2,077 have been retained in deposit by Government and the remainder will be shortly realized from the Travancore state

2. The Local portion if not the whole of this sum will be carried to the credit of the "Local Funds" of the District and be available for the improvement of the Roads in the neighbourhood of Courtallum and Tenkasy

3 The Board await the result of a reference to the Collector on the subject on the receipt of his reply they will apply to Government for permission to credit the Local Fund with the amount which can then be expended under the rules sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation 11th April 1856 - No. 371 -

Pro to Tinnevelly 26th November 1856

Read again Statement from the Collector of Nellore dated 5th and entered in Cons. 9th Dec. 1856 of Demand Collection and Balance of Revenue for November last -

Ordered that the following letter be sent

(923)

Bd. No. 4315

To the Collector of Nellore

To

The Collector of

Nellore

Sir

With reference to your Demand Collection and Balance Statement for the month of November last dated 5th Instant, I am desired by the Board to request you will explain the cause of so large a balance of Rupees as Rupees 1,66,060 remaining unadjusted -

2 The Board desire me to request that brief explanation may always be afforded in the column of Remarks in cases like the above -

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
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/ Signed / J. D. Sim
Ag Secretary

22659 Fort St. George 19th December 1856.

Read the following letters.

No. 418.

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

(924)

Bd. No. 5041.

From the Collector of Chingleput

Sir

Agreeably with the instructions conveyed in Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 4031 of date the 2d Instant, I have the honor to forward herewith a Statement shewing the instalments allowed Messrs. Kenrick & Co. for the liquidation of the Balance outstanding against Messrs. Kenrick for Fasly 1264, and the dates on which they were discharged. It will be seen that the interest due on the arrears is only Rupees 16-7- up to 30th November last

Chingleput District -
Collector's Cutcherry
Cuddapet 5th December 1856

/ Signed / C. I. Shubrick
Collector.

Account.

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Proceedings thereon.

Inform. 19th Dec. 1856.

Adverting to the views expressed by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation under date 5th December No. 1285 the Board resolve to stay further Proceedings in this matter until the 15th January, in the hope that the balance now outstanding on account of the 2d instalment may be liquidated by that date, they further request that the Collector will require the firm to enter into satisfactory arrangements for the regular liquidation of future instalments as they fall due in accordance with the instructions of the Board in their Proceedings of 27th May 1856. The Collector will also give Messrs Renrick & Co distinctly to understand that no further indulgence will be accorded and that a failure to satisfy the terms of this fresh arrangement will be followed by the institution of legal proceedings for recovery of the arrear.

Rs. 2516-7-

To

Fort St. George 19th December 1856

Dr. Messrs Renrick & Co in account Current with the Collector of Chingleput

Chingleput in payment of the Abstract Balance for July 1264.

To Amount of Principal due on the 1st July 1856 on account of the first Quarterly instalment fixed by the Board as per Contract from Messrs Renrick & Co dated the 27th May 1856. 3500..

To Amount paid on the 29th July 1856 3500..

To Balance. 2516/7

To Amount of Principal due on the 31st October 1856 on account of the 2d Quarterly instalment 3500..

To Amount of interest on 3500 Rupees due 31st October from 1st November to 28th inclusive per Cent per Annum 14-6-2

To Rupees 2,500 from 1st November 1856 at D° 2-10-16

7016-7-

By Amount of Principal due on the 1st July 1856 on account of the first Quarterly instalment fixed by the Board as per Contract from Messrs Renrick & Co dated the 27th May 1856. 1000..

To D° paid on the 26th November 1856 1000..

4500..

By Balance 2516/7

Contra 7016-7-

Errors not excepted

By Amount paid on the 29th July 1856 3500..

3500..

Chingleput District
Collector's Cutcherry
Sydapet 5th December 1856

Chingleput
Collector's Cutcherry.
Sydapet 5th December 1856

22666

No 427

To

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

926

B. No. 5096

From the Collector
of Chingleput

Sir

I agreeably with the instructions conveyed in Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 3925 of date the 25th Ultimo I have the honor to forward herewith a statement shewing the names of the Travellers Bungalow where the number of Travellers who halted in 1855 did not exceed twenty four

2 Although the number of Travellers who halted at Sadras on the Southern Coast Road and Tripasore on the Cuddapah Road was only 12. as appears from the books, I am of opinion that they should both be kept up. Both the Bungalows North and South of Sadras shewing a larger number of Travellers and leading to the inference that the omission of their names in the book at Sadras arose from accident or inattention as the distance between those Bungalows is too great to have allowed of runs having been made from one to the other without an intermediate halt. The Bungalow at Tripasore must certainly have been frequented by more than the number

who entered their names in the book and being on the direct road to Cuddapah should I think be also kept up. It is the first Bungalow from the Railway station at Tiruvallore and although it may not be so useful to Travellers proceeding to Cuddapah it will be the Bungalow they will be probably sleep at when coming into Madras the relinquishment of the Bungalows at Perumbaukum and Pullioor on the old Pioneer Road and Conjeeveram in the Cuddapah road was recommended to Government by the late Board of Revenue Department Public Works in their Proceedings of the 6th February 1851 but no orders have as yet been received regarding them They do not appear to be necessary and may be abolished without inconvenience as since the opening of the Railway no travellers are likely to use them.

Chingleput District
Collectors Cutchary
Sydapet 9th Decr 1856

(Signed) C. I. Shubrick
Collector
Return

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Return shewing the names of the Travellers Bungalows where the number of Travellers did not exceed 24 in the year 1855. Zillah Chingleput.

On what Road situated	Names of the Bungalows	State in which they are	Number of Travellers in 1855.	Establishments maintained. Servants	Monthly Pay
Southern Coast Road,	Saidras	Cleanly State	12	1 Sepoy	2 12 9
Cuddapah Road.	Coramoor	Do	7	1 Sweeper	2 " "
	Trepassore	Do	12	Do {	2 12 9 / 2 " "
Old Pioneer Road.	Perumbaukum	Do	3	Do {	2 12 9 / 2 " "
	Pullaon	Do	4	Do {	2 12 9 / 2 " "

Chingleput District Collector's Cutcherry
Sydapet 9th December 1856.

Signed C. S. Shubrick
Collector.

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B. A. 4338

Proceedings thereon.

(96, 925)

To the Board of Revenue.

I have the honor to understand that the Board from
Cuddalore to Madras Part of Pondicherry
Cuddalore to Madras Part of Pondicherry
has been almost entirely abandoned by
Europeans Travellers and is in fact, to
Europeans Travellers, useless to the revenue
inasmuch as to the receipts thereon.
able. If such be the case the retention of
the Public Bungalow at Saidaras is of
questionable propriety and it is desirable
that Mr. Shubrick should report again
on the matter after further enquiry. Re
will at the same time be pleased to state
whether the Bungalows North and South
are not sufficiently numerous.

2.

I am directed from Cuddalore
Travellers in general from the old Road
to Madras turn off the old Road
at or near Pondicherry and go to
Sidenamum and thence to Madras.
Mr. Shubrick will
consider

3.

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consider whether the Sadras Bungalow is likely to be more used when the Canal in its neighbourhood is completed for some distance southward.

No. 164

To I. D. Sim Esqre

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

928
B No. 5206.

From the Acting Collr of Malabar

Sir

With reference to the Boards letter No. 4077 dated 4th Instant, I have the honor to append a Memo shewing the total number of Adigharies empowered to act as Village Moonsiffs and those who actually exercise that duty at present in this District.

2 There are no Zemindary Enam and other Villages in this District.

Tanoor 11th December 1856

I have &c
Signed H. Robinson
Actg Collr

Memo

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Memorandum.

Taloks.	Total number of Adigharies	Number actually exercising their powers as Village Moonsiffs
Caaway	22	4
Cherikul	21	"
Cottayam	28	13
Cartenaad	31	"
Coormenaad	33	2
Calicut	34	1
Shernaad	24	"
Ernaad	26	12
Betutnadd	29	5
Rootnaad	24	20
Chowghaut	21	1
Vallowanaad	31	11
Nidinganaad	36	13
Palghaut	33	8
Temelpooram	24	4
Kynaad	16	1
Cochin	1	"
Total	434	91

928. 929
Order thereon

Signed H. Robinson
Actg Collr

Ordered to lie over.

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No. 427

To

930

B.D. No. 5143

From the Coll.r of Chingleput

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

Sir

The Map of this District requested to be returned in my letter No. 393. of the 20th Ultimo not having been as yet forwarded to me, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to order the same to be retransmitted to me at your earliest convenience it being required by the District Engineer of Chingleput

Chingleput District
Collectors Cutcherry Chingleput
13th December 1856

/Signed/ C. S. Shubrick
Collector

930.931

B.D. No. 4300

To the Collr. of Chingleput

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply

To the Collector of Chingleput

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 13th December, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to return to you the old map which accompanied your letter of the 30th June 1856, and to request that you will despatch it to the Collector of North arcot as soon as you can spare it as that officer wishes to consult it with reference to the proposed alteration of boundary

In Cons. 15th Dec. 56

From Collector North arcot 2. in Cons. 13th December 1856

Revenue Board office
Fort St. George
19th December 1856

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

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B.D. No. 5215

From the Coll.r of Coimbatore

No. 214

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

I have the honor to request

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Board of Revenue will be good enough to obtain for me leave of absence for one month under Section XII of the absentee Rules passed by the Government of India under date 8th June 1855 to proceed to the Neilgherry Hills.-

The leave to commence from the date of giving charge after 14th Proximo. when I shall have completed 11 months since my last leave.-

Coimbatore
13th December 1856

/Signed/ E. B. Thomas
Collector.

932.933

Order thereon.-

Ordered to be submitted thro' the Civil Auditor for the favorable consideration of Government.-

No. 2120

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

934

B.D. No. 5162.

From the Civil Auditor

Sir

The Government having ordered in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 8th Instant No. 1292. Revenue Department, that D. Streenevasa Row Puntoloo Head Sheristadar of Cuddapah should be

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be allowed to reckon as service entitling him to increase of Salary under the rules of 6th. March 1828 the period of his employment as Tahsildar under the Mysore and Bombay Governments and that his allowance should be adjusted accordingly in the manner proposed by the Board in para 10 of their letter of 24th. Ultimo No. 3.918 subject to verification by the Civil auditor. I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with a memorandum of Streenevasa Rows Services as Tahsildar under the Mysore and Bombay Governments as the Audit office possesses no information on this paint.

Copy furnished to the audit office.

Fort St. George
Civil Audit Office
13th. December 1856.

/ Signed / F. Lushington
Civil auditor

934.935

Order thereon

Ordered that a copy be forwarded to the Collector of Cuddapah who will verify and report the services of Streenevasa Row as at his earliest convenience

Resolved

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Resolved that the following letters be despatched.

936

Bd. No. 4333

Proceedings

Read Petition from Veloo dummah the wife and Late heir the nearest Cousin of the late Govardanoodoo Muruswidar of Arnadoo in the District of Vizagapatam.

Before passing finial orders thereon on this Petition the Board desire to have further explanation of the grounds on which the claim of the present incumbent was pre-ferred to that of Petitioners they observe that the Collectors Endorsement of 29th. Sept. -tember was not dealt with the Real question at issue, Viz. the validity of Petitioners claim to succeed as being nearest Surviving Relatives of the deceased Muruswidar but merely assumes that no heirs exist and confirms the nomination to the Muruswidship of a party having no connection with the family.

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937
Bd Rs 4369
To the Ag. Coll.r of Masulipatam

To The Acting Collector of
Sir
Masulipatam

With reference to Ecoetract Minutes Consultation dated 27th November 1856 No. 1257 Communicated to you on the 8th Instant I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that they have this day forwarded to the Collector of Sea Customs for dispatch to you by the first Sea opportunity a parcel Containing 15 of Space Rules. When the article is Shipped Mr. Underwood will forward to you direct the usual Bill of Lading.

Revenue Board office
Fort St. George
19th December 1856

(Signed) I. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

938
Bd Rs 4348
To the Collector of Sea Customs

To The Collector of
Sea Customs.
Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward to you the accompanying parcel Containing Metal Space Rules for the

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the Collector of Masulipatam and to request that you will despatch it by the first opportunity by Sea.

2. The usual proportion of the freight payable at Madras will be disbursed at this office.

Revenue Board office
Fort St. George
19th December 1856

(Signed) I. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

939
Bd Rs 4365
To the Sub Treasurer

To The Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for the purpose of being credited to Government, Rupees 214-9-10 being the sale proceeds of the furniture of the office of the Commissioner of Ceded Districts as per account for the Northern Circars as per accompanying sale account.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
19th December 1856

(Signed) I. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

Account

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Account Sales of Articles sold by Public Auction on the 7th August 1856 by E. Jones.

			Rs	As	P
By	1	Glass Case	20	0	0
	1	Camp Table in 2 parts	6	0	0
	1	Do. Do.	8	12	0
	1	Do. Do.	5	13	0
	1	Rosewood Oblong Table in 2 parts	10	8	0
	1	Do. folding Do.	14	0	0
	1	Gommastahs Desks	11	0	0
	1	Do. Do.	2	1	0
	1	Do. Do.	2	9	0
	1	Do. Do.	2	3	0
	1	Do. Do.	1	2	0
	1	Do. Do.	1	11	0
	1	Do. Do.	2	8	0
	2	Moochies Table	1	0	0
	2	Rulers	1	3	0
	2	Wood in Flats	0	9	0
	1	Do. Do.	0	3	0
	1	Ebony Inkstand with 1 Bottle	0	1	0
	1	Do. Do.	0	2	0
	1	Do. Do.	0	10	0
	3	Porcelain Ink Bottles	0	15	0
	1	Metal Ink Bottle	0	1	0
	2	Do. Do. Do.	0	13	0
	2	Do. Do. Do.	0	6	0
	1	Coat pins Stand	0	5	0
	1	Stone	0	7	0
	1	Green Baize Table Cover	0	8	0
	2	Do. Do. Do.	3	13	0
	4	Do. Desks Do.	3	14	0
	4	Do. Do. Do.	2	1	0
	7	Silver Badges & Buckles weighing 59-13-6	0	8	0
	23	Brass Do. Do.	54	0	0
	4	Chairs	4	5	0
			2	10	0
		Carried over	146	15	0

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		Brought over	146	15	0
By	4	Chairs	2	8	0
	4	Do.	2	14	0
	1	Woolen Carpet	2	14	0
	1	Do. Do.	3	2	0
	1	Do. Do.	2	5	0
	1	Cotton Do.	1	0	0
	1	Do. Do.	3	9	0
	1	New Carpenlin	12	0	0
	1	Do. Do.	13	0	0
	1	Do. Do.	13	8	0
	1	Do. Do.	12	0	0
	1	Do. Do.	14	0	0
	1	Do. Do.	0	6	0
	2	Old Do.	3	11	0
	1	Brass Lamp	3	11	0
	1	Do. Do.	3	8	0
	1	Do. Do.	3	7	0
	1	Do. Do.	1	0	0
	1	Do. candlesticks and Saucer	0	8	0
	1	Old Punkah	0	3	0
	1	Do. Base	1	9	0
	2	Do. Do.	2	6	0
	1	Case Iron clamps	0	5	0
	1	Do. Do. Do.	1	12	0
	1	Lot Wood	1	3	0
	5	Blue cloth Belts	0	14	0
	12	Cloth Belts	256	6	0
	11	Do. Do.			

Less Commission at 8 per Cent 20-8-2

Less Commission at 8 per Cent — 20-8-2
Coolis Paid Only hire for bringing up the above furniture from Wallair to my house — 2-11-0
Nett Company's Rupees — 233 2 10

Errors Excepted
(Signed) E. Jones

Deduct
Value of the Samadar badges supplied by the late Commissariat Mrs. Elliot at that Gentlemens Cost. — 15-0-0
Do. of a Woollen Carpet — 3-9-0 — 18 9 0
Balance to be credited to Government — 214 9 10

15th December 1856 (Signed) J. Goldingham

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949
Mr Re. 3003

Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous and Statements
From the Collector of Chingleput - Statement
shewing the quantity of Salt in store
available for exportation to Calcutta
on the 16th December 1856 -

941
Mr Re. 3002
From the Collector of Salem - Average Bazar
Prices of Grain and Memorandum of
Iyen Cultivation for November 1856 -

942
Mr Re. 3001
From the Collector of Malabar - Average
Bazar Prices of Grain and Memorandum of
Iyen Cultivation for November 1856 -

943
Mr Re. 3000.
From the Collector of Malabar - Statement of
the value of Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie
imported by Sea by November 1856 -

944
Mr Re. 3006
From the Collector of South Arcot - Rain
Report for November 1856 -

945
Mr Re. 3005
From the Collector of Tinnevelly - Rain Report
for November 1856 -

946
Mr Re. 3004
From the Assistant to the Chief
Engineer D. P. W. - Intimating
that the Papers referred to in the Board's
Memorandum of the 10th Instant were
forwarded to their Office on the 29th
Ultimo -

Ans.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Saturday the 20th December 1856.

947
Bd No. 4629
From the Chief Secretary to Government - Dated 9th October 1856.

Read the following Papers
Extract from the Minutes of
Consultation Judicial Department

Resolved that a copy of the
Bill and of the Report of the select
Committee on the project of law for the
acquisition of land for public purposes
be forwarded to the Board of Revenue,
the Chief Engineer Department Public
Works and the Consulting Engineer for
Railways for any observations that
they may have to offer on the Bill

To
The President & Members
of the
Board of Revenue

(True Extract)
(Signed) J. Pycroft
Chief Secretary

947-948
Bd No. 4363
Proceedings thereon

The Board have perused the
above Bill and the only observations they
have to make are the following - 1 In
clause 2 Section IX line 6 they would
either omit the parenthetical
sentence

sentence "subject to the orders of the committe Vide" or substitute "approval" for "orders". The power vested in the Collector by this clause can be exercised only when the parties interested cannot agree in the nomination of an arbitrator and it would seem therefore that the course to be adopted in that case might be left entirely to the discretion of the Collector. If however this should be held objectionable, the alterations suggested by the Board would obviate all doubts as to the manner in which the Board are to interfere. As the Bill is worded it is not clear whether the Board are to interfere on the report from the Collector or only on the appeal of the parties concerned and whether the act of the Collector is to remain in abeyance pending their decision 2 In section XXX line 28 the Board would omit the word "independent".

as

as no Officer under a Collector can strictly be said to have independent charge of a portion of any District.

Reviewing

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Bd. No. 4410

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From the Chief Secretary to Government ... Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department

under date the 23d October 1856.

Reviewing the Report of the Board on the outstanding Balances in the several Districts of the Madras Presidency admitting the necessity of a temporary or intermediate act for the realization of the Revenue resolving to forward the Draft act # # # to the Legislative member for this Presidency with the request that no time may be lost in passing it into law and desiring to have the opinion of the Board on the improper proceeding of the Collector of North Arcot in having fined his Tahsildar more than 85 times in one quarter.

See No. 1126 in separate Volume Pages 5 to 8

To

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No. 246

To

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

950
Bd. No. 4599

Sir

From the Collector of North Arcot

In para 3 of Extract from their Proceedings No. 3276 of the 8th October 1856, the Board of Revenue with reference to the Statement of Demand Collection and Balance which accompanied my letter of the 16th September 1856 remarked, that the Settlement of this District commenced on the 11th July, but I have the honor to explain that the dates entered in the last column of that Statement, are, as stated in the last para of my letter, the dates on which the Jummabundy was concluded in each Talook of the District. The dates on which it was commenced, are given in para 3 of my Settlement Report for fusly 1265.

X May 26 Vide

2. With reference to the observation of the Board, that they fear that the difficulty of realizing the revenue may in some measure be owing

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owing to the late commencement of the Summabundy, and the hurried manner in which it must have been conducted. I beg to call their attention to the fact shewn in the Statement which accompanied my letter of the 16th September 1856, that the balance in my Division, was on the 31st August. Rs. As. 15-10 per cent on the demand, while in the Sub Division, containing fewer Talooks the balance was, on that date Rs. As. 18-12 per cent, altho' the Summabundy had not been deferred there, and had in fact commenced* before my proposed scheme of new rates was first submitted on the 9th June. I would beg also to advert to the fact, that up to the 30th September 2,36,201 Rupees had been collected above the sum realized up to that date in the previous fusly.-

* 26th May

I feel satisfied that the state of the Collections in any Talook is much influenced by the personal character of the Tahsildar. In the Talook of Trivattoor the balance was Rs. 41-4-2 per cent on the demand, on the 24th August when the present Tahsildar arrived there, and by

Beriz of fusly 1265
Trivattoor 15,77.37
Subvaid 1932-7

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by the 31st October it was reduced to Rs. As. P. 3-13-3 per cent. whereas in the Talook of Subvaid, the balance which was on the 20th August Rs. As. P. 28-11-0 per cent on the demand, contained as high as Rs. As. P. 17-15-10 per cent on the 31st October

4 The want of Kists I consider to be a principle course of the difficulty of realizing the Collections- stated Kists commencing from October, their regular payment being enforced by the immediate attachment of the land of defaulters, would together with the reduction of the assessment make it a matter of no difficulty, to realize in future the greater part of the revenue within the fusly.-

North Arcot
Collectors Cutcherry
Chittoor, 5th November 1856

Signed C. Whittingham
Collector

Ordered to be submitted with the following letter.-

To

To

The Secretary to
Government

(950-951)
Pd. No 4359

To the Secretary to Government

Sir,

Revenue Department

Para. 1 With reference to para 8 Extract Minutes Consultation 23d October last Revenue Department No 1926, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the accompanying correspondence which passed between them and the Collector of North Arcot respecting the conduct of the Tahsildars of that District in regard to the Collections of the Revenue in the past Fusly.

From Collector 25th July 1856
To Collector 31st July
From Dr 30th July
In Cons 16th August 1856
From 16th September in Cons 8th October —
From Dr to Collector 8th October
From Collector 29th September in Cons 20th October
Proceedings to Collector 20th October
From Collr 5th November
In Cons 20th December 1856

In Cons 31st July 1856.

2 In his letter of the 25th July Mr Whittingham reported that the Tahsildars had failed to issue the usual notice on defaulters by whom a sum of Rs 269905 was due for the

Fusly which had just closed.

3 In accordance with his request the Board on the 31st idem authorized Mr Whittingham to retain in deposit a moiety of the Salary of the Tahsildars complained against pending the issue of notice and requested him to report the result at the end of the ensuing month In the same order Mr Whittingham was authorised if he considered it necessary to suspend any officer who might still continue to evince backwardness in the discharge of his duties.

In Cons 8th October 1856

4 On the 16th and 29th September Mr Whittingham again addressed the Board and requested permission to continue to retain a moiety of his Tahsildars salary until they had furnished him with detailed lists of the Defaulters in their respective Taluks.

In Cons 20th October 1856.

5 In their proceedings 8th October the Board conceded the permission sought, but called the Collectors attention to the objections attending such a course and suggested suspension when deemed necessary by him as a preferable mode of punishment.

The

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6. The Board also remarked the late period at which the Jummahbundy was commenced and the short time devoted to it. The Board were then under the impression that the Jummahbundy had commenced on the 11th July and ending on the 2d September. Mr. Whittingham has since explained that it actually commenced on the 26th May and given his reason for believing that the heavy arrears was not owing to the settlement not having been concluded at an earlier period but to the neglect of duty on the part of his Tahsildars.

Dated 5 November
In Cont. 20 December
1856

8. From this summary of what has occurred the Government will perceive that the fines were imposed by the Collector not to stimulate the Tahsildars to pursue any course for the realization of the Balances which were likely to lead to abuse of authority but for neglect to use the means furnished by the law

on

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on the prompt exercise of which the Government have laid so much stress.

9 It is not the wish of the Board however to justify Mr. Whittingham altogether. On the contrary it will be observed that they have communicated to him their opinion that the delay which took place in making the settlement for the year must have tended to retard the Collections very considerably. The want of a Ristbundy also the Board consider a most important defect but this is now in course of being supplied.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
20th December 1856.

(Signed) I. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Bd. No. 5012

No. 581

From the Chief Secretary to Government

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Financial Department Dated 3d Dec. 1856

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

(Here enter 26th November 1856 No. 3938)

It is observed that the Sanction

of

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of the Board of Revenue, and not of the Government is required for the charge referred to in the foregoing Proceedings.-

To
The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue

/True Extract/
/Signed/ J. Pycroft
Chief Secretary

952. 953
Bd No 4343
Proceedings thereon

Under the authority given in the foregoing Extract Minutes Consultation the Board of Revenue sanction the Charges incurred for the conveyance of remittances to the Officer Commanding Vellore from April 1854 to March 1855 from the Treasury at Chittoor amounting to Rupees 9-12-11

954
Bd No 5115
From the Chief Secretary to Government -

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department under date the 12th December 1856.-

Granting authority for the continuance of the Poligar pension of Rupees 210 per annum enjoyed by the late Cuddler Puttay Naidoo to his eldest son Venkatappa Naidoo from the date of his father's decease

954. 955
Bd No 4351
Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Cuddapah

See No 1309 in Separate Volume P 549

From

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Bd No 5118
From the Chief Secretary to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department under date the

956

12th December 1856.-

Sanctioning the refund of Rupees 3-7-5 the amount deducted second time from the pay of certain Talook Sibbendies in the District of Madura for unemployed periods and credited to the head of refunds.-

See No 1304 in Separate Volume P 550

956. 957
Bd No 4341
Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Madura.-

958
Bd No 5168
From the Secretary to Government

Acting

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department under date the 15th December 1856.

Sanctioning certain items of expenditure incurred in Fusly 1264 in the Districts of Bellary and Guntoor amounting to 12,435-1-9

See No 1315 in Separate Volume P 551

958. 959
Bd No 4342
Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Bellary and the Acting Collector of Guntoor.-

To

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No 87

To

G. S. Forbes Esqre

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

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Bd No 3078

From the Acting Collr of Masulipatam

Sir

With reference to the remarks conveyed in the Commissioner's Proceedings dated 21st July last No 361. I have the honor to state that I do not find it necessary to make any alterations in the list of establishment for Pondrauca Salt Contours as arranged by the late Commissioner which with the reduction by Government of 150 Rupees for the Superintendents salary. I beg may be sanctioned at once

Masulipatam,
Collectors Cutcherry
4th August
960-961 1856

[Signed] J. Fraser
Acting Collector

Ordered thereon

Ordered to lie over

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No 325

To

G. S. Forbes Esqre

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

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Bd No 2937

From the collector of Sea Customs Madras

Para 1

Transmitting as requested an account of the system now in force for the conduct of business in the Custom House Bringing to notice of the Board the inefficient state of the system for landing and stowing Cargo in the Custom House yard suggesting that the chamber of Commerce be called upon to take the subject into consideration.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th July 1856 No 2352 and beg to forward to the Board of Revenue the information called for I regret that it is not in my power to compress the matter in a smaller space but I deem it incumbent upon me to give the information in such a manner that the Board may perceive the actual working of the Office

2 The business of the Sea Custom House is transacted by the several Departments enumerated in the margin their respective duties I beg to enclose Separately.

With

Enclosure V

3. With reference to the passing an Import application I enclose a form filled up shewing the various Departments through which it passes with the initials of the respective Officers affixed from which it will be seen that it bears no less than 11 signatures and out of this number 3 of them are of the Collector or Deputy.

4 I would here bring to the notice of the Board the very inefficient state of the system for landing Cargo and stowing it away in the Custom House yard. Under the present System all the Coolies are under the control of different Maistries who again are under the orders of the several Houses of Agency. The Collector has no control whatever over them the yard supervisor has the greatest difficulty in attempting to keep order or Management in the stowage of the goods while he is employed in one part of the yard the coolies throw down their loads in any manner and at the nearest place to meet their convenience if the supervisor desires them to move any goods or to place them in any thing like proper order they peremptorily refuse stating it

is not their duty One Maistry puts the onus on another consequently the yard presents a most confused and chaotic mass of goods the merchants are put to the greatest inconsequence to find their property and when they do so it is a matter of great difficulty to remove it thus causing him trance and delay.

5 The subject is one that has been already laid before the Board and as the Custom House Rules are at present being remodelled I would respectfully suggest that the Chamber of Commerce might be called upon to take the subject under their consideration. In my opinion the control and management should be vested entirely in the hands of the Collector of Customs that a plan something of the following nature should be adopted that a Head Maistry with two others under him who should allot a certain number of Coolies each numbered according to the requirements of the time and that no other Coolies should be permitted to enter the Custom House yard that the Supervisor should portion off certain parts of the yard for certain description of goods and that the Coolies be made to take the goods to the places marked

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act for their reception thus avoiding confusion and having something like a proper system introduced

Subjoined is the working of the Office

A Permit and Pass application is presented to the covenanted Officers who writes the letter "E" on both that is examine the permit is then taken to the appraiser but when goods are required to be weighed the application is first taken to the Import manager for weighment who notes down each drop of the scale on the back of the application calculates deducts the tare and enters the net weight on the face of the application affixes his initials and submit it in charge of a Peon to the appraiser who proceeds to examine it with the Invoice and ascertains whether the articles described in the application agrees with that and the market and Tariff value In all cases when the Invoice cannot be produced and the contents and value of a case ascertained it is then opened at the request of the merchant or agent which requisition is made on the face of the application and the permission of the covenanted Officer obtained the appraiser then after seeing this done and having satisfied himself that the contents and value are correctly entered

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affixes his initials to the application and forwards it to the Inspector.

The Inspector on receiving the application from the appraiser satisfies himself that the examine order of the Covenanted Officer the initails of the appraiser the weight quality rate value &c. &c. are correctly described after which he endorses on the face of the application in Red Ink whether the goods are liable to duty or otherwise and submits it in a file in charge of a Peon to the Covenanted Officer for levying the rate of duty and after this has been done the application is then returned to the Inspector who examines whether the rate of duty has been correctly entered he then sends it to the Cash Department. The Bill writer then sees whether it has gone thro the appraisers and Inspectors Departments and proceeds to ascertain whether the rate entered against each item corresponds with the amount value he then calculates and enters therein the amount of duty makes out a Bill and submits it to the Bill examiner for examination and when he has done and his initails affixed thereto the Bill is then delivered to the Shroff whose business it is to receive the duty and enter

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the amount in a Teloogoo Book of daily collections endorsed in Teloogoo on the back of the Bill as having received the duty and submits it to the Cashkeeper who enters the same in the Bill Book and obtains the signature and initails of the Covenanted Officer to the Bill the Permit and the Bill Book he then delivers the Bill to the party paying the duty and forwards the Permit to the Inspector. The applicant then produces the Bill with the Pass to the Inspector who has it compared by one of his assistants with the Permit and having satisfied himself that the duty has been paid enters on the face of the Pass "Import or "Export duty paid" as the case may be and then forwards it to the Covenanted Officer who writes the word "Pass" on it with his initials attached this document is then sent to the supervisor to know whether godown Rent is due on the Packages if liable he endorses on the Pass application godown Rent is due on these Packages "/ from such to such date / and sends it to the Covenanted Officer who puts his initials to it it is then sent to the Cash Department to calculate the Rent and receive the amount from the party the Permit application is then sent for and the amount of godown Rent is entered in that document and in the godown Bill Book. The Cashkeeper then takes the Bill Book the Permit and Pass application to the Covenanted Officer

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for signature and initials who signs the Bill affixes his initials to the permit application and Bill Book and writes on the face of the Pass "Bill under Pass" with his initials attached the Pass is then sent to the Pass writer to Pass the goods when goods are not liable to godown Rent the supervisor affixes his initials to the application and sends it to the Pass writer to Pass the goods. The Pass writers duty is before Passing the goods to see whether the application bears all the requisite initials particularly that of the Covenanted Officer. On goods being brought to the gate to be passed the marks and numbers are examined with the application and if any discrepancy exists it is noted on the application and sent to the Covenanted Officer for orders. These are all the forms observed when goods are liable to duty

Goods passing free are as follows

When an application is presented to the Covenanted Officer to Pass goods free of duty he endorses "Register free" on the Permit the examiner Order on the Pass these are then taken to the Inspector

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Department the Permit examined by the Asst
the Pass compared with it after this is done the
Inspector endorses on the Pass "Free under the
Act" or any other endorsement as the case may
be and countersigns the Permit It is then sent
the Covenanted Officer for his Pass order. Free goods
pass from the Beach and the Pass applications
sent to the Beach superintendent to be passed

Goods to be Bounded and passed are as follows

An Import Permit application is presented
to the Covenanted Officer with the words "To be Bonded"
written on the face of it for the examine order and
order being given it is taken to the appraisers
appraisement and then sent to the Inspector
returns it. A Bonding Permit is then made and
to the covenanted Officer for the examine order after
it is taken to the Inspector and is compared by one
of his Assistants with the application after
correct the Inspector writes on the Permit "It
agrees with the import application" It is then
taken to the Covenanted Officer.

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Officer, who gives the order to receive the goods
in Bond this application is then sent to the
Pass Writer through the supervisor like the
other applications who passes the goods and
delivers the application to the Bonding Writer
who sees whether the order for permission to
Bond is given by the Covenanted Officer, —
after which he sees that the goods are carefully
stowed away in the Warehouse and returns the
application to the Inspector with an endorsement
on it "received in Bond" and his initials attached
to it duly entering the same in his Register. On
presentation of Bonding Pass the Covenanted
Officer gives the examine order, it is then sent
to the Bonding writer who compares it with his
Register and when satisfied that it agrees as
regards quantity, quality &c &c writes "agrees"
with the Register" affixes his initials and sub-
mits it to the Head Manager for his initials
it is then sent to the Inspector, who sees that
the Warehouse Keeper has compared it with
the Register. he then writes "agrees with the
Permit to Bond" which is sent to the Covenanted
Officer and the duty is ordered thereon. the

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Permit and Pass applications are then sent to the Cash Department and duty charged on the permit. They are then returned to the Inspector, who sees if the rate of duty charged is correct & then writes "Import duty paid" or "Deposit" as the case may be, and is then sent to the Covenanted Officer for Pass order which is then sent to the Warehouse Keeper to pass the same - who writes the goods off in his Register and clearance Book. But in case when the last portion of a consignment is applied for he writes on the Pass "Last portion of consignment" makes out a Bill of Warehouse Rent, gets it examined by the Head Manager and submits it to the Cash Keeper, who observe the same forms as other applications for godown Rent. The Warehouse keeper then permits the goods to be removed from the Warehouse and endorses the application the date on which the goods were cleared.

Export Permits for Drawback are as follows.

An Export Permit and Pass application is presented to the covenanted Office for the

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the examine order the Permit is then sent to the Export Manager who examines the marks and Numbers &c with the goods in the yard and if found correct affixes his initials to the application and sends it to the Inspector's Department - One of the Assistants call for the Import application and compares it with the Export Permit in regard to the quantity value marks, and sorts of goods, if found correct attaches his initials to the application. The Inspector then endorses the duty Bill which the applicant produces and writes on the application Drawback or Re-export, to which the Covenanted Officer's initials are affixed the Pass application is then compared by one of his Assistants and the Inspector writes "Drawback" and sends it to the Covenanted Officer for pass order - The Permit is then given to the Drawback writer, who Registers it and takes it to the Collector to pass it for Drawback. this being done he makes the necessary calculation prepares the Drawback Certificate, and enters it in a Book and is taken to the Head manager for examination. He compares it with the entry in the Book affixes his initials to the certificate as examined and to the letter of advice to the Sub Treasurer

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these are then sent to the Collector for his signature the letter of advice is sent to the Sub Treasurer and the certificate given to the applicant.—

Entry and Clearance of a Vessel.

On the arrival of a Vessel in the Roads the Preventive Officer proceeds on board with a Notification and prevents it to the Commander and receives the Import manifest, which he delivers to the Covenanted Officer. The Commander before the expiration of 48 hours enters his Vessel producing an Import manifest in duplicate in the form prescribed by the Rule, prior to such entry the Head Manager sees that a certificate from the Master attendant as having entered at that office is produced together with a Port clearance from the last Port or Ports and the Export manifest, he then sends a memo of the ships Tonnage to the Cash Department to make out a Bill for Port dues and after ascertaining that the same has been paid enters the Vessel in a Register kept for the purpose receives the ships papers, articles &c. the Head Manager also sees previous to his taking the papers

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papers for signature to the Covenanted Officer whether the declaration as to arms and ammunition &c. being on board is made in the manifest after which, this together with Port clearance (endorsed) a permit for landing cargo and the Notification is taken for signature the two latter documents are delivered to the Commander, the manifest endorsed and forwarded to the Clearance Department.—

When a Vessel is ready to receive Export Cargo the Commander makes a Written application requesting permission for a Permit to ship goods for the Ports he is bound to, this is sent to the Export Manager who prepares a Permit in duplicate and sends them to the Covenanted Officer for signature one is given to the Commander and the other retained by the Manager. he is to see that no goods are shipped on that Vessel but for Ports entered in the Permit. When a Vessel has completed taking in Cargo the Commander presents an Export manifest in duplicate for examination to the covenanted Officer together with

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a memo- certifying whether any seamen on board his Vessel had died or left sick in Hospital the examine order is then given and the manifest are taken to the Export Manager for examination who examines them with the abstract kept by him of all goods shipped which being completed they are signed by the covenanted Officer but before doing so he first ascertains from the Clearance writer if the Ships cargo have all been landed and when any deficiency exists the commander is called upon to account for the same which being settled the manifests and clearances are signed, one copy of the former is retained in the Office and the other given to the Commander with Clearance upon his producing a certificate from the Master attendant that he has complied with the Regulations of the Port.-

The same course is observed in regard to the entry and Clearance of Country crafts but with slight modifications.-

Sea Customs House
Madras 31st July 1856

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

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Order thereon

Ordered to lie over.-

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No. 101

To

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

Sir

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Bd. No. 3180
From the Acting Collector of Guntoor
Submitting a further report on the subject of the proposed new Salt yard at Chena Ganjam in the Guntoor District.

1 Referring to the Correspondence noted in the margin, I have the
To Bd. 7th April 56
Pro. of Dt. 9th June honor to submit the following
further report on the subject of the proposed new
salt yard at Chena Ganjam.-

2 Since the proposition was made
the Government have, in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 10th May last directed the abolition of the
Salt works at Nizampatam, Paraly and Pedda Ganjam,
and the subject under report will be made to embrace
the new arrangements required for providing a sufficiency
of Salt at Chena Ganjam to make up for the quantity hitherto produced at the other stores.-

3 The accompanying Statement
exhibits most of the data which will form
the basis of the new arrangements. It will be
observed that 4 yards at Chena Ganjam are
included in the proposed abolition. The Salt
at these is very inferior and can
only be made in small quantities

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thro' natural disadvantages of the spot. Besides this also they alone fall on the west side of the intended Eastern Coast Canal which will destroy the pans, and in every respect it seems desirable to relinquish them for more efficient works elsewhere, and this will also tend to further centralization.—

4 From the Statement it will be seen that the average annual sales of Salt in this District amount to 3353 garce and the old pans at Chena Ganjam to be retained capable of producing 5369 garce under the most favorable circumstances. This standard however should not be relied upon, as the uncertainty of the season renders it impracticable always to raise this quantity as the last year has very strikingly shewn, for with every effort to make as much salt as possible at Chena Ganjam in all the pans, only about 1700 Garce have been secured. Taking therefore the more moderate standard of the average manufacture we should have 2,500 as the annual produce but this may be safely increased

to 3000 or upwards, as in some years there was a limit to the manufacture, or in other words the pans may be considered as yielding salt for one years consumption, but as it may occasionally be necessary from the previous years deficiency of produce to manufacture more than the amount of one years sales, an additional provision of at least half a years consumption should be made. This will give about 1600 or 1700 garce as the quantity to be provided for from new pans to meet the ordinary circumstances of Salt trade as hitherto existing.—

5 But as an opening has now been made for export by sea, it will be necessary to provide for a further quantity for this object, until further experience shows what the demand is likely to be, perhaps 1000 garce may be assumed as a moderate provision for annual export, and in any case this amount will not produce any embarrassment, should the expectations be disappointed.—

6 Including this, we have then to provide for about 2600 garce by new pans and this it is proposed to do in an extensive swamp

swamp adjoining the Salt water creek, and to raise a platform on a large scale near its bank. This locality has every advantage for manufacture, and lies in a convenient position adjoining the old yards with which a short road will connect it so as to render it equally available for land traffic.—

7. The number of pans to be abolished at Chena Ganjam under the new arrangement is about 120, but the manufacture is so inferior that they do not produce more than about 680 garce and may be exchanged for about 40 pans which would yield that quantity in a better locality. These and 120 more or altogether about 160 pans may suffice to make up the deficiency of 2600 garce about described. It does not appear desirable to provide for the salt manufacturers of Nizampatam and Paraly by assigning them new pans at Chena Ganjam—

8. The next question to be considered is the capacity of the yards for storing a sufficient quantity of Salt for [+] 2½ years consumption

[+] The additional 6 Months is for the time occupied during the Manufacture and Storing.—

consumption as is now required by the Boards Circular order of 10th April 1854—

9. The Home and Inland consumption for 2½ year is 8388 garce, to which may be added one years estimated exportation by sea, as the result of this experiment remains to be proved—This gives 9388 garce, but there is only storing room for 7960 Garce at most in the yards to be retained. The new platform may therefore be 200 yards by 6 yards to afford room for storing the additional quantity and to provide a margin for vacancies which may necessarily occur in some of the other yards—

Store 2½ years Garce 9388
Present provision 7960
Required — 1428

10. Application has been made to Civil Engineer in charge S. D. to prepare an estimate for submission thro' the Channel of the Department of Public Works, and as no time should be lost in constructing the platform so as to admit of its being solidified before the next season, perhaps sanction for proceeding with the work may be solicited on the present occasion. A calculation of the cost gives about Rupees 2000, but it is not very

perfectly

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perfectly framed.

11 The project of export by sea has been investigated by the Acting Head Assistant Collector on the spot and appears quite feasible.

Vide Memorandum on Nizampatam Bay. dt. 30th June 1856 para 26 forwarded in letter No. 94.

12 The creek has from 6 to 10 feet of water in different parts at half tide, and 6 feet were measured over the bar in the same state of the tide. The depth on the bar ranges from about 8 to 4 feet in high and low water. There is therefore no obstacle to the ordinary Masula boats plying between the salt yard and the shipping, and carrying about a garce at a time, but it is very desirable that the channel should be somewhat deepened, and it may be by the use of a dredging machine, so as to admit the small Country Dhonies of about 10 garce burden and thus greatly to facilitate the shipment on the larger vessels, which it is stated by the Salt Tanadar, may be within a mile from the bar in 5 fathoms of water. The distance from the proposed new salt yards to the bar is about 1860 yards.

13 I regret that I am unable to supply a correct sketch of the locality, as the only

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only Prismatic Compass (a private one of my own) that is available for the survey pupils is employed on work which cannot be neglected elsewhere.

14 Steps have been taken with the view to expediting the sales of salt remaining at the stores to be abolished, so as to discharge the establishments kept up at them. The sales of Chena Ganjam were as usual stopped during the manufacture at that place this year, and will not be reopened until all the salt at the adjacent store of Paddla Ganjam is disposed of. In like manner the sales at Nizampatam were stopped with the exception of those for export by sea, and the whole of the salt traffic of that neighbourhood has been thrown on the adjacent Cotaur of Pralya- It will take some months before any of the Cottaurs are vacated.

15. I hope in a few days to submit a revised list of establishment suited to the new arrangements eventually to be adopted.

Guntoor District — Collector's Office Condavveed 12th August 1856

(Signed) H. Newill
Acting Collector.

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Orders thereon

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Ordered to lie overs.

No. 117

To. G. S. Forbes, Esqre.

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

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B/a No. 3561.

From the Collector of Trichinopoly } Para 1.

Sir

As directed by your Circular No. 2743 of date the 27th Ultimo, I have the honor to furnish a return exhibiting the number of Village Monsiffs in this District.

The return is so drawn up as to shew separately the Officers for Government Zemindary Enams and others Villages.—

I have &c.

Trichinopoly— Collectors Office, 6th September 1836

Signed S. S. Bird

Collector

Statement

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Statement Shewing the Number of Villages Moonsiffs in the District of Trichinopoly

No. of Talooks	Names of the Talooks	Jyem		Shrotreems		Setwandy (and Jyem)		Sarvamanium		Chuttrums and Mauzed		Pandaroo: pootloor Mookta		Total		Remarks
		No. of Villages	No. of Moonsiffs	No. of Villages	No. of Moonsiffs	No. of Villages	No. of Moonsiffs	No. of Villages	No. of Moonsiffs	No. of Villages	No. of Moonsiffs	No. of Villages	No. of Moonsiffs	No. of Villages	No. of Moonsiffs	
1	Conan	159	131	1	1	"		34	27	"	"	"	"	194	179	
2	Vitticutty	64	64	1	1	"		26	18	"	"	"	"	91	83	
3	Moosery	48	48	5	5	"		3	3	1	1	5	5	62	62	
4	Laulgoody	232	205	2	1	"		8	8	"	"	"	"	242	214	
5	Parrivoy	151	150	2	1	17							"	182	170	
6	Woodiarpollium	258	258	10	10	65		"	"	"	"	"	"	333	333	
7	Irealore	177	172	21	21	57		"	"	"	"	"	"	255	242	
8	Volcondapooram	122	122	3	3	"		1	1	"	"	"	"	126	126	
9	Manapara	31	30	"	"	116		26	16	3	3	"	"	168	163	
	Total	1242	1200	45	43	253		100	83	4	4	5	5	1631	1578	

Where the Villages are small and contiguous one Moonsiff presides over two or more Villages.

Where the difference in the number of Officers compared with Villages is 6.

Trichinopoly
966 967 1st September 1830

Order thereon

Signed J. Bird
Collector

Ordered to lie over.

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Read again letter from the Agent at Kurnool dated 8th September and entered in Cons: 21st November 1850.

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.

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Dft. No. 1337

To the Offg Agent at Kurnool

To,

The Officiating Agent at Kurnool.

Sir

With reference to your letter dated 8th September last No. 97 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to enquire in what way the Revenue and Police duties devolving on Village Moonsiffs in other Districts are performed in Kurnool when that class of Public Officers does not now exist.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
20th December 1850

Signed R. D. Sim.
A. Secretary

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No. 118.

To,

G. D. Forbes Esqr.

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

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Bd. No. 1224

From the Acting Collector of Malabar

Reports with reference to Boards Circular Proceedings dated 18th December last 27th Ultimo on the condition and practical working of the Village Courts in Malabar.

No. 3100

Dated 1st Quarter Land Cy 1851

No. 1.

Sir,

With reference to Board's Circular Proceedings dated 18th December last and 27th Ultimo I have the honor to submit copies of communications received from the Sub Collector and Head Assistant Collector of Malabar regarding the condition and practical working of the Village Tribunals in Malabar and would beg permission to draw attention to the very valuable remarks of Mr. Collett in regard to the selection, treatment and supervision of the Judicial work of the village moonsiffs.

2 From all I have been able to gather and from the accompanying Tables, it will be seen that the village Courts are almost inoperative.

3 Repeated orders have been issued calling on the Moonsiffs to

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to exercise their Judicial functions, but
without avail. The people do not appear
to value a jurisdiction of this description and
the Moonsiffs themselves are generally and
disinclined and more usually unfitted by
education, habits or want of leisure for the
efficient discharge of their duties. I am acquaint-
ed with the course of procedure required to be
observed by the Regulation and take any pains
to acquire such knowledge. Others complain
that the expenses to which they would be put
to for Stationery would absorb much of their
Salary, while I believe all dislike and are
deterred by, the forms and method requir-ed
in the trial of Suits.-

4 The class of land-holders
from whom the Moonsiffs are chosen,
are in this part of the Country, far
superior in intelligence, influence,
position and Character to the Moonsiffs
of the Eastern Coast and I believe

that

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that the remarks of the Commissioners of
the 15th October 1818 is peculiarly applicable to
this District and that many Petty Suits are
settled by the Moonsiffs and other influential
inhabitants without a formal trial when the
latter is had recourse to. A Court presided over
by an efficiently taught and highly trained
officer with regular Vakeels is preferred to the
Village tribunal, where party factions, family
connexions, partiality, prejudice and feelings more
often dictate the judgment than justice or equity.
Arbitration is much resorted to by Natives
and it is only when all means of private
adjustment have been exhausted that the
Courts of Law are had recourse to by
respectable parties. Relatives are first ap-
plied to than the village authorities, after-
wards perhaps some person of Consideration
and esteem among the Community at large, or
some of the Public Servants of the Courts or
Cutcherry and when all have failed to

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secure a settlement then the Police is applied to and as a last resource the Court.

5 When the Village Moonsiff more at leisure and more thoroughly instructed in his duties, I think with the loss of his influence in the amicable adjustment of cases, he would dispose of more cases in a formal and regular manner.

6 Lastly pains have been taken to supply village Moonsiffs with copies of the Regulations under which they act and at the settlement and other occasions they have been urged to qualify themselves for the Office and to discharge the duties appertaining to it. Candidates are further examined before being confirmed in the appointments of Moonsiffs.

Calicut, 12th September 1856.

I Signed I. Clarke

Collector

True.

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P.S. The accompanying letter was signed by Mr. Clarke before his departure. The delay in its despatch arose from the non receipt of certain information which was called for from the Courts to complete the Table alluded to in Para 2.

I agree with Mr. Clarke in the general view he has taken of the village Tribunals, at the same time it must be kept in view that the differences between man and man in this District differ widely in character from the ordinary disputes of other Districts they involve heavy land disputes and titles of the most complicating nature, such as people do not willingly refer to these mere village authorities.

Calicut, 14th October 1856.

I Signed W. Robinson

Acting Collector

No. 1

No. 78

To,

I. Clarke Esqre

Collector of Malabar

Calicut

Sir,

The Circular Proceedings of the

Board

Fort St. George 26th December 1851

Board of Revenue No. 31.00 dated 18th December 1851 having been forwarded to me for "early report", I will do myself the honor of briefly submitting my ideas on the subject thereof without delaying to call for those returns on which alone a precise opinion could be based.

The exercise of their powers as Moonsiffs by the Adigharies of Malabar attracted my attention some years ago and when special Assistant I addressed one or two letters on the subject to the late Mr. Conolly and also communicated with him demi officially.

2 It will I think be found that the exercise of their judicial powers by Adigharies is the exception instead of the rule. In this there will be found some Adigharies who habitually use these powers. Among Moplas Adigharies may instance the Adighary of Koudotty in Ernad, and among Nairs the Adighary of Pany in Valuvanad. But out of say 30 Adigharies in each of these Talooks there

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there would not be more than 8 or 10 who ever received a single suit. Very much depends upon the personal character of the Adighary whether he is a man in whose ability and integrity the people have confidence and one who is able and willing to give his time and attention to such matters.

3 In Malabar the existence of Adigharies does not date back more than 30 years there is no emolument attached to the Office beyond the 5/4 Rupees which of course is not and indeed ought not to be any attraction. Yet I have always thought the selection of men for this Office one of the most difficult and important points in the distribution of patronage. Mr. Graeme's attention to import the foreign idea of hereditary Office has never been fully carried out, as indeed it never could have been without the certain loss of efficiency in this most important class of Officials. Hitherto hereditary claims have been respected but not allowed to

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stand in the way of the public interests.

4. I impute the small extent to which Adigharies act as Village Moonsiffs to the want of any thing like supervision on our part coupled with the effect of the constant mistakes we make not only in the appointing but in the subsequent treatment of these Officials In the first place we have never required the Adigharies to make regular returns to us, and to us of course they look more than to the Civil Courts. I foun a very marked effect to follow from requiring all Adigharies to send me quarterly returns of the number of suits disposed of and still on their files. I would by no means recommend that Suits cognizable by them should be always brought before them I think perfect freedom to the inhabitants desirable But when it is apparent that the people will not resort to particular Adigharies it should attract our attention and unless there is some exceptional cause for it, we may I think accept it as

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as a pretty sure indication that we have not got the right man in the right place.

5. Next, as to the appointment of Adigharies - nothing, I have thought, is more difficult - while a mistake is I believe of more importance than is generally supposed - In Malabar an Adighary is not a mere headman of a petty village consisting of a few hundred huts included on half a dozen of square acres and inhabited by his equals in poverty but is or ought to be man of considerable landed property, of respectable and old family and if a Nair, will probably belong to a Forward more ancient than two thirds of the English nobility. His Office ought to be and is generally held from the same motives that landed proprietors in - - England like to be magistrates. He has to deal with an equal variety of classes, from the petty chieftain, the old Jenmies and the substantial Kanamkars down to the struggling tenant at will, the petty shopkeeper and poor cooly and slave. His parish extends over from 10 to 20 or often more square miles,

and

and the difficulty of discharging his duties is increased by the population being scattered over the face of it and not gathered in one spot.—

6. It is very seldom that our Tahsildars duly appreciate the importance of the office and consequently their recommendations (when honestly made which is the exception) are seldom judicious ones. I have repeatedly known Amedwars from the Talook Cutcheries not only to apply but to be recommended for the Office. Nothing could be more gross or improper. It is not though the highest man in the parish that ought to be made Adigharry for his rank and wealth will then often prevent that personal activity which Adigharies should exercise and that ready accessibility to all classes and castes which is indispensable. They ought I think to be generally treated with more respect than they often meet with from our native officials who are generally inclined to treat them as they would mere

Officials

Officials drawing the low pay of 5/4 Rupees a month. This is I think particularly displayed by their exacting from them an over frequent and needless attendance at the Talook Cutcherries and detaining them when there. more attention to the selection and treatment of these important functionaries and a closer supervision of their exercise of judicial power would, I expect be attended with a marked effect. To be fully efficacious the reform should be general throughout the Province and the attempt not confined to a particular division. There is I think, no class of public functionaries in Malabar so generally deserving of the confidence of their European superiors, and none who prove such trustworthy sources of information for them. Their position gives them the means of acquiring and their comparative independence renders them generally willing privately and in confidence to impart correct information not only as to events in their own neighbourhood but generally as to the affairs of the Talook in which they reside.—

7. The foregoing remarks were in great part drafted immediately upon the receipt of the Circular

Proceedings

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Proceedings alluded to, but the pressure of other business connected with the enquiry into the murder of the late Mr. Conolly prevented my submitting them before this

Palighaut, 1st March 1856. } (Signed) C. Collett
Sub Collector

(True Copy)
(Signed) T. Clarke
Collector

No. 2.

To,
T. Clarke Esqre
Collector of Malabar.—

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Circular No. 3400 calling for information regarding the system of employing Adigharies in the capacity of Village Moonsiffs I beg to forward reports of the Tahsildars regarding it, and to state that the reason why the Village Moonsiffs decline admitting on their file all the suits brought before them is that no suderward is allowed them, the expense of which has to be defrayed from their small pay of 5¼ Rupees. To avoid this expense no exertion is made on their part to exercise their authority to the full extent of the powers granted to them some of them plead that as the District Moonsiffs take

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take up suits below 10 Rupees the inhabitants prefer bringing their suits before the Higher Court hence very few have recourse to those of the Village Moonsiffs. The Adigharies besides their Revenue and Police duties are also vested with the power of Village Moonsiffs all of which duties have to be performed on their pay of 5¼ Rupees I would therefore suggest that either their pay be increased to 7 Rupees or that suderward expences be allowed to them.—

An order prohibiting District Moonsiffs to receive suits below 10 Rupees would compel all parties having suits below that Value to appear before the Village Moonsiffs.—

With regard to their ability it appears from the Tahsildar's reports that the greater number of them are more or less competent to hold the appointment of Village Moonsiffs.—

Tellicherry, 28th July 1856. } (Signed) R. K. Puckle
Head Asst. Collector

(True Copy)
(Signed) T. Clarke
Collector

Table

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No. 3 Table exhibiting the Number of suits filed disposed of and remaining on the file of the several Village Moonsiffs in the Malabar District in the years 1854/55.

Village Moonsiffs' Court	In 1854.				In 1855				
	Remaining on the 1st January 1854	No. of suits filed	Total Remaining and filed	Particulars of Decrees. Decreed on merits	Dismissed on the application of the parties for Default.	Total disposed of	Remaining	Filed	Total remaining & filed
Calicut Zillah									
1 Kootuad	344	322	666	210	414	252	170	422	157
2 Shernaad	60	114	174	71	112	62	107	169	50
3 Calicut	"	1	1	"	1	"	1	1	"
4 Polghaut	64	99	163	21	100	63	73	136	35
5 Betutnaad	"	"	-	"	"	"	47	47	15
6 Ernaad	79	284	363	65	218	145	207	352	117
7 Pynaad	"	"	-	"	"	"	15	15	7
8 Nedoonganad	35	73	108	3	72	36	131	167	45
9 Velliangode	3	12	15	3	9	6	8	14	6
10 Chowghaut	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
11 Cutcherry	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	1
12 Pattamby	"	"	"	69	156	32	111	143	83
13 Tennulpoor	9	179	188	24	63	13	101	114	67
14 Angengo	"	76	76	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total	594	1160	1754	468	1145	609	972	1581	583
Tellicherry Zillah									
15 Iroovaynaad	139	70	209	19	41	168	115	283	47
16 Tellicherry	23	-	23	4	4	19	15	34	8
Total	162	70	232	23	45	187	130	317	55
Grand Total	756	1230	1986	489	1190	796	1102	1898	638

Village Moonsiffs' Court	In 1855			
	Particulars of Decree. Decreed on merits	Dismissed on the application of the parties for Default.	Total	Remaining
Calicut Zillah				
1 Kootuad	157	223	380	42
2 Shernaad	50	40	90	79
3 Calicut	"	"	"	1
4 Polghaut	35	22	57	79
5 Betutnaad	15	11	26	21
6 Ernaad	117	98	215	137
7 Pynaad	7	"	7	8
8 Nedoonganad	45	23	68	99
9 Velliangode	6	2	8	6
10 Chowghaut	"	"	"	"
11 Cutcherry	"	1	1	"
12 Pattamby	83	29	112	31
13 Tennulpoor	67	34	101	13
14 Angengo	"	"	"	"
Total	583	482	1065	516
Tellicherry Zillah				
15 Iroovaynaad	47	78	125	158
16 Tellicherry	8	24	32	2
Total	55	102	157	160
Grand Total	638	584	1222	676

(Signed) W. Robinson
A. Collector.

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Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over

Read the follow

-ing Papers.

No. 138.

To,

G. S. Forbes Esqre

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

Bd. No. 3680.

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Sir,

From the Collr.
of Madura.....

Soon after joining the

Office

I. G. B.

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Fort St. George. 20th December 1856.

Office my attention was forcibly drawn
by the manner in which the duties of
the Land Rent Department were per-
formed to the state of that Establish
-ment. This I found not only nume-
-rically weak in my opinion but
also inadequately remunerated.

In what respect the Esta-
2
-blishment was insufficient and
to what ecstent it should be remo-
-delled were not questions to be hastily
determined, but required experience
and consideration for their proper settle
-ment.

I think that I have now
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been sufficiently long in the Office
and have a sufficient Knowledge
of its details to be able to submit
for the favorable consideration of
the Board such a revision of the
Establishment

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Establishment as will lead to the duties being more promptly and efficiently conducted for the future.

The retirement of Mr 4 J.H.B Wilson from the situation of Head Writer and record Keeper in which he drew a salary of Rupees 210 monthly gives me the better opportunity of bringing forward at once the subject of reforming the Establishment for I find that I can dispense with the services of so highly paid an Official / provided I believe in no other Collectorate / and should prefer supplying his place by an Head Writer and a Native Record Keeper on smaller salaries and to employ the surplus in the payment of other establishments most exigently required

Mr Wil

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5 Mr Wilson has lately been absent on 3 months leave during which no substitute has been entertained, and a moiety of his allowances have been for that period carried to the credit of Government but as it is now requisite to appoint others I have employed a Head Writer on 70 Rs and a Native Record Keeper on 35 Rupees monthly pending the Government Sanction.

6 There is another situation that of Persian Moonshee Salary Rupees 10-8-- which I conceive to be useless. He has about a single letter to translate monthly and this might will be sent to the Persian Moonshee either in the Boards or Government Office I have therefore given the incumbent another

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another situation of equal emolument and would recommend the abolition of his office. His former pay and the surplus remaining of Mr Wilson's leaves nine Rupees 115-8-. for other purposes and this sum though going far to this end will not entirely cover the additional expenditure which I feel called upon to recommend.

7 Annexed is a Statement for various periods of the Cost of the Quit Rent Establishment, number of Amildars Comcapolies and the demands and Collection of the land Revenue within the Trichy

Cost

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	Cost of the Quit Rent establishment			Number of Amildars	Number of Comcapolies	Land Revenue	
						Demand	Collection
	Rs	a.	p.			Rs	Rupees
Anno Domini							
1814	1,510	4	"	5	101	74,935	9,019
1817	1,370	4	"	4	81	67,906	10,167
1821	1358	"	"	4	86	72,133	22,761
1822	1187	4	"	2	29	80,726	23,354
1830	981	12	"	2	21	69,535	29,156
1832	713	12	"	1	16	66,633	48,333
1834	713	12	"	1	16	70,587	59,114

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The Board will notice the several reductions which have occurred without as far as I can learn any diminution in the duties to be performed.

9 In 1832 the office of Superintendant was abolished as unnecessary the reason being given in the Margen. The situation of Head Sheristadar was afterwards in 1844 abolished

Vide Margen table To Bd 18th Nov. 1831 "The situation is necessary. The quit rent Deptt is under the charge of the Head Sheristadar who can conduct the duties those of Superintendent with the aid of the rest of the Establishment."

abolished since which there have been only 1 Amildar and 16 Conicopolies to superintend and ensure the collection of Quit Rent embracing 45,000 rate payers

10 The Amildar takes the initiative in all matters relative to the land and the Quit Rent imposed, and as there is no one between him and his Conicopolies he has to inspect the ground personally and report upon the numerous references under one or other of these heads. His pay is 40 Rupees monthly and he is obliged to keep a conveyance without which he could not perform a third part of his duties. Looking to these facts and the increased expence at the Presidency his allowances must

be considered inadequate.

11 I can assert that his duties are more than one man can properly perform the Conicopolies are not at present sufficiently looked after the work of the Department is in arrear, and I am prevented from taking due notice of this state of things by the conviction that this official performs all which can be expected from him and that his duties are too heavy.

12 To give him the means of moving about as he should do and but a moderate provision for one in his position I would recommend that his pay be increased to 70 Rs. and in order to relieve him from his present overwhelming duties, and to enable the Collector,

to

to require that they be efficiently conducted in future I would propose an additional Amildar to be sent over the Southern portion of the Presidency with functions similar to those of the Amildar presiding over the Northern portion but as the duties of the former will be less onerous and his division lying more compact I would fix his salary at 50 Rupees monthly.

13 The two proposed Divisions would stand thus-

Northern Division.		Southern Division.		
1	Poorsawa Kum	5,093	1 Mylapoor	17,710
2	Peremboor	14,46	Nungumbaukum	2,128
	Veysarpady	15,15	Poodoopaukum	1,001
	Nedoombary	274	2 Orasanore	342
3	Tondiarpetta	11,021	Cheapauk	
	Allapollum	1,432	Walajahary	50
4	Vepery	2,261	Egmore	2,594
	Troyaurum	396	Cheyut	15,52
5	Black Town	23,076	3 Kilpauk	1,040
			Poodoopett	417
			4 Triplicane	3,525
	Rupees	46,114	Rupees	30,258

This second Division

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if Sanctioned, will necessitate a

recasting of the Quit Rent Establish-

ment for the further particulars

of which I would beg to refer the

Board to the enclosure of this letter.

As the additional Esta-

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blishment proposed amounts to Rupees

122-12- and but Seven Rupees and four

Annas above the Surplus alluded to in

Para 6 I trust the Board will obtain sanc-

tion for its employment at an early

date leaving the further increase which

I proceed to recommend to be granted

in regular course.

The Board are

16

aware that the Current Demands

of this Collectorate is in reality

that for the previous years. A

mass of Bills (over 45000) have

therefore

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therefore to be prepared at one
period and this with our small Establish
ment has never yet been done though to
said in the dispatch extra writers have
been employed and paid from the salary
of the Head Writer and his assistant
our Bills are printed and this of course
helps us much but alterations in the
Demand from sales and transfers
of whole or portions of Grants and
certificates so often occur that the
Bills are filled up after much
tedious calculation and labor. The
mode of payment of the Extra
writers appearing to me very un
-just I would request permission
to entertain 3 Extra writers for
3 Months on a Salary of 12 Rup
-pees each 108 Rupees including
the same in the Extra Establishment

This

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This being done the Bills will be handed
over to the Conicopolies in due time and
the collections made with small excep-
tion I trust within fifty-
In the ab Karry Depart-
17
-ment the Toddy Amildar superin-
-tending a collection of Rupees 24,000
revenues a salary of Rupees 35 Month-
-ly With reference to the revenue collected
and the responsibility incurred I would
recommend that his pay be raised to
50 Rupees.
The Conicopolies of which
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there are 26 receive but Rupees 8-12-0-
monthly These men are placed in po-
-sitions of much temptation and of
heavy out door work I think that
they should be paid at least Rs. 10-0- each.
The total proposed in-
19
-crease to the Establishment is
Rupees

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Rupees 67-12-0 which I take leave to submit in the required form that the Board may forward it if so disposed for the sanction of Government.

20 I feel certain that the 2nd Rent Establishment is too weak, and that some change is necessary but whether I have proposed the best form of remedy the larger Knowledge and experience of the Board will enable them to Judge.

Madras
13th September 1856

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B. N. 4340.

/ Signed / B. Cunliffe
Collector

Proceedings thereon.

Before submitting the foregoing letter to Government the Board await the Collector's reply to their Proceedings of the 30th October last as the Collector may see reason to modify some of the recommendations contained in this communication.

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No. 133

To

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

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B. N. 3971

From the Agt. Coll.r of Masulipatam ... } Paras

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Boards' Proceedings dated 18th December last, calling for a report as directed by Government on the condition of Village Moonsiffs in this District, as well as of the causes of their inactivity, I have the honor to state that the result of my recent enquiries on the subject shows that out of the 1525 Villages composing this District, Moonsiffs stand appointed to 1230 leaving 295 Villages in which the office is vacant.

Of the present incumbents only 289 can write and read & 351 sign their names the remainder being quite illiterate. The Villages in which no Moonsiffs are appointed are situated in 14 Taluks and these are stated to be so petty that it is difficult to find

	Number of Villages	Number of Moonsiffs
Number of Moonsiffs in Government Sarvy Villages	570.	560.
Number of Moonsiffs in Zemindary Sarvy Villages	350.	330.
Number of Moonsiffs in Mokhasa Villages	150.	140.
Number of Moonsiffs in agraharam Villages	160.	152.
Total	1230	1182

* In no 1182

find men however incompetent they may be who are willing even to hold the office. Out of the present incumbents not less than 920 persons hold their office by right of succession in their respective families and 262 by Selection from among the Village agricultural Community.

Suits below 10 Rs. disposed of by the Village Moonsiffs at the District Moonsiffs stations & others

	District Moonsiff stations	Decreed on Merits	Dismissed for default	Plaint withdrawn by parties	Razeenamahs	Total
1	Bunder	29	25	80	15	149
2	Ellore	5	30	35	"	70
3	Bezoarah	18	18	68	"	104
	Total	52.	73.	183	15	323.

The Marginal Statement will show that the number of cases disposed of by the Village Moonsiffs in this District during the year 56 Amounted to 323, of these not less than 288 were disposed of by Moonsiffs of four of the Principal Towns and the remainder 35 in the rest of the District a result which shows that on the whole the Moonsiffs do absolutely nothing in their Civil capa-

	Stations	Decreed on Merits	Dismissed for default	Withdrawn by parties	Razeenamahs with or without Decree	Total
1	Bunder	147	13	61	6	227
2	Ellore	62	3	40	15	120
3	Bezoarah	17	4	28	19	68
	Total	226	20	129	40	415

1 Bunder
2 Ellore
3. Bezoarah
4. Condapilly

3. It will be observed from the Marginal Statement that the number of cases in which the Value of property is below 10 Rs disposed of by the District Moonsiffs is 415 during the same period

It will hence be seen that the large majority of cases of the latter discription are decided by the District Moonsiffs and this indicates clearly the low estimation in which the persons holding the office of Village Moonsiffs are held by the people.

The tribunal is not one which is looked up to, nor do the persons who have to discharge such responsible duties enjoy the confidence of the people. I attribute this state of things to the Moonsiffs being as a general rule without any emoluments either in land or fees and to their low standard of attainments. It cannot be expected that they will work without adequate remuneration and till this is given to them no other measure will be of any avail to raise the office to the position it ought to hold in the estimation of the people.

5 I find that the matter of remuneration has been repeatedly reported on by the former Collector but nothing has as yet been done to carry this out and I think it sufficient on the present occasion to refer the Board to the Correspondence bearing on the subject as noted in the Margin. The question is one of great importance in every point

Letter B. 22 June 1844
No. 3 of 1st March 1844

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point of view and in none greater that as it affects matters of Police. In these especially the want of competent Moonsiffs is much felt.

Number of Village Moonsiffs who are in the receipt of fees	Fees per year			Average per each per annum	
	In land	In Money	Total		
521	Rs. a. ps.	Rs. a. ps.	Rs. a. ps.	Rs. a. ps.	
607	" " 2026	" " 2633	" " 5	10	an average of Rs. 5. 10.
	Per month	"	"		each per annum. The

6. The marginal Statement will show the fees received by the few Village Moonsiffs who are paid at all giving an average of Rs. 5. 10. each per annum. The sum "In Money" is stated to have been disbursed to them as Batta out of the fund called the Gra[illegible] makurch Collections. This has since discontinued.

7. I would recommend that the office of Moonsiff be made such as to be one sought after by educated[x] and respectable persons. I would not make the Office hereditary but give the preference to the heir of the last holder only if he were otherwise qualified to hold it.

8. In conclusion I have to state that I find on record, Proceedings of the Board dated so far back as 25th March 1844 (remaining unanswered) calling for a Complete report on the Village Police in this District including Village watchers. The enquiry then ordered was commenced but the information required was never for transmission. Subsequently on the 3rd November 1845 another call was made but in a different shape. This included the office of Curnum. The requisite information as regards Moonsiffs and Curnums has been collected and I hope to forward a report with definite propositions as to the Emoluments for both in the course of the coming [illegible]

Masulipatam Collr.s Cutcherry 22d. September 1856

/Signed/ J. Fraser
Coll

x By educated, I mean men who can read & write the Vernacular fairly and have a General knowledge of their powers & duties

From Comm.r N. C. No. 513

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No. 152.

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

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P.t O.t 3993
From the Collector of Vizagapatam

Sir I beg to submit copy of a letter from my Principal Assistant Mr. Knox having reference to the projected change in the Salt Pans in this District and to request that the necessary orders on this subject may be communicated for my guidance at the earliest practicable period.

/Signed/ P. B. Smollett
Collector

Vizagapatam District
Bimlipatam Collectors
Circuit Office 26th September 1856

No. 1

To P. B. Smollett Esq.re
Collector and Agent to the
Governor Vizagapatam

Sir. I beg to remind you that it will be necessary to commence preparations for making Salt at Conadah and Coopully in November if the old System is to be continued, and if on the new plan as proposed by Government at Conadah as proposed by you at Coopully it will be impossible to make the necessary enlargements of [illegible] channels &c. unless the work is commenced at once, in either case early instructions

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instructions are desirable and I beg you will call attention of the higher authorities to this matter

Vizagapatam Principal Assistant Collectors Office 25th September 1850

/Signed/ J. J. Knox
Principal Assistant

/True Copy/
/Signed/ B. Smollett
Collector

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Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

No 107

To
S. D. Sim Esqr
Acting Secretary to the Board of Rev
Fort St. George
Sir

976
B. No 1125
From the Collr of Cuddapah

I have the honor to state for the information of the Board of Revenue that the Europ residents in Cuddapah have erected at a consider expence a very neat and substantial place of worship designated Christ church in which divine service is per every Sabbath afternoon whether there is a clergyman at the or not, and is open to all denominations of persons choose to attend The church was consecrated by the Bishop of Madras, on the 25th of August last.

2 The land on which christ church is erected is in a very central situation in the vicinity of the houses of the European residents and not far from the town

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Cuddapah it measures in all 3 a 36 c 4 d assessed at C. P. 7-3-1 usual Remission C. P. 2-4-4½ total C. P. 4-8 12½ or Rupees 4-3-6 I would respectfully beg to request that Should the Board of Revenue see no particular objection they will obtain the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to remit the assessment on the land enclosed within the fences for the protection of the church which measures as above.—

The Government have
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most liberally allowed portions of Grounds on which Schools might be erected free of all tax in order to encourage education I deem the present request to have that portion of land within the Church enclosure exempt from tax by no means unreasonable as land has been granted for Educational purposes I think the like might be granted for that on which a church has been erected where christians may meet for Divine worship the amount of assessment is small and I cannot doubt that the present liberal Government will at once grant me permission to exempt the land from all assessment

Cuddapah Collectors Office 7th October 1850

/Signed/ M. Murray
Collector

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B.d No. 4355

Proceedings thereon

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The Board of Revenue regret that they are precluded under the Orders of Government circulated by them under date 17th April 1837 and by subsequent orders from recommending a remission of tax on lands devoted to religious purposes.—

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No. 140

To

S. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

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Sir

B.d No. 4213

From the Acting Collr of Masulipatam

I had hoped that the final orders for giving effect to the revision of the salaries of the Salt establishments sanctioned by Government under date 10th May 1856 would have reached me ere now I reported also that there was no objection to the new arrangement taking place from the beginning of the current Fasly Mr. Manuel D Conceicao, Salt Ameen at

No. 481

Dated 24th June 1856

No. 64

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Fort St. George 20th December 1856

Poudraca whose worth and services have been more than once brought to the notice of Government has declined several officers of higher pay made to him from different quarters, in the hope of getting a fitting salary in his present post I am therefore most anxious to see the revised salaries sanctioned at as early a date as possible and would therefore press this matter on the notice of the Board.—

/Signed/ J. Fraser

Ag Collector

Ordered to lie over

Masulipatam Collectors Cutcherry 15th October 1856

Order thereon

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No. 229

To

S. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

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B.d No. 4483

From the Collr of Madura

Sir

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 26 September last and to my letter of the 24 June last I have the honor to submit a revised statement of the alteration I would propose in the District Establishment to meet the expence of the Printing Press and of the Servants I have engaged in the latter.—

1 The Rates of Salary though less than the North Arcot standard are as high if not higher than those received at the Mission Press at Palamcottah.—

2 The duties of the Sea Custom Writer will be performed by the other Servants in the Writers Office Any deficiency in the Sundries will be met by receipts from other Departments especially the Courts, which not being able to contribute to the Fund by a reduction of Establishment will pray for work done for them.—

/Signed/ Rt. D. Parker

Collr

Madura 16th October 1856

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No. 1 Statement Shewing the alterations proposed in the Moyenzabitah of the Districts of Madura and Dindigul.

Press Establishment	Amount	Total	Proposed Alteration	Amount	Total
	Rs A P	Rs A P		Rs A P	Rs A P
Sanctioned on the 7 June 1842	9132 8 "		1 Head Compositor	25 " "	
D° 19th April 1845	12 " "		1 Assistant D°	10 8 "	
D° 5 June 1845	203 4 "		1 2d D° D°	8 " "	
D° 13th January 1847	318 8 "		1 3d D° D°	7 " "	
D° 15th Dec 1847	473 " "		1 Pressman	9 " "	
D° 19th December 1848	126 12 "		1 Assistant D°	6 " "	
D° 22d September 1849	81 " "		1 Ball Man	7 " "	
D° 19th June 1852	87 8 "			72 8 "	
D° 13th January 1854	284 " "				
D° 1st August 1856	94 8 "	10813 " "	Aggregate pay of the Servants interfered with	10737 12 "	
Sea Custom Department			Total Amount of the Moyen Zabetah as altered		10810 4
1 Writer	28 " "		Amount reserved for Contigent expenses	2 12 "	
Sheristadars Department					
1 Goomastah	17 8 "				
Mooniehee Department					
1 Peysnm	10 8 "				
Talooks					
3 Peons Sursamies a 3-8 each	10 8				
2 D° a 4-6 D°	8 12				
	75 4 "				
Aggregate pay of the Servants interfered with	10737 12 "				
Total		10813 " "	Total of the present Moyenzabitah		10813 " "

Madura
29th October 1856

/ Signed / J. W. Sullivan
Acting Collector

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B^d. No. 4372.

Fort St. George 20th December 1850

Proceedings thereon

The Board approve of the reductions proposed in the Customs Sherista and Moonshee Departments they presume that the Persons employed in the latter performed the duties of a Clerk.—

2 With regard to the Peons the Board regret that under the practicular orders of Government they cannot recommend any reductions in this class of servants, unless indeed they were previously employed in the work of transcription. The Collector will afford information on this point. If they were otherwise employed, the Collector will reconsider his proposition and submit a revised Tabular form confining his reductions to those Departments in which Work has been lessened by the introduction of printing.—

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B^d. No. 4282

From the Chairman to the Chamber of Commerce

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor herewith

reference to my letter of 16th June last to transmit for the information of the Board of Revenue an Extract of the Report of a Sub Committee of the Chamber on the internal management of the Sea Custom House and to intimate that the members of the Chamber will be happy to communicate with your Board in person or otherwise on matters of detail connected with the contemplated reforms in the System at present in force at the Custom House.—

The Chamber would draw particular attention to the following subjects Viz^t The

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the abolition of all Export Duties the publication of the annual Statements of the Commerce of the Presidency at the earliest possible date after the close of each Official year and the adoption of the form of Statement published in Bengal and lastly the necessity of an Officer being present at the Custom House from 10 A. M. to the hour it does clothed with full executive Powers to dispose of all business Connected with the Department. —

I take this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated 11th August and of returning with thanks the five enclosures that accompanied it relative to the System in force at the Bombay Sea Customs House. —

Chamber of Commerce
Madras 21st October 1856

(902. 903)

Order thereon ordered to lie over

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(Sgd) J. B. Key
Chairman

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No. 116

(984)

To

R. No. 2461
From the Collector
of Rajahmundry

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

Sir

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioner for the Northern Circars under date the 12th January 1855 annexed to the Minutes of Consultation of the 5th Idem sanctioning the continuance of Certain hereditary and life grants to several parties in the Catarunachendrapooram Talook in lieu of resumed Enams. I have the honor to state that as directed in Para 2 of the above Proceedings a notice was issued for the appearance of E. Vencamah or her heirs within a given period — The female E. Vencamah herself appeared prior to the expiration of the prescribed period, and has satisfactorily established her identity. She is the widow of Evatoory Poolliah, and I beg to recommend that I receive sanction to disburse to her the allowances due at

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at 2 Rupees per annum in arrears from Fusly 1256.—

2 As regards the future disposal of her allowance I called upon her to state if she was willing to accept a sum in commutation of the same, and she has expressed herself prepared to receive 20 years purchase money in addition to the arrears already due to her from Fusly 1256. The allowance is an hereditary one but she is a childless widow, 61 years of age, and the allowance will lapse on her death. I cannot therefore recommend that her proposal should be accepted, but would suggest, either that the allowance should be continued during her life, or that I receive authority to disburse to her 9 years purchase money, with reference to her age, (between 50 and 55), exclusive of arrears, if she is willing to accept it.—

3 With reference to the 3d Para of the Proceedings under reply, I have the honor to state that the late Commissioners' Proceedings of the 28th February 1854 on therein alluded to were answered by the

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Sub Collector in charge under date the 18th July of the same year. He then afforded the explanation required in regard to the allowances of two individuals and submitted the statement called for. The Government in Para 11 of their Minutes of Consultation under date the 5th January 1856 directed that the allowance should be considered as lapsed. The requisition thus appears to have been conformed to.—

4 As directed in Para 4 a list of all Enamdars to whom hereditary and life grants have been continued by the resolution of Government under reference has been prepared and a copy thereof furnished to the Civil Auditor.—

Rajahmundry District Collectors Office
Cocanada 25th October 1856

(Signed) A. Purvis
Collector

B. No. 4360

Resolution thereon

(904. 985)

Resolved that para 1 of the foregoing letter be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

On

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From Sub Collector 18th Feby. & 18 Jan. C. 27th March
From Government 30th June In. C. 3rd July 1848
From Collector 15th Nov. 1850 In. C. 14th Feby 1853
From Sub Coll. 19th July 1854 In. M.G. Cons. 15th Nov.
To Government 15th Nov. In. M.G. dated 15th Nov.
From Do. 5th Jany 1855 No. 36 Instr. Dy. 18 Jan. 55
To Collector 12th Do. & Northern Circars.
Cons 15th January 1856.

On referring to the correspondence noted in the Margin, the Board find that Evaloory Venkamah is one of the Enamdars, whose allowances are included in the Statement sanctioned by Government on In Cons 3d July 1848 the 20th June 1848 but in consequence of her absence from her usual place of residence, her allowance has not been disbursed to her since 1846 - In pursuance Dated 5th Jan'y 56. of the order of Government a notice was 97 Cons 15th Jan'y 1856 No. 86. issued requiring her attendance within six Month, in failure of which, the grant was to be treated as a lapse. The Collector state that she appeared within the prescribed period, and has been identified as the party intitled to the allowance, Viz 2 Rupees per annum. The Board therefore recommend that the arrears due from Fusly 1266 / 1856/57 may be

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paid and her allowance continued to her.

The Collector will be instructed to offer the Pensioner the amount suggested, Viz. Rupees 18, in commutation of the allowance in addition to all arrears due up to the date of the arrangement if agreed to by her.

No. 225

To

(956)
B. No. 4376
From the Collector of Nellore — Sir

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

With reference to the Board's Circular dated 27th August last No. 2743
I have the honor to append a Statement shewing the number of Village Moonsiffs for Government Zemindary, Enams, and other Villages in this District as they stood at the end of last year.

Nellore
Collectors Office
24th October 1856

(Signed) F. B. Elton
Collector

Statement

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Statement shewing the number of Village Moonsiffs in the Vellore District as they stood at the end of the year 1855.

	No. of Moonsiffs
1 For Government Villages --	723
2 Zemindary & Poligar Do. -	881
3 Enam & other Do. -	236
Total	1840

(Signed) F. B. Elton
Collector

(986-987)

Order thereon — Ordered to lie over.

No. 235

(988)

To

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

B. No. 4371
From the Collector of North Arcot

Sir

I have the honor, with reference to Extract Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 23d Instant, to express my regret that the defective headings of the Statement, shewing the number of Village Moonsiffs should have rendered necessary the reference under reply.

2 The numbers given in Columns 2 to 7 are those of the Moonsiffs, and not of the Villages. The number of Villages including hamlets in Chittoor Talook is 306 but there are only 171 Village Moonsiffs in that Talook.

3 It is common for 7 or 8 Villages or more correctly speaking hamlets, to have but one Moonsiff. In one instance there is but one Moonsiff to 19 Villages or rather 1 Village and its 18 hamlets. The 19 are however in the Chittoor Talook entered in the accounts as Villages.

x a revised statement accompanys

North Arcot Collrs Cutcherry Chittoor - 1

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Statement shewing the number of Village Moonsiffs in Government & Co. Villages in the District of North Arcot.

	Names of the Talooks	1	2 Number of Villages Moonsiffs in Government Villages	3 Number of Villages Moonsiffs in Zemindary Villages	4 Number of Villages Moonsiffs in Poligar Villages	5 Number of Villages Moonsiffs in Enam Villages.	6 Number of Villages Moonsiffs in Jaghire Villages	7 Total Number of Villages Moonsiffs.
1	Chittoor	171	3	"	"	"	"	174
2	Chendragherry	209	31	31	"	"	"	271
3	Carrapauk	134	8	"	"	"	1	101
4	Sholinghar	99	1	"	"	"	"	132
5	Tiruellum	129	3	"	"	"	"	224
6	Satghur	221	3	"	"	"	"	252
7	Palamanair	239	13	"	"	"	"	134
8	Arcot	132	2	"	"	"	"	171
9	Vellore	170	1	"	"	"	"	224
10	Tirvettoor	221	3	"	"	"	"	173
11	Poloor	172	1	"	"	"	"	201
12	Wandawash	199 68	2	"	"	"	"	76
13	Sutavaid	1143	8	"	"	"	"	160
14	Vencatgherry Cottah	"	17	"	"	270	"	270
15	Tirtany Do.	"	"	"	"	310	"	310
16	Narrainaum Do.	"	"	"	"	237	"	237
17	Catastry Do.	"	"	"	"	118	"	118
18	Wadeparuk Do.	"	"	"	"	203	"	203
19	Confaundy Do.	"	"	"	"	"	132	132
20	Arnee Do.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Total	2307	96	31	1138	133	3706	

Note The accounts for the Poongan or Zemindary recently transfered to this District and the Burgury Tombah, Vargunty &c. Goodepauty Pollium not having been yet received a Supplementary list will be forwarded when the information has been furnished.

(Signed) C. Whittingham
Collector

North Arcot - 1 - -
Collectors Cutcherry - 1
Chittoor 25th October 1856

Order —

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Gen. 989

Order thereon

Ordered to lie over.

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B. No. 4340

From the Register to the Court of Sudr Udalut

To

J. D. Sim Esquire

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

In order to enable the Court of Sudr Udalut to report to Government their opinion regarding the working of the Village Moonsiffs Courts, I am directed by the Judges to request you will, with the permission of the Board, favor them with information as to the Zillahs in which any revision or improvement has been made in the Salaries or emoluments assigned to these Officers, as well as the total number of Villages and Village Moonsiffs in each Collectorate.

Sudr Udalut

Registers Office

5th November 1856

/ Signed / George Ellis

Register

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.

To

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B. No. 4353

To the Register to the Court of Sudr Udalut

The Register to the Court of Sudr Udalut

Sir

With reference to your letter dated 5th November 1856, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward herewith a Statement shewing the number of Village Moonsiffs in each District of the Madras Presidency.

The Board will also have their records searched, with a view of ascertaining in what Districts any revision or improvement has been made in the Salaries or emoluments assigned to Officers of this Class and will inform you of the result at as early a period as practicable.

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/ Signed / J. D. Sim

Acting Secretary

Return

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Fort Saint George.

Return of Village Moonsiffs in the Madras Presidency for 1856.

Districts	Village Moonsiffs in Govt. Villages	Villages on Moodeliffs or Bramin Talaries Shortnesses Mootahs &c.	Total	Remarks
1 Ganjam	728	The no. of Village Moonsiffs by these Talaries cannot be ascertained from the Collectorate Records	728	From Acting Collector of Ganjam dated 19th Sept. 1856.
2 Vizagapatam	329	2782	3111	From Collector of Vizagapatam dated 22nd September 1856.
3 Rajahmundry	768	334	1102	From Collector of Rajahmundry dated 8th October 1856.
4 Masulipatam	560	622	1182	From Acting Collector of Masulipatam dated 22nd September 1856.
5 Guntoor	739	"	739	From Acting Collector of Guntoor dated 8th September 1856.
6 Nellore	723	1117	1840	From Collector of Nellore dated 24th October 1856.
8 Bellary	2238	235	2473	From Collector of Bellary dated 15th September 1856.
7 Cuddapah	1756	240 x	1996	From Collector of Cuddapah dated 3rd October 1856. 70 out of these belong to Pongaroor Zemindary now included in N. Arcot.
9 Kurnool	No Village Moonsiffs.			From Officiating Agent to the Governor at Kurnool dated 8th September 1856.
10 Chingleput	1656	540	2190	From Collector of Chingleput dated 5th September 1856.
18 Salem	1987	732	2719	From Collector of Salem dated 24th September 1856.
11 North Arcat	2307	1392	3705	From Collector of North Arcat 25th October 1856.
12 South Arcat	3079	87	3166	From Collector of South Arcat dated 18th September 1856.
13 Tanjore	2926	86	3012	From Acting Collector of Tanjore dated 6th October 1856
14 Trichinopoly	1200	378	1578	From Collector of Trichinopoly dated 6th September 1856
15 Madura	765	2811	3576	From Collector of Madura dated 25th September 1856.
16 Tinnevelly	633	68	701	From Collector of Tinnevelly dated 13th October 1856.
17 Coimbatore	1382	51	1433	From Collector of Coimbatore dated 23rd September 1856.
19 Canara	1597	None	1597	From Collector of Canara dated 22 Sept. 56 - 1473 are filled and 124 Vacant
20 Malabar	434	0	434	From Acting Collector of Malabar 11th December 1856.
2 Madras	No Village Moonsiffs			(From Collector of Madras 6th October 1856)

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/Signed/ J. D. Sim Acting Secretary.

To

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No. 232

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To

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

B. No. 4068
From the Collector of South Arcot } Sir

I have the honor to forward for submission to the Board of Revenue the accompanying Copy of a letter dated 8th Instant from Mr. E. F. Elliott, the Head Assistant of this District in which he applies for the Services of an Apothecary or Dresser at Tindevanum, where he is permanently stationed with his Cutchery.

2 As Tindevanum is 40 miles from Cuddalore and Mr. Elliotts Talooks are still further off it is desirable that a Dresser should be attached to his Office people and to the Community at large.

3 Pondichary is about 28 miles from Tindevanum, but the Medical men at it do not belong to our Establishment.

4 If the Board see sufficient reason to propose that they should move the Government to direct that a Dresser may be appointed as requested by Mr. Elliott.

South Arcot Collectors Cutchery
Cuddalore 11th November 1856 } (Signed) A. Hall
Collector

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To

Arthur Hall Esquire
Collector of South Arcot

Sir

Having for some time past felt the want of Medical aid not only with regard to myself but on account of the Government Servants attached to my Cutchery, and the Natives of the District under my charge, being as I am at a distance from any Coast, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to forward my application to the proper Authorities, and request that an Apothecary or Dresser may be sent.

South Arcot Head Asst. Collectors Cutchery Tindevanum
8th November 1856.
B. No. 4352

(Signed) E. F. Elliott
Asst. Collector

(True Copy)
(Signed) A. Hall
Collector

Order thereon

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Ordered to be submitted for the consideration

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No. 181.

To

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

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B. No. 4806
From the Collr of Coimbatore. } Sir,

I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Annamalay Forests dated 1st Instant together with an Estimate therewith sent requesting sanction for Rupees 24,248—7—11. an emergency for working the Annamalay Forests.

2. Under the reasons stated by Lieutenant Michael I beg to suggest that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the same

Coimbatore, Collector's Office, 13th November 1856. } (Signed) C. B. Thomas
Collector

To

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To,

The Collector of
Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an emergent Estimate amounting to Rupees 24,248 7—11, and request you will be good enough to obtain sanction for that sum as early as possible. With reference to the sum of Rupees 13,807—10—5 shown as outstanding, I would remark that this represents various unsettled accounts for carting floating &c. which are not closed as the contractors are still at work. for instance, in the monthly account for October, there is an outstanding balance shown, for carting amounting to Rupees 11,369—"—" though in reality the contractor have not only performed work to that amount, but by the end of next month when their work is

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finished, and their accounts closed there will be a balance of some 6,000 or 8,000 Rupees due to them

2. Captain Francis in a recent visit to the forest approved of the site of the proposed tank band, where a small dam has already been constructed, but as he did not estimate for the large band. I have put down the sum required as 600 Rupees, which was the amount of the rough Estimate made by Captain Hamilton.

3. As ordered in Minutes of Consultation dated 22nd March 1855 No. 349 in future the forest estimate will be sent with the annual account but as, on taking charge of the Forest. I found that only Rupees 15,398—6—9 remained at disposal I have found it absolutely necessary to apply for the above.

Annamalay Hills
1st November 1856.

(Signed) I. Michael
Supt. annt. Forests

(True Copy)
(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector

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No. 195.

To.

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

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B. No. 5003.

From the Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 13th Instant No. 181, I beg to forward Copies of Communications from Lieutenant J. Michael Superintendent of Annamalli Forests dated 24th and 26th and to state for the information of the Board that under the emergency of the circumstances therein represented I have advanced to Lieutenant Michael a sum of 4,000 Rupees in anticipation of the Sanction of Government for the Estimate of Rupees 24,248-7-11.-

Coimbatore - - - - -
Collector's Office - - -
8th November 1850.-

(Signed) C. B. Thomas
Collector

To

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Memorandum of sums expended in working
Annamallay Forest up to 31st October 1856

Felling Timber of all descriptions with the axe	39861	12	"
Do by saw	1356	2	8
Canoe making	9864	15	7
Rowing	659	2	4
Coir ropes	432	5	1
Hire of Elephant	2681	12	"
Elephant Harness	37	8	10
Cutting	531	7	10
Shaping Gun carriage logs	38	"	"
Carriage of Planks	45085	11	2
Shaping do	1430	3	"
Saddling	24	7	"
Clearing Brushwood	132	12	11
Establishment	22509	5	6
Implements	1840	2	3
Sundries	818	"	3
Floating	3134	15	7
Purchased Trees	17420	"	"
Total Rupees	147858	12	"
Add outstanding in advances	13807	10	5
Add outstanding against workmen to be written off	407	4	8
Grand Total Rupees	162073	11	1

Received from the Collector of Coimbatore the amount sanctioned on different dates ..... 153000 " "

Sale of Cash realized from sale of timber 9925 3 2

Sum drawn by the Collector of Coimbatore as an advance to the Mundy and compensation to Goora Bux ..... 9500 " "

Rupees 174425 3 2

Deduct expenditure & outstanding for work in the forest 162073 11 1

Amount at disposal 12351 8 1

(Signed) J. Michael
Supt. Annt. Forest.

Emergent Estimate for working the annamallay Forest during the year 1856/57

To carriage of 3000 Planks on top of ghat at 2 Rs. per plank	6000	"
" Slipping do at 8 annas per plank	1500	"
" Carriage of do to Mungara at 4 Rupees per plank	1200	"
" Squaring 2000 Heads & Butts at an average of 1¼ Rupee each	2500	"
" Carriage of do above ghat at 2 Rupees each	4000	"
" Slipping do at 1 Rupee each	2000	"
" Cutting 400 Rosewood Planks for Gun Carriage Manufactory at 5 Rupees per plank	2000	"
" Carriage of do above ghat at 2 Rupees per plank	800	"
" Slipping do at 8 annas per plank	200	"
" Damming Toonacadavoo River	600	"
" Purchased Trees in rented forest about 700 at 5 Rs. each	3500	"
" Sundries such as drag ropes, clearing Brushwood to guard against fire &c.	1500	"
Total Rupees	36600	"
Deduct amount at disposal	12351	8
Requiring sanction	24248	7

Annamully Hills
1st November 1856

(Signed) J. Michael
Supt. Annt. Forest.

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector.

J.G.B.

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Enc: 1.
No. 167.

To
The Collector
of Coimbatore

Sir,

Para. 1. With reference to my letter No. 142, dated 1st November, I have the honor to inform you that the money at my disposal, for working the Annamalai Forests, is very nearly exhausted and as I have now about 250 Carts at work above the Ghaut, for which constant payments and advances have to be made, I am very much afraid that unless sanction for my Emergent Estimate arrives very shortly, the Forest work will be stopped for want of funds, at this the most favorable time for Carting above the Ghaut.—

2. There are other payments to be made to Coolies, for clearing brushwood, and for taking the tanks bund &c. which cannot possibly be over. and for which this small balance in hand will

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will be inadequate.—

3. Under these circumstances I request that you will be good enough to make me an advance of Rupees 5,000. in anticipation of Sanction.—

(Signed) J. Michael
Supt. Anna. Forest

Coimbatore — }
24th November 1850. — }

(True Copy)
(Signed) J. A. C. Boswell
Acting Head. Asst. Collector.

Enc: 2.
No. 170.

To
The Collector
of Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to my letter No. 167 of yesterday's date I have the honor to enclose a receipt in duplicate for Rupees 4000 and request that 3000 of that sum may be sent for me to the Palachy Talook and the remaining 1000 to the Collector of Malabar to be held at my disposal in the Paulghaut

Talook

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Coimbatoor
20th November
1856.

Signed J. Michael
Supte. Annamallie Forest

True Copy
Signed J. A. C. Boswell
Acting Head Asst. Collector.

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B. No. 4367.

Proceedings thereon -

Resolved that the foregoing papers be forwarded for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. The Board remark that Government sanctioned the advance of Rupees 34000 on the 15th September last for working the annamallay Forests during the year 1856. The Collector now requests a further sanction of Rupees 24248-7-11 and states that the sum advanced Lt. Michael Rupees 4,000 out of that amount in anticipation of Government sanction.

3. It appears to the Board that this amount was urgently needed for carting purposes above the Ghaut as it was apprehended that work would cease at a most favorable season for carrying it on unless the advance of money was made and they approve of the proceedings of the Collector and recommend that early sanction be given for the whole amount estimated.

4. The account Current and Report for the year 1855/56 have been received in the Board's office and will receive early consideration but it may be mentioned that a Net Profit to Government of Rupees 22248-5-4 on the expenditure and sales of that year appears in the Account Current.

+ Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 989 Revenue Department In Cons. 25th September 1856

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No. 825.

To The Secretary
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

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B. No. 4889.

From Lieutenant F. J. Moberly
District Engineer Vizagapatam

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a plan and Estimate for a Travellers bungalow at Agnumpoody half way between Cassimcottah and Waltair (the whole distance being now 26 Miles for this stage on the road from Madras to this much frequented station) and for one at Maduruwada Midway between this place and Chittevalsa on the road to Vizianagrum - the present stage being 20 Miles in length over a hilly road.

I shall be obliged by your procuring,

2. the sanction of Government for these 2 buildings at an early date, as they are much needed for Travellers now.

I have also the honor to enclose a plan

3. and estimate for 4 more traveller's bungalows, which I purpose entering in my budget as a portion of the expenditure for the year 1857-58.

I have

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4 They will be required when the road is completed between subbarayan and Chica passing thro' Chittemulva.

District Engr. Office;
Vizagapatam.
Camp Waltair
18th November 1856.

/Signed/ F. J. Moberly
District Engineer Vizagapatam

B. No. 4338.

Resolution thereon.

(997·998)

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Collector of Vizagapatam for his opinion as to the necessity for constructing Public Bungalows at the localities selected by the District Engineer.

2. Mr. Smollett will be good enough also to report the number of bonâ fide Travellers entitled to make use of Public Bungalows, excluding Officers of the Revenue and Public Works Departments who halted at the existing Bungalows on the roads on which Lieutenant Moberly proposes the erection of these Buildings.

3. The Plans and Estimates have not been forwarded, as the Collector can procure the original if required, from the District Engineer.

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Ordered also that the following letter be sent.

To The Chief Engineer

(999)

B. No. 4339.

To
The Chief Engineer.

Sir.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will instruct the District Engineers to forward proposals for the construction of Public Bungalows through the Collector of the Districts and not, as is often the case at present, direct to the Board.

2. The Board are obliged to refer such communications when received direct to the Collector for information as to the number of Travellers frequenting the road and other particulars, without which they are necessarily unable to form a just opinion as to the necessity or otherwise of incurring the proposed outlay.

Revenue Bd. Office;
Fort St. George
20th December 1856.

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Actg. Secy.

To

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No. 199

To

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

(1000)
B. No. 5090

From the Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter from Dr. Scott dated 24th September last, and a specification of the land applied for by him at Ootacamund measuring Cawnies 25 and to request the permission of the Board to put up the same to public auction in lots of 5 Cawnies each as solicited by Dr. Scott.

2. A rough sketch of the land in question is forwarded; no regular plan being practicable for the present as my Surveyor Mr. Williams is now under the orders of the Civil Engineer for a time tracing the new line of road between Coonoor and Sreenagar an amended Plan will be forwarded hereafter.

Coimbatore,
Collector's Office,
5th December 1856.

/Signed/ E. B. Thomas
Collector.

To

22767. Fort St. George 20th December 1856

No. 1

To E. B. Thomas Esqre
Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have put up to public auction a piece of land measuring nearly twenty Cawnies in lots of 5 Cawnies each, for building purposes. The land is bounded on the North by the road round to Lake and Bishop's down South by a Stream and waste land, North by a trench of Bishops down property, and west by General Stratons property. Enclosed is a pencil sketch by Mr. Williams the Surveyor, and I shall feel obliged by its being put up to public Competition as speedily as possible.

Ootacamund
24th September
1856.

/Signed/ John Scott

True Copy

/Signed/ John A. C. Boswell
Actg. Head Assistant
Collector.

Memo

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No. 2.

Memorandum.

Dr. J. Scott applies for a piece of land at Ootacamund Measuring 20 Cawnies for building purposes. It is bounded on the North by the road round the Lake and Bishop's down, South by a stream and waste land, East by a trench of Bishop's down property, and west by General Stratton's property. Its occupancy by Dr. Scott is unobjectionable, whether on Public or private grounds. The up set price thereon calculated at 8 Rupees Quit Rent at 1—2—4. per Cawny per annum amounts to 183—5—4. I would recommend one or more lots, as the Board deem right, 5 Cawnies each.

Coimbatore
5th December 1856. } Signed C. B. Thomas
Collector.

(1000. 1001)
B. P. No. 4357.

Proceedings thereon.

The Collector states that the occupation of the land by Dr. Scott is unobjectionable public or private grounds, but leaves the Board to decide whether one or more lots shall be put up to

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to sale. The Board are however unable to determine what extent of land should be put up to auction and request the Collector whose local knowledge renders him competent to advise them in such a matter, to state explicitly what extent should be sold to Dr. Scott.

No. 147.

To
M. Murray Esqr.
Collector of Cuddapah.

(1002)
A. After B. P. No. 5755.

From the Collector of Cuddapah. —

Sir.

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to submit my application to proceed to England on Furlough for 3 years in February next, and for 14 days leave of absence preparatory thereto to enable me to proceed to the Presidency. I propose to avail myself of this leave in the beginning of February 1857.

Cuddapah,
Sub Collector's Office,
at Cumbum 3rd December 1856 } Signed A. Wedderburn
Sub Collector

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No. 147.

Requesting to obtain the permission of the Board of Revenue to proceed on Furlough for 3 years from the beginning of February 1857 and for 14 days in the same month.

Forwarded to and recommended for the favorable consideration of the Board of Revenue.

Cuddapah.
Collector's Office,
at Jummulmudgoo
6th December 1856.
Signed M. Murray
Collector.

1002. 1003
B. No. 4319.
Proceedings thereon.

Submitted thro' the Civil Auditor for the favorable consideration of Government.

No. 157.

1004
B. No. 5050.
From the Chief Engineer Departt. Public Works.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Sir.

With reference to your letter of the 1st

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1st Instant, I have the honor to forward herewith 2 uncolored copies of the Trichinopoly Map, in order to their being forwarded to the Collector of that District for the purpose of making the boundaries authorized by Government.

Government Litho: Press
Central Office of P. W.
Fort St. George,
8th December 1856
Signed C. E. Faber,
Colonel
Chief Engineer
D. P. W.

Ordered that the following letter be sent.

To The Collector of Trichinopoly.

1004. 1005
B. No. 4356.
To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir.

With reference to your letter of the 23d October 1856, I am directed by the

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the Board of Revenue to forward to you 2 Copies of the new lithographed Map of Trichinopoly received from the Chief Engineer, together with the Sketch Map which accompanied your letter of the 13th August last

In Cons 16th Sept 1856.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
20th December 1856.

/ Signed / J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

No 217

To

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

1006

B. No 5132

From the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir

I do myself the honor to transmit the prescribed advertisement for the sale

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sale of certain lands of this District the property of Ryots in the Talook of Conaud 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.

2. The arrear for the Fusly amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 199-8-3 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,
10th December 1856.

/ Signed / J. Bird
Collector

Proceedings

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(1006-1007)

B. No. 4328.

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 the Office of the advertisement forwarded by the Collector, the date of the sale being altered to monday the 26th January 1857. Mr. Bird will be pleased to make a corresponding correction in the Advertisement published in the District.

Pro

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Monday the 22d. December 1856.

Read the following Papers-

(1008)

B. Dy. 4200

From the chief Secy. to Government

Revenue Department

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 16th. October 1856-

(1008-1009)

B. Dy. 4395

Communicating with the orders of Government thereon Extracts from a letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 11th June 1856 Nos. 5- (See Dy. 1098 in separate Volume P 552)

Order thereon

Ordered that Extracts from the Honorable Court's despatch be forwarded to the undermentioned officers

Paras 5 & 24, & 25 Collector of Tanjore-

10- To all Collectors for information and guidance-

11- Collector of Chingleput-

13- Collector of Malabar-

17- Collector of North Arcot-

who will with reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 9th October 1854 No. 2199 report the result of the suit alluded

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alluded to by the Honora-
-ble Court -

Para
23 — Collector of Coimbatore -
27 & 28 — Collector of Madura -

1010
Bd Rs. 4201

From the Chief Secy to Government —

Revenue Department -

Esctract from the Minutes of Con-
-sultation under date the 16th October 1856 -

Communicating for the Board's information Con-
-tain paragraphs of a letter from the Hono-
-rable Court dated 23d July 1856 No 9 -

(See No. 1097 in separate Volume)

P. 557

1010. 1011
Bd Rs. 4389

Order thereon

Ordered that Esctracts from the Honorable Court's Despatch be for-
-warded to the undermentioned officers -

Para
4 — Collector of Nellore

Paras 5 & 27 Collector of North Arcot

8 — Collector of South Arcot

13 — Collector of Madura -

16 — Collector of Rajahmundry

17 & 20 Collector of Madras -

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1012
Bd Rs. 4253

From the Chief Secy to Government

Revenue Department -

Esctract from the Minutes of Con-
-sultation under date the 17th October 1856 -

Communicating certain paras of a despatch from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 23d July 1856 No 8 and stating that Government propose to forward to that Court the Report received from the Board on the Shotriem Balances of Nellore -

(See No. 1104 in separate Volume)

P. 558

1012. 1013
Bd Rs. 4397

Order thereon

Ordered that Esctract from the above papers be forwarded to the under-
-mentioned officers -

H. C. L. E. Inv. C
Para Para

5 " Collector of Bellary

7 — " Collector of Chingleput

11 " Acting Collector of Ganjam -

15 " Collector of Coimbatore

18 2 Collector of Nellore -

22 & 23 " Collector of North Arcot -

Esctract

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1014

Bd No. 4389.

From the Chief Secy to Government

Revenue Department

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations under date the 27th October 1856

Communicating certain paragraphs of a letter from the Honorable Court dated 2d July 1856 Relating to Establishments and allowances

(See No. 1136 in 4th Volume) P561

1014. 1015

Bd No. 4394

Order thereon

Ordered that Extracts from the above papers be forwarded as requested to the undermentioned Officers-

H & L E & W C.

Para Para

7 — " Superintendent of Stamps

13 " Collector of Salem for Report-

15 3 Acting Collector of Ganjam

1016

Bd No. 5087

From the Chief Secy to Government

Official Memorandum

The Chief Secretary has the honor to request that the Secretary to the Board of Revenue will as early as practicable furnish a return shewing the area population and Revenue Police and Revenue Establishments of the

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the Talooks of Punchapollium and Pattricondah in the Bellary District and of Coilgoontlah Doopaud and Giddalore and Cumbum in the District of Cuddapah-

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(Signed) J. Pycroft Chief Secretary

Ordered that the following

1016. 1017

Official Memo be sent-

Bd No. 4374

To the Chief Secy to Government

Official Memorandum-

With reference to the official Memo from the Chief Secretary to Government dated 10th December 1856 the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to forward herewith Statements exhibiting as far as the Records of this office shew the area population and Revenue and Police and Revenue Establishments of the Talooks of Punchapollium in Bellary and Coilgoontlah Doopaud and Cumbum in Cuddapah- There are no Talookes in Bellary or Cuddapah named Pattricondah or Giddalore- The latter is a village in the Cumbum and the former the Cusbah of the Punchapollium Talook-

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(Signed) J. D Sim Actg Secretary

Statement

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No 1

Statement Shewing the area Population and Revenue of the undermentioned Talooks in the Districts of Bellary and Cuddapah -

Talooks	Area in Square Miles	Population	Revenue Fasly 1265	Establishments Police No	Police Rs	Revenue No	Revenue Rs	Total No	Total Rs
Bellary District									
Punchapallium	1200	106003	144955	"	"	84	572 3/4	84	572 3/4
Coilgoontlah	No details	89605	202449	2	21	78	516	80	537
Doopaud		109019	105979	2	21	69	466 1/2	71	487 1/2
Cumbum		93993	134935	2	21	79	520 3/4	81	541
Cuddapah									

22d December 1856 (Signed) I. D. Sim
Ag. Secy

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No 2

Monthly Pay of the Revenue and Police Establishments -

	Punchapallium Talook				Coilgoontlah Talook				Doopaud Talook				Cumbum Talook			
	Revenue		Police		Revenue		Police		Revenue		Police		Revenue		Police	
	No	Rs	No	Rs	No	Rs	No	Rs	No	Rs	No	Rs	No	Rs	No	Rs
Tahsildar	1	110	"	"	1	100	"	"	1	110	"	"	1	110	"	"
Heristadar	1	36	"	"	1	35	"	"	1	35	"	"	1	35	"	"
Peishcar	"	"	"	"	1	21	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Do Goomastah	1	14	"	"	1	17	"	"	1	17	"	"	"	"	"	"
Goomastah	2	26	"	"	1	13	"	"	1/5	11 2/5	"	"	14/50	11 24/50	"	"
Do	6	72	"	"												
Do	4	42	"	"	5	60	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Moonshee	1	10 1/2	"	"	Carcoon											
Shroff	1	7	"	"	Do	2	24	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Gollahs	1	5 1/4	"	"	Jamabundies	1	10	"	"	1	10	"	"	1	10	"	"
Poons	3	15 3/4	"	"	Shroff	1	10	"	"	1	7	"	"	1	10	"	"
Do	59	206 1/2	"	"	Gollahs	1	5 1/4	"	"	1	5 1/4	"	"	1	5 1/4	"	"
Masaljie	1	3 1/2	"	"	Duffadars	1	5 1/4	"	"	1	5 1/4	"	"	1	5 1/4	"	"
Inkmaker	1	3 1/2	"	"	Sepoys	55	192 1/2	"	"	47	164 1/2	"	"	55	192 1/2	"	"
Sweeper	1	1 3/4	"	"	Do	5	7 1/2	"	"	3	4 1/2	"	"	6	9	"	"
					Inkmaker	1	3 1/2	"	"	1	3 1/2	"	"	1	3 1/2	"	"
					Masaljie	1	3 1/2	"	"	1	3 1/2	"	"	1	3 1/2	"	"
					Sweeper	1	2 1/2	"	"	1	1 3/4	"	"	1	1 3/4	"	"
					Vakeel	"	"	1	7	"	"	1	7	"	"	1	7
					Sarachashund	"	"	1	14	"	"	1	14	"	"	1	14
Total	84	57 2 3/4	"	"	Total	78	516	2	21	69	466 1/2	2	21	79	520 3/4	2	21

No 1 - Area in Square Miles of Police Divisions, Doabs & Cutcherries

No 2 - Establishments as Talooksund

Details of Pays, Vacancies and not given in the Boards' Records.

22d December 1856 (Signed) I. D. Sim
Ag. Secy

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No. 151

To J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

1018

Bd No. 4054

From the Collr of Coimbatore

I have the honor

to acknowledge the receipt of

Esctract from the Board's

Proceedings dated 5th April

last conveying Esctract from

the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 13th March 1856 No. 292 and in reply beg

to forward a statement

shewing the Particulars

of Public and Private

Cheltrums in this

District

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District prepared in the Form

received with the above Pro-

-ceedings-

Coimbatore
Collr's office
Pullachy
30th September 1856

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector

Bd No. 4373

Proceedings thereon-

1018. 1019

The Board obs-

-serve that No. 19 is clearly

a Private Cheltrum and

as such should not have

been entered under the head

of Government Cheltrums- It

will be transferred to the list to which it

properly belongs-

In several cases it

2

is remarked that applications

for

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for endowments have been made
long since — In the Extract
Minutes Consultations dated
In Con. 25th Fe: 15th December 1855 No. 915
=bruary 1856 Mr. Thomas was directed to
forward a Revised application for the
Establishments required for the
Government Chuttrums actually
in use, and to offer the private
Chuttrums either to private persons
or to the village Communities on
the Condition of their keeping them
in Repair and available for
use — Mr. Thomas will be
good enough to report what
has been done with Reference to the
Order quoted above —

To

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No. 318

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

1070

Bd. R. No. 4208
From the Collr. of Tinnivelly — 3 /

Sir

With Reference to
Paras of Extract from Minutes of
Consultation under date the 15th
Ultimo annexed to Extract from
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
of the 26th Idem directing the Coll:
=lectors to Report for Sanction the altera:
=tions in every Cutcherry Effected to
meet the Charges for working the
Printing Press and to forward a State:
=ment according to the form therewith
Received I have the honor to inform you
that the Church Mission Society's Press
Establishment at Palamcottah
being engaged to print all the papers
Required for this Office I am unable to
Send a Return as per form above
alluded to —

2 As Regards the sentiments
of Government that the Reductions
to meet the Charges of printing
should

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should be made in the proper Department or classes of servants whose duties may have been lessened.

I have the honor to refer to my Predecessor Mr. Bird's letter of 13th June 1855 recommending for reasons therein shewn a reduction in the Establishment to the amount of 50 Rupees per Mensem by the abolition of the servants noted in the Margin and to Para 7 of Extract from Minutes of Consultation under date the 21st November annexed to Extract from Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 13th December 1855 sanctioning the proposal and to inform you that I entirely concur with Mr. Bird that the change of the System will not in any appreciable degree lighten the work of the writers in Gomastahs as Copying is almost entirely done by inferior hands and the work of the paid servants has greatly increased beyond what it was some

1 Head Hurrikara	10½
2 Talook Duffadars	10¼
1 Talook Hindoosy Gomastah	10½
1 Do Tamil Do	5
2 Tarufdars	14
Rupees	50¼

J.G.B.

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some years ago.

3. Under the sanction of Government above quoted the services of the 3 Servants named in the margin, whose pay amounts to Rupees 17¼ per mensem have only as yet been dispensed with from the 1st April last.

4 After the receipt from Government of the revised forms of Talook and District accounts and it is ascertained whether the whole amount of reduction already sanctioned or any further sum would be required to meet the charges for printing - I shall report for the sanction of Government the permanent alteration that would require to be made in the Mohrinzalitah of this District.

2 Talook Duffadars	10¼
1 Tarufdar	7
	17¼

Tinnevelly
Coll.rs Ct. Catcherry
Tencausey
11th October 1856

(Signed) I. Silver
Collector

1020. 1021
B. No. 4370
Proceedings thereon

The Board of Revenue will await the receipt of the further report promised by the Collector in the latter part of the above letter, before applying for the confirmation of Government to the arrangements made in the District of Tinnevelly

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for meeting the charges for printing.

2 The Board will not interfere with the reductions already made, as the Collector was led to believe that the Government approved of them, but he is requested in carrying out further alterations to bear in mind the reasons of Government that the reductions should be effected only in those Departments in which work is lessened by the introduction of printing.

3 The Collector will of course take care that his printing expenses are fully covered by the amount saved in his Moyenzabitah.

4 If this has been the case hitherto the Board apprehend that Printing has not been resorted to, to any great extent.

5 The Collector in his next report (which the Board hope to receive in 3 months) will state whether the reduction of the Duffadar and Tarafdar has led to any inconvenience in the performance of the duties usually discharged by such officers, as in such case they may be reinstated and other arrangements effected more in accordance with the orders

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orders of Government.

To

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

1022

Bd. No. 4417

From the Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 7th Instant. No. 3268, I have the honor to inform the Board that the Materials necessary for working the Press, so soon as it arrives with Tamil Type, are procurable and preparing here for which a Bill will be submitted to the Board - no English Type is procurable hereabouts - for which I must wait till the Board is good enough to supply me.

With reference to Para 6 of the Board's letter, I beg to meet the requisition of Government by the arrangement proposed in the enclosed Tabular Statement prepared in the Form forwarded with the Board's Proceedings of the 26th ultimo No. 3126.

Coimbatore
22d October 1856

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector

Statement

22790.

Fort St. George 22nd December 1855.

Statement shewing the alterations proposed in the Establishment of Interpreters & Moonshies to the Collectors of Coimbatore, Salem & Tinnevelly.

Present Establishment of the Horizon.	Amount	Total	Proposed alterations	Amount	Total
Coimbatore.					
1 Head Peishcar & Comr. Assistr.	18 0		1 Head Peishcar & Comr. Assistr.	18 0	
1 Assistant Do.	8 0		1 Assistant Do.	8 0	
1 2nd Do.	7 0		1 2nd Do.	7 0	
1 3rd Do.	6 8		1 3rd Do.	6 8	
	39 8			39 8	
Salem.					
1 Head Peishcar & Comr. Assistr.	18 0				
1 Assistant Do.	8 0				
1 2nd Do.	7 0				
1 3rd Do.	6 8				
	39 8				
Tinnevelly.					
1 Head Peishcar & Comr. Assistr.	18 0				
1 Assistant Do.	8 0				
1 2nd Do.	7 0				
1 3rd Do.	6 8				
	39 8				
Aggregate Establishment of the Interpreters & Moonshies of the Collectors of Coimbatore, Salem & Tinnevelly	117 0		Proposed Establishment of the Interpreters & Moonshies of the Collectors of Coimbatore, Salem & Tinnevelly	117 0	
Deduct Amount of the present Establishment	117 0		Deduct Amount of the proposed Establishment	117 0	
Increase			Decrease		

Establishment on the 11th December 1855

1 Tamil Copyist	8th June	1837	17 8
1 English Copyist	10th December	1839	15 0
1 Peon (Tamil) having under him 3 Peons ably to Copy in Tamil	25th May	1840	7 0
	25th January	1847	7 0
	1st February	1852	7 0
	18th July		7 0
	20th June	1854	7 0
			3506 0

Aggregate Establishment of the Interpreters & Moonshies of the Collectors of Coimbatore, Salem & Tinnevelly 3526 14

Total 3506 0 Total 3506 0

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B. of R. 4378

Resolution thereon (1022. 1023) Resolved that the foregoing letter and the previous correspondence noted in the margin, be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

From Coimbatore 19th July 1855 in Cons. 4th Oct. 1855 No. To Coimbatore 4th Sept. 1855 No.

2 The Collector has been supplied with a Washington Iron Press and a set of Tamil Type, from this Office, and has been authorized to purchase a sufficiency of Press Materials to enable him to commence printing in Tamil.

3 The Board request that Government will obtain for the Collector of Coimbatore a set of English Type, similar to that supplied to the other Districts.

4 The charge for the Press Establishment amounts to Rupees 39-8; to meet which the Collector proposes the following reductions in his existing Establishment.

1 Tamil Copyist		17- 8
1 English Do.		15- 0
1 Peon hitherto employed in Copying Tamil	3	7- 0
		39- 8

As

5 As the above reductions are made in those departments in which the work will be lessened by the introduction of printing, the Board recommend that Government will accord the necessary sanction to their being carried out.

6. The entire charges proposed by the Collector are rejected in the Tabular statement submitted by him in the prescribed form.

7 Contingent expenses may be defrayed from the receipts of the Press for work done for other Departments.

No. 130

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

1024.

B. No. 4725

From the Collector of Canara —

Collectors Cutcherry
On Circuit
Kodkunny
5th November 1850

1024. 1025

B. No. 4358

Proceedings thereon

Sir,

As the time for employing the Extra Servants proposed in my annual Estimate for the current Fasly is now at hand, I have the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to favor me at their earliest convenience with the orders of Government thereon.

(Signed) W. Fisher
Collector

The Collector is informed that the Estimate alluded to in the foregoing letter has been submitted to Government with those from other Districts and that its sanction for the entertainment of the extra servants will be communicated to him when received.

Read

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B. No. 4796
From the Collector
of Ganjam 8th Nov. 1856

1026

Read Statement of Extra Tent allowance drawn by the Collector and his Subordinates for Fusly 1265

B. No. 4371
Proceedings thereon

1026. 1027

The Board resolve to draw the attention of the Acting Collector to their Circular Order of 30th October 1854, wherein it is required that in all cases in which an officer has drawn extra tentage for more than a month continuously at the same place in one year an explanation should be submitted with the annual statement Para 4 of their Circular Order of 19th March 1856, modified in the form of statement previously in use but was not intended to render the explanation above referred to unnecessary.

C. O. B R Vol 3 P. 93

Dr. Vol 4 p 22

2 The Board accordingly desire information regarding the cause of the lengthened stay of the Acting Principal Assistant at Purlah Kimedy and

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and of the Junior Assistant at Gopalpore and Russelcondah, as appearing in the Statement under review:-

No. 259

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

1028

B. No. 4735
From the Collector
of North Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 4th June last remarking on the return of persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for the month of march last, submitted by me under date the 29th April 1856.

2 The figures in Column 3 represent money.

In the sentence in the first case the use of the singular pronoun "he" was an error it should have been "they".

In the second case the amount stated in the charge to have been embezzled, namely Rupees 53-10-4,

having

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having paid by the Monigars before the charge was brought under investigation, they were fined in the sum of Rupees 25 and it is this amount which is entered in Column 7 as the amount adjudged.

North Arcot
Collectors Cutcherry
Chittoor
13th November 1856

(Signed) C. Whittingham
Collector

1028. 1029
Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded

No. 661

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

1030
Bd No. 4945
From the Agl Civil Judge of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that 2 Indents for Cloth dated respectively 5th January & 13th June last were submitted to the Military Board through the Court of Sudder Adalut of which the latter only appears to have been transferred to your Office, but as no mention is made of the former in your letter of the 8th July 1856, I beg to know if

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if it has likewise been referred to the Board of Revenue. The Duplicate of the said Indent and the Extract from the Proceedings of the Military Board returning the same are herewith sent for your inspection and eventual return.

Tinnevelly
Zillah Court
25th November 1856

(Signed) W. H. Levinge
Acting Civil Judge

Encl 1
No 6

To J. Lawder Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Military Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

Cloth required for Tables and Peons Belts having been searched for in vain at the shops at this place and as the articles is not procurable in this part of the Country, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to supply the quantity specified in the annexed Indent.

Tinnevelly Zillah Court
5th January 1856

(Signed) C. H. Woodgate
Civil Judge

Description

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Description	Quantity Effective on Hand 1st January	Present Condition S	R	U	Quantity Indented for	Quality	For what Purpose required & by whom to be used	Price	Total	Remarks
Green Cloth	" 1848	"	"	Unserviceable	12	Scarlet	For Tables			
Blue or buff Cloth	" 1853	"	"		5		For Belts			
Scarlet	" Do	"	"		3		Do			

No. 2

No. 1376 Indent Dft

Extract from the Proceedings of the Military Board under date 30th June 1856. Read the following from the Civil Judge of Tinnevelly.

(Here enter No — dated 13th June 1856

Resolved to return this Indent, as it appears to the Military Board that it should be submitted to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract)
(Signed) A. H. Hope
Secretary

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Bd No. 4366

Proceedings thereon / The Acting Civil Judge is informed that his Indent dated 5th January 1856 for Cloth for Peons Belts &c has not been transferred to the Board of Revenue & therefore cloth is still required for this purpose the Acting Civil Judge will be pleased to submit an Indent in duplicate to this Office for the same.

2 The enclosures received with the foregoing letter are herewith returned. /

Sd

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No. 290

To

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

1032

Bd No. 5107

From the Acting Collector of Tanjore

Para 1

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 22d September 1856, requesting me to state how much it would cost to put the building now used as the Sea Custom House at Negapatam in good order and whether the party who offered to buy it for 5000 Rupees would allow it to remain in the occupation of the Government at its present rental in the event of his purchasing it—

2 The accompanying copy of a letter addressed to me by the Head Assistant Collector will furnish the Board with every information required on the Matter, so that I beg to submit 2 abstract estimates the one for placing the building in thorough repair and the other for altering it, the former amounting to Rupees 3164-0-10 and the latter to Rs 2901-12-2 the addition of any of these sums to the alleged value of the

Building

Building would make the total cost a little more or less than 8,000 Rupees. Though this outlay is large, I hope the Board will see the necessity of securing for the Port a building so advantageous in all respects for a Sea Custom House.

3 As the owner seems to be in pecuniary distress and consequently, in haste to dispose of the building, I would recommend the Board its early purchase and beg that sanction may be obtained for the same.

Tanjore, Vellum }
14th December 1850 } Signed J. W. Cherry
Acting Collector.

Enc. No. 1.
No. 118

To

J. W. Cherry Esqre.
Collector of Tanjore.

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to correspondence noted in the margin, to forward herewith an urjee received from Mr. Jensen Sea Custom Manager of Negapatam with two enclosures

The

† From Head Asst Collector to Acting Collector No. 60. dated 21st Augt 1850
Acting Collector to Hd. Asst Collector No. 218 dated 28th August 1850
Ext. Pro. Bd. of Revenue No. 3017 dated 2nd September 1850

The one an estimate for altering, the other for repairing the sea custom house at Negapatam.

From Mr. Jensen's urjee you will perceive that the person who offered for the Sea Custom House (desiring to have it for a private ware house) has now provided himself with another, under the impression (in which the owner shared) that Government would buy the house; so that nothing is to be feared from his opposition should Government propose to purchase. As regard Mr. Jensen having persuaded both the intending purchaser and the owner, that Government proposed to buy the house, I conceive that tho' not absolutely authorized to do so he was by no means wrong in doing his best to secure the property of Government as he had every reason to consider the affair as good as settled. the only question being whether Government would consent to pay 5000 Rupees instead of 4500 Rupees Estimated for by Mr. Mills, of which when the desirableness of the purchase was self evident there could be but little doubt.

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I do not suppose that Government would be content to arrange the matter on the estimation of the Talook Maistry, when the Civil Engineer and his two assistants are residing within 20 miles, but I may observe that the plan to do away with the upstair portion of the house appears to me a decidedly good one. That portion of the premises is in the worst repair and never used. Add to this it would seem to be the cheapest.

Taking the cost of the house at 5000 Rupees and adding say 3000 Rupees to put it in perfect order, I submit that the total outlay Rs. 8000 is not more than the requirements of the port demand and its yearly increasing importance will fully justify.

In conclusion I should respectfully urge the advisability of a speedy decision the owner trusting to the intentions of Government to take the premises off her hands has lost one purchase. It is exceedingly improbable that should she get another offer she will let the opportunity pass. Had the proposed purchase bought the house it will be seen he intended using

using it as a ware house, which any other purchaser would probably do also unless he got far higher rent for it than is now paid, of the peculiar convenience of the building, both from its position as regards the landing place and the accommodation it affords, there has never been any question, and I respectfully submit for the consideration of the Board of Revenue that to put off the purchase longer is to endanger the power of purchasing at all, while every days delay will ultimating add to the sum necessary to be expended to put the building in proper order.

Tanjore, Negapatam.
21st November. 1856.

/Signed/ St. L. M. Grenfell
Head Asst. Collector

/A true copy/
/Signed/ J. W. Cherry
Acting Collector.

Estimate.

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Fort St. George

Estimate of the escpence of altering the building now occupied as the Sea Custom House at Negapatam.

Removing east front Hall and constructing one in line with a terraced roof	686	12
Removing the Hall west of Do and the rooms north and south and constructing verandahs	443	0
Lowering the terraced roof of the centre Hall and tiling it	411	0
Removing the tiled roof of the rooms adjoining the centre Hall and terracing them	100	12
Removing the terraced Halls north and south of the western Hall and constructing verandah with tiled roof	226	12
Demolishing the old cookroom and constructing a Hall with verandahs	592	10
Plastering and sundries	204	"
Total Rupees	2961	12

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Estimate of the escpence of repairing the building now used as the Sea Custom House at Negapatam.

Repairing the Middle Hall	301	11
Do the north and south upstairs of the centre Hall	203	10.10
Do the upstair room to the south of the centre Hall	228	12.10
Reconstructing upstairs steps	65	15.2
Repairing the upstairs room and renewing joists	57	12.2
Repairing upstairs room	114	12.a
Do the rooms west and north of the centre Hall	116	15.4
Do room west of Do and renewing joists	113	5
Repairing verandah west of the middle Hall and renewing joists of the terraced roof	308	8.2
Do terraced roof of the verandahs south and north of the Hall	166	0
Reconstructing entrance Hall	680	12
Demolishing the old cookroom and constructing Hall with verandahs	570	32
Plastering and sundries	194	"
Total Rupees	3164	10

/Signed/ J. W. Cherry
Ag Collector.

Proceedings

Bd's No. 4377
Proceedings
(1032-1033)

thereon-

The Board observe that the building has been valued by a subordinate of the Engineer Department at Rupees 4,500 and they conclude that the estimate for "altering" includes also all necessary repairs. The cost of the building would thus be about Rs. 7,500, while the rental paid by Government is only 294 Rupees per annum or about 4 per Cent.

2 The Board doubt whether Government would consent to the purchase without having the estimate for repairs at least checked by the Civil Engineer or one of his Assistants, whose head quarters are only 20 Miles distant. Mr. Cherry will request the Civil Engineer to have this done or to have a fresh estimate prepared by some officer of higher standing than a Taluk Maistry.

3 Mr. Cherry will also furnish a return of the net customs receipts of Rayapatam for the last 5 years, and will state whether an equally or nearly equally eligible site is not available for the construction of a custom House

House in the event of the present building being sold to private parties. The Board conclude no other building of nearly equal suitability is now available.

Read again a Statement from the Coll[r] of Bellary dated 6th & Entered in Min. Cons. 17th December 1850 of Contingent Charges incurred during the 2d Qr of 1856/57.

Ordered that the following letter be sent

(1034)

Bd's No. 4354
To the Collector of Bellary
Dated 6th & 17th December 1850

To, The Collector of Bellary

Sir,

With reference to the Statement of Contingent Charges incurred in your District during the 2d Quarter of 1856/57, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that, under the new system of Monthly Audit, it is not necessary that such State= =ment should be submitted to this Office.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
22d December, 1850.

Signed J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

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No. 305

To

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

(1035)
Bd. No. 5108

From the Acting Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

With reference to the Board's proceedings dated the 2d October and 6th December 1850, I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board copies of a letter and its enclosure addressed by me to the Chief Engineer on the subject

Tanjore
Vellum 6th December 1850

Signed J. W. Cherry
Acting Collector

Enc No. 1.

To No. 297

The Chief Engineer
D. P. W.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your resolution of the 20th September last No. 6839 forwarding copy of an Doctract Minute Consultation under date the 23d idem No. 1771

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2 The accompanying is a copy of a letter addressed to the Civil Engineer by the Head Asst. Collector whom I requested with reference to the subject of providing accommodation for the temporary establishment of Cumums as well as the records now occupying the Bungalow at Parayar to put himself in communication with Major Baileau on the spot and I fully concur in the proposals made by that officer on the matter.

3 I beg to submit herewith an estimate and a plan of a shed proposed to be constructed at the back of the Government House at Tranquebar for the use of the temporary staff of Cumums and request that you will be good enough to obtain sanction for the same.

Vellum, 4th December 1850

Signed J. W. Cherry
Ag Collector.

A true copy
Signed J. W. Cherry
Acting Collector.

Enc No. 2.

To Major A. Baileau.
Civil Engineer.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the

the receipt of your letter No. 686 dated November 6th 1856.

In reply I have the honor to observe that I am decidedly of opinion that there is plenty of room at the old Government house for a very consiederable addition of records. If my recollection serves me there are 4 larger rooms now empty which would I should imagine give quite sufficient accommodation for records for a considerable period while there is ample space at the back of the house for any additional building equal in dimension to the present should such be found necessary. Government have already noticed the advisability of keeping the records together of which I should think there can be no question, nor can there be any doubt that the cumnums, who now number as I was informed at Tranquibar not 100 might be very easily accommodated under a substantial pundal in the enclosure to the rear of building, no mention is made in the enclosure of your letter of destroying old and useless records, which I should think might be very advantageously done at Tranquibar or the stages in the large room might be

carried higher and the oldest and least useful records placed at the top leaving those likely to be required for use or reference on the middle shelves, leaving the lowermost open for the reception of the new papers

I have never been accurately informed of the purpose for which the staff of copying cumnums is employed, but I presume to substitute paper for cadjan documents. If this is the case and the cadjans destroyed I presume much space might be gained by judicious arrangement of the new papers. The record keeper at Tranquibar seemed to fancy that the old documents when copied were to be returned to the Government house at Tranquibar and the new copies lodged at Poryar, I can scarcely suppose this to be the case, as there is no apparent use in keeping duplicates. It being understood that the copies are to be held authentic should their production be required.

I conceive that plentiful accommodation might be found for the collectors Cutcherry in the Bungalow facing the Sea during the short visits of the Collector to the

the station - It contains 4 good sized rooms downstairs and one upstairs. The Assistant Collector's Cutcherry does not I imagine contain any amount of records that might not be easily contained in the rooms above the Government House—

I may also observe that I think it would be highly objectionable and disagreeable to the resident inhabitant to have a work shop within the walls of the Fort-

Negapatam
11th November 1856

/Signed/ St. L. M. Grenfell-
Head Asst. Collector-

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ A. Boileau
Civil Engineer-

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ J. M. Cherry
Acting Collector-

(1035. 1036)

Dft. No. 4376

Resolution thereon- Resolved that the above letter with its enclosures be laid before Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 23d September 1856 No. 1717 and 20th Ultimo No. 2188 Public Works Department-

2 The Acting Collector submits a

letter addressed by him to the Chief Engineer on the proposed transfer of the building at Porayar to the Engineer Department-

3 Mr. Cherry concurs in his Head Assistant's opinion that there is sufficient room in the old Government House within the Fort for all the records and ample space at the back of the building for the construction of additional rooms when necessary- It is also proposed to erect a substantial pundal in this space at once for the accommodation of the currums now employed in copying the valuable survey accounts-

4 Under these circumstances the Board see no objection to the transfer of the building at Porayar to the Engineer Department as soon as suitable accommodation has been provided for the currums or immediately if they can be temporarily located in any of the unoccupied rooms of the Government House in the Fort.

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The Board presume that the Plan and Estimate referred to by the Acting Collector have been laid before Government by the Chief Engineer

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No. 210

To,

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

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Br. No. 5103

Thro' the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Extract from the 1st Instant. on submits his reply on the subject of the Poinairy channel and forwards correspondence on the same.

I have had the honor to receive your Board's Extract from their Proceedings No. 1,070 dated the 1st Instant. and do as directed thereon I beg to submit my reply to the letter from Colonel. C. E. Faber Chief Engineer to the Secretary to Government Department Public Works of the 8th Ultimo No. 7931 on the subject of the Poinairy channel in this District.

In reply I must submit the apparent backwardness of the renters of the lands to be hereafter irrigated by this new channel is not without good and substantial reason. No water has yet been supplied to them by means of this channel which has been declared by the executive Officer in charge in a fit state to give water to between 300 and 600 Cawnies of land.

3 I can confidently assert and that too without fear of contradiction that not one drop of Coleroon river water has yet entered the head of this Channel. And what is more, is not likely to do so for a long period

Under

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4 Under these circumstances I submit it is not surprising that the Ryots holders have not exerted themselves to p: pare the lands for wet cultivation: The Government cannot expect the Ryots to lay out capital in clearing land, and m: ing Paddy fields, when the prospect of profit is still very remote.

5 Mr. Assistant Civil Engr Morgan has been too sanguine, and has misled his immediate Superior Officer, with regard to the condition of the works and the p: the Channel.

6 In proof that neither myself nor any Native Revenue Officers have been in least in different to the benefits to accrue from this project of irrigation, I beg to be p: mitted to transmit Copies of Correspondence with the District Engineer. And translat: of orders sent by me to the Tahsildar on the subject, and his several reports in answer.

7 I feel sure both the Government and your Board will do me justice, in relieving me and my subordinates, and the Ryots also from the disparaging remarks

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made by the Chief Engineer in the 3d and 4 1/2 paras of his letter.

If there is any blame to be ass: signed It certainly ought not to be to the Revenue Officers, who are ever anxious to second every project of the Engineers, and go hand in hand with them in all improvements.

8 At the cultivating season of last Fusly 1265, I gave out on Dumbast 2210 Cawnies in Eighteen Villages under the channel leis, with the understanding that the holders should pay at once the Poonjah assessment until water was supplied, when the land would bear the Nunjah tax on progressive Couple or at once, according to circumstances.

9 These stipulations have been kept by the Ryots, and they paid in the last Fusly Rupees 1,966-12-11- to Government for the land; though little was under cultivation.

10 In the present Fusly, I have made over on the like terms 440 Cawnies assessed at Rupees 857, in fifteen Villages. For both these transactions I beg to furnish statements. As also a translate of the agreement bond given to the Government.

11 I would respectfully submit there is already sufficient guarantee that the Ryots.

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Ryots will perform their part of the compact if Government does the same by giving them the means, Namely a certain and lasting supply of water. I would not advocate the harsh measures proposed by the Chief Engineer. Unnecessary coercion will not get land cultivated but the contrary will prevent the farmer approaching a hard Landlord.

12 Should the Government require me I can have no objection to furnishing the Monthly Statement in the form given of the lands prepared for wet culture, after the Channel is placed in an efficient state to irrigate.

Trichinopoly Collector's Office. 9th December 1850.

/ Signed / J. Bird
Collector.

Encl. No 1.

No 293

To,

J. Bird Esqr.
Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that Assistant Civil Engineer Morgan has reported to me that the Pondary channel will on the 5th Proximo, be completed to its full Depth for the first 6 Miles from the head, and that the Branch channel No 1 which runs along the outside of the old Pondary bund

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by Mathanacoorchy and Vaidacoorchy up to Goothengoody is now ready to receive the water which will thus be brought down to it.

2 Mr. Morgan also reports that the improvement at the head of the channel near Vuppoor will be finished by the above date, so that the channel will be effective for the Irrigation of as much land as Branch Channel No 1 will affect viz about six hundred Cawnies.

3 I would suggest that the Tahsildar should visit the ground before the above date when Mr. Morgan will point out the extent of land which will be irrigable by the works completed up to that date, in order that the parties who have engaged to take land may be called on to fulfil their agreement.

Trichinopoly 20th September 1850.

/ Signed / I. G. Ryves. Lieutenant
Assistant Civil Engineer in
charge of Trichinopoly
District.

/ True Copy /

/ Signed / J. Bird
Collector.

To,

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No. 219.

To

Lieutenant J. G. Ryves

Assistant Civil Engineer in

charge of Trichinopoly Divn.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you with reference to your letter No. 293 of date the 20th. Instant that I have this day issued orders to the Tahsildars of two Dindigalliem in conformity with your suggestion, and directed them to wait upon Mr. Morgan at or the end of the present Month, in view to proceeding over the lands that will be irrigable by means of Branch Channel No. 1 off the Ponany Main

2 I have likewise directed the Tahsildars to call upon the peoples interested to take up the land for wet Cultivation But I deem it right to state the season is far advanced to expect a continuous supply of water for irrigating Sixe hundred Cawnies, while the lands will require time for being put into fit state for Nunjah Cultivation.

Trichinopoly
Collector's Office,
22d September 1850

/ Signed / J. Bird.
Collector

/ True Copy /
/ Signed / J Bird
Collector

J. G. R.

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No. 3

No. 367

To

J. Bird Esqr.

Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir

With reference to my letter No. 293 dated 20th Ultimo, I do myself the honor to inform you that at the same time that water will be turned into Branch channel 1 Branch No. 2 will also come into operation

2 Branch No. 1 falls into No. 2 and the Surplus of No. 1 will necessarily be large as the Supplies of No. 2 through it.

this year there will be a large supply passed into

3 Mr. Morgan has reported that this will be the case, and from a familiar acquaintance with the relative levels of these two Branches to one another and to the Country under them I feel confident of a very ample supply of water for the lands under them. —

4 By this date it is probable that Coleroon water is passing down the above mentioned 2 Channels and this supply will be maintained

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maintained is by constructing a Coromba
ab the head, as soon as the Colerroon be
so low as to require it besides a temporary
dam across the Nundrayar.—

5 These last mentioned works
will this year be provided for out of the
Estimate funds in accordance with the dir
of the Chief Engineer relative to the Anicutties boolay
notified in the Superintending Engineer's Southern Cir
letter No. 5938 Dated 21st August 1850.—

6 Mr. Horgan has received full
instruction on the above points and has placed him
in communication with the Tahsildar.—

Landrapoorum
16 October 1850

/Signed/ S. G. Pyves
Asst. Civil Engineer
in charge of Trichinopoly
District

/True Copy/
/Signed/ J. Bird

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No. 4

No. 242

To

Lieutenant S. G. Pyves
Assistant Civil Engineer
in Charge of Trichinopoly
District

Sir

Para 1 Adverting to your letter No. 293
of date the 20th Ultimo, and my reply thereto of
the 22d Idem No. 219. I do myself the honor
to transmit you Copies of a report and Enclosures
from the Tahsildar of the Woodiurpollium Talook
on the Subject and present state of the Ponnary
Channel of irrigation.—

2 From this report I fear there
is good reason for considering the Channel
not in a State to pass water down or to afford the
requisite means of irrigation for some considerable
period yet.—

3 In your letter No. 307 of the 16th Instant, you
mention that Branch No. 2 will also come into operation
at

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at the same time with Branch Channel
No 1 and that by this date probably Coleroon
water is passing down both the Channels. I
must confess Since Mr Morgan is too sanguine
or has formed an erroneous opinion of the state
of the whole work as to its forwardness or present
capability.—

4 The Tahsildar you will observe states
the people require the minor channels or ducts to
be excavated for them prior to their undertaking
to cultivate Sam not in a position to say
whether this is a legitimate claim or not But
for the present I have desired the Tahsildar to
intimate to the Ryots that their claim cannot
be recognised and that they should be
prepared to open all ducts for leading
water to their fields from the Branch
Channels.—

I shall be obliged by your opinion
what the System in this respect is or the

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Channels taken off the Godavery Annicut.

Trichinopoly
Collectors Office
21th October 1850

[Signed] J. Bird
Collector

No 5
No 390

To
J. Bird Esqre
Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt this day of your letter No 242
dated the 21st Instant and its enclosure the
Kodavarpollam Tahsildars report on the Pumary-

From Mr Morgans report and
from my knowledge of the advanced state of
the Channel works from the Head to Branch
No 1 I am led to believe that the Channel is
now capable of conveying sufficient water
into branches numbers one and two.—

These two Channels alone will

be

be fully adequate to the irrigation this season of 600 Cawnies of land.—

The Tahsildar is so evidently mistaken in his statement of the condition of the works, and has so underrated the area of land to be brought into cultivation that I do not place much reliance on his report he states that when branches No 1 and 2 are completed including the South branch of the former (branching off to the East of Valacoorchie) 350 Cawnies of land may be cultivated This area will be about 1200 Cawnies.—

The Tahsildar also states that at present the branches No 1 & 2 are incomplete Mr Morgan who is more competent to form an opinion on the subject reports them complete and as I know from my own knowledge that these channels required only a depth of a quarter of a yard merely to make them

fit to lead the water in the right direction the slope being naturally good and that my detailed Estimate for them averaged only 3/4 yard I feel convinced that the Tahsildar is quite mistaken on the point.—

With reference to the concluding para of your letter I have the honor to state that I have applied to the Central Office for information on this point as I am not sufficiently well informed on the point.—

I do myself the honor to forward

1 Enclosure a copy of a report made by me to the Superintending Engineer on the Ponnary Channel.—

Trichinopoly
30th October 1856

/Signed/ S. G. Pycas Lt
District Engineer of Trichinopoly

/True Copy/
/Signed/ J. Bird
Collector

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No 6

Translation of an Order issued to Vurda Row Tahsildar of Wodiarpollium Talook dated 22d September 1856 No 570.—

The Civil Engineer Lieutenant Pyres has addressed a letter dated the 20th Instant to the effect that the Poonnary channel will be completed for 8 Miles from the Head by the 5 of October next and also the Branch No 1 running along Kothamicoody and Vanlacoochee Villages up to Coothencoody will be completed by that date when water can be let into the channel for irrigation, and that the Assistant Civil Engineer Mr Horgan is ready to point out the lands irrigable to an extent of 600 Cawnies.—

You are therefore directed to proceed to the above places within the end of this Month inspect the spots along with Mr Horgan and report to the Hoozoor with Accounts shewing how many Cawnies in how

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Villages Branch No 1 will irrigate, and of this land how many Cawnies have been made ready for wet Cultivation in this Fusly- you should give this information to the persons who have taken up lands for irrigation — under the said Channel on Durkasts — and to the Puttah ryots, and make them distinctly understand that they should — Cultivate their lands as soon as water passes into the Channel. and that if they fail to do so the conditions of their Mocheilkas will be strictly — enforced. you must moreover exert yourself and be careful to see that the lands under the said channel are cultivated with wet produce and not left waste.—

22d September 1856

/Signed/ J. Bird
Collector

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No 7

Translation of an Order issued to Vurtha Rim Tahsildar of Wadiampollium Talook dated 7th October 1856 No 602.—

An Order No 576 dated 22nd Ultimo has been issued to you to the effect that the Engineer Lieutenant Pyves has written a letter stating that the Primary Channel will be completed for 8 Miles from the head, as also the Branch Channel No 1 by the 5th Instant, when water will be let into the Channel and that the Assistant Civil Engineer Mr Horgan is ready to point out the 600 Cawnies of land irrigable by it And directed you to proceed to the places before the end of September, inspect the places in Company with Mr Horgan and report to the Hon'ble with accounts how many Cawnies Branch No 1 will irrigate and of that land how many

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Cawnies have been made ready for wet Cultivation in this fusly.—

Did you accordingly proceed to the place and inspect the spots along with Mr Horgan. Has water been let into the Channel from the 5th Instant as stated in the Civil Engineers letter? what exertions have you made to have the 600 Cawnies of land brought under cultivation. why have you not reported on this subject as yet.—

You should report on all the above points immediately without any further dely and submit also an accounts as directed in the former order.—

7th October 1856

(Signed) S. Bird
Collector

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No 8

Translation of an Arzee addressed to J. Bird Esqr Collector of Trichinopoly by Varada Row Tahsildar of Woodiarpollium Talook Dated 11 October 1856 Rec 14

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Orders dated respectively the 22d Ultimo and 7 Instant No 576 and 602 stating, that Lieutenant Pyne has addressed a letter to the effect that the Pomany main channel will be completed for 6 Miles from the Head, as also the branch No 1 up to Cothengody by the 5 Instant when water may pass into the channel, and that Mr Horgan is prepared to point out the 600 Cawnies of land which will be irrigated by it and directing me to inspect the place and report how many Cawnies channel No 1 will irrigate and of this land how many Cawnies have been prepared for cultivation

In obedience to the foregoing

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order I immediately set out for the Pomany Channel inspected the Villages under its irrigation and also the work performed thereto - and I went to Srecpoorumdam and saw Mr Horgan who had halted there, on the 5 Instant He informed me the main channel and Channel No 1 was not as yet completed, and water cannot now be let into it, and that he will inform me previously of the time when the work will be completed, and water will pass into the Channel Being asked on what date it will that be or how many days it will take for him to do so, he said that he is unable to fix the time now I then asked him while the said channel works are unfinished how can water pass into the Channel, he answered that, as the Chief Engineer Major Lawford has given him orders to let water into the channel in whatever state be the works he has

has written a letter that he would do so on
the 5th October and that therefore he is busy
about it. —

2 Inspected the state of the work
from the new head of the main channel which
is at Kuppoor in the Arrealow Talook up to
Arrenooly where the Channel No 1 takes its
head and examined channel No 1 along with
Mr Horgan and until the 5 last was
engaged in preparing a plan and a Memo.
of the present state of the work at each
place, which I herewith send. It would appear
by them that the works are imperfectly done
That the Channel No 1 in which it is
stated water will be let is unfinished
and the excavation of its Southern branch
has not yet been marked, while in
the Northern branch very little has been
done —

3 If the Channel No 1 be finished
and water be allowed to run in it the lands irrigable
by it (which were shewn by Mr Horgan) when
measured by the Cummums contains Cawnies 0
in the Village of Vandacoorichy Cawnies 44 in Sathoor
-yanthum and Cawnies 56 in Coothungoody
in all Cawnies 120 If its branch channels
were finished and water pass into them Cawnies
350 will be irrigated by the Southern branch
and Cawnies 137 by the Northern branch —
Including these it appears the Engineer has
set down in his letter the Cawnies irrigable
by the Channel to be 600. —

4 Of the 120 Cawnies which will
be irrigated by the Channel No 1 Cawnies
4 have been ploughed with the aid of the water
of the Coothungoody Tank and gooties 75 has
been cultivated and the crops are standing
on them The other lands are lying waste

and

and are overgrown with brushwood, for which I beg to send herewith 2 accounts as required in the order I have already informed the ryots and even now upon the receipt of the Hon'ble order both personally and by means of Proclamation that they should clear the land and prepare it for wet cultivation at this fusly and that by doing so it will be easy for them to make Kumpah cultivation as soon as water flows in the Channel. The ryots state that as they have paid Sist for waste lands in the last fusly, and incurred loss in the hope that they can reap the benefit of Kumpah Cultivation they are unnecessarily expecting when water will come in the Channel That when the work will be finished and water will flow into the Channel the season of Cultivation will be far advanced, That even if seeds were received at this advanced period for

the season the minor Channels of irrigation not been yet dug at all, and after these are dug as they should level the lands render it fit for cultivation and sow seeds; the season will not allow them to make these preparations; Therefore they apprehend that the Crops will become shavy and they will sustain loss again in the Current fusly; That no works have been constructed to prevent the water of the Amuthayar which is brackish from following into the main Channel; That if this water flow into their fields it will make them barren and unfit for cultivation; That some provision should be made to have the minor channels of irrigation excavated for them, and the works above constructed; and that for the reasons above stated it will be inexpedient for them to attempt

cultivation

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cultivation in this fusly. However did not admit their reasons and told them plainly that if they do not cultivate they should pay kuriwah according to the Tenor of their Knowkilkas. Sastry Mr. Morgan about the Minor Channels of irrigation alluded to by the Ryots he stated that these channels have been only marked in the pillan but no provision is made in the Estimate that he has written to Mr. Pyres and requested me also to bring this circumstance to the notice of the Hoozoor.—

Signed Vurda row
Tahsildar

True Translation
Signed S. Bird

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Translation of an order issued to Vurda Row Tahsildar of Wodiar pollem Talook dated 22d October 1856 No. 631.

The Urzee dated the 11th Instant No. 514 addressed by you with reference to the order sent to you upon the letter of the Civil Engineer that water may be let into the Donnairy Channel was received with the accounts and other accompaniments. In which you state that the excavation &c. of the said Channel has been imperfectly done that you have informed the ryots both personally and by means of proclamations that they should improve and make the lands under the Channel No. 1 fit for wet Cultivation in this fusly but that they state that minor

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minor channels should be dug for them That you did not admit this reason and have strictly informed them they ought to Cultivate And that Mr Morgan also said that no provision is made in the estimate for minor Channels

The custom which prevails and is now evidently observed in the wet Talooks watered by the Cavery and Coleroon is that estimates are framed for the main and branch channel and these channels are dug on the part of Government while the minor ducts taken off the Branch channel to irrigate the lands and fields are excavated by the ryots at their own expence and thus Cultivation is carried on

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But the request that the minor ducts off the branch Channels should be excavated on the part of Government is inadmissible and is contrary to Maniool or usage.

You will therefore make known the above Particulars to all ryots holding lands under the irrigation of the channel and direct them to excavate at their own expence the minor ducts for the irrigation of their respective lands and fields and carry on the Cultivation.

In a letter subsequently received from Lieutenant Pyres he states Mr Morgan has reported that water has been let into the Branch channel No 1 and that water passes in branch No 2 also and

that

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that Cultivation can be carried on
freely you should therefore exert your
self and take immediate steps to
have the lands Cultivated by the Ryots
according to the former order without
delay.

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/Signed/ I. Bird
Collector

/True Translation/

/Signed/ I. Bird

Translation of an Urzee addressed to I Bird
Esqr Collector of Trichinopoly by Varda Row
Tahsildar of Woodiarpolleem Talook Dated
30th October 1856 No 534

I beg to acknowledge the receipt
of the order Dated 22d Instant No 631 from
to me with reference to my urzee No 514 reporting
upon the present state of the Ponary Channel
work and the objections started by the Ryots
to Cultivate the lands under it

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In this order it is stated that the
request of the Ryots to have the minor
channels of irrigation taken of the
branch channels excavated for them
by the Government is inadmissible and
not maumool or usage that this should
be Communicated to the Ryots and
they should be told distinctly that each
ryot should excavate at his own
expense the minor channels required
for irrigating his lands and fields That
in a letter subsequently received from
Lieutenant Pyne it is stated Mr
H Morgan had reported that water is
passing in the branch channels No 1 on
and also in No 2 and that Cultivation
can be Carried on freely and I am
directed to take measures
towards Cultivation accord-
-ing to the former orders I

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Immediately upon receipt of the above order I sent for the Puttahs and informed them personally that the Ryots should excavate the minor channels themselves and carry on Cultivation and I have also issued orders to the Tine peon and Peshcars to Cause the ryots to do so.—

The Ryots interested in the irrigation state that the excavation of the main Channel south of Murthayaur is not yet finished that water is not let into the channel that they went and saw this with their own eyes that water must be running in the Channel Continuously and steadily for Nunjah Cultivation that if water flows for one or two days only and if they plaugh their land depending upon that water the

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water falls off in the Channel and our their labor will be lost and they will lose their money and labor our expended upon the improvement of it That the season is far advanced. Owing to these objections they do not appear to be willing to Cultivate I however did not admit their objections and have placed peons over them and do all that lies in my power according to the orders of the Honorable.—

It is stated in the order under acknowledgement that the Civil Engineer Lieut. Ryves has addressed a letter that water has been let into the Channel and is passing in it I beg to submit that in order to ascertain the truth of the statement of the Ryots that water has not as yet been let into the Channel I sent

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speshcar directing him to inspect the Channel from the head and I beg to enclose herein his report and list shewing the imperfect state of the work.

When I lately saw Mr. Morgan he told me that he would let me know before letting water in the Channel he has not up this time sent me word therefore it does not appear that water is running in the new Channel

The truth or otherwise of my Statement can be better ascertained by sending a man from the Huzzoor to inspect the Channel.—

When the lands under the irrigation of the said Channel were made over to the Ryots they have executed Moochilka binding themselves they will make wet Cultivation

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as soon as water comes into the Channel and if they failed to do so their lands can be made over to other Ryots — I have both by Kind words and by threats informed the Ryots that the conditions of their Moochilkas will be enforced in default of their acting up thereto but they do not appear to have any belief in my words.—

If I were to adhere to the practice hitherto observed — and keep peons over the Ryots and Compel them to Cultivate that Course is opposed to the Circular orders lately issued and will be matter for Complaint by the Ryots to the Huzzoor which will incur the displeasure of the Huzzoor on me I am therefore prevented from adopting it.—

In order that the Ryots

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Ryots may be Convinced of the truth of my warning to them I request that a proclamation accompanied with an order may be ifsued from the Honzzoor stating that the Ryots should Cultivate the lands taken up by them as soon as water Come down in the Channel and that in default of their doing so either the land will be made over to other ryots or the Teerwah due thereon for wet Crop will be Collected from them.—

If this were not approved of if I were ordered to use the authority of the Circar and Cause them to Cultivate the land I am ready to obey it.—

I always Conduct myself with great fear for the Honzzoor and try to obey the orders ifsued therefrom.—

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I have reported the state of things at this place and will abide by the orders your honor will be pleased to send.—

/Signed/ Vartha Row
Tahsildar

/True Translation/
/Signed/ J. Bird
Collector

Translation of an order ifsued to Vurda row Tahsildar of Wodiarpolliem Talook dated 31st October 1856 No. 646

An order No. 631 dated the 22d Instant has been ifsued to you stating that it appears by the Civil Engineers letter that no water is paffing in the main Channel and Branches No. 1 and 2 and directing you to lose no time and take immediate steps for bringing under Cultivation the lands according to the former order.

In a letter now received from

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from the Civil Engineer it is stated that water is passing fully in the said Channel and that about 600 Cawnies may be Cultivated.—

Now this is to direct you that you do immediately on receipt of this order proceed to the place & see personally whether water is passing or not in the main Channel and the Branches and report to the actual fact by return of post.—

Further you should report what you are doing for the lands under the irrigation of the said Channel being Cultivated and what the Ryots have done and are doing towards Cultivation.

/Signed/ I. Bird
Collector

/True Translation/
/Signed/ I. Bird
Collector

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No. 12.

Translation of an Urzee addressed to I. Bird Esqr. Collector of Trichinopoly by Vuntha Row Tahsildar of Koodiarpollieum Talook Dated 5th November 1856 No 350.—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt on the 2d. Instant of the order dated the 31st October No 646 stating that in the Engineers letter now received it is mentioned that water is passing into the branch channels No 1 and 2 and that 600 cawnies of land can be cultivated and directing me to proceed forthwith and see whether water is passing into the Main Channel and its Branches and report what preparations have been made by the Ryots for cultivating the lands under the said channels.—

According to the above order, on proceeding to Mathanacoorchee in order to inspect the head of the Ponnany channel I met Mr. Horgan the Assistant Civil Engineer who having said he would come with me we both went and saw the head- water has not up to this date been let into the channel- On my telling Mr. Horgan that I am given to understand he has addressed a letter that he has let water into the channel, he replied that he did write so and that he has only stated that water

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water may pass into the Branch channels N.° 1 and 2.

He also told me that at the head excavation to the length of 200 yards and to the depth of 5-4-3-2 feet require to be performed, that too will be completed in 3 Days more, and that he has intended to open the Channel on the 8th Inst. being Saturday and requested me to be here until that time - I answered him that I would do so. The level of the water in the Coleroon is now equal to the level of the channel. Even if the channel were dug to the depths of 5 feet, water will not pass into it. Water can only be turned into the channel by constructing Corambroo in the Coleroon - Even by doing so, if water pass in this channel it will fall into the Murthyaur which crosses it. Beyond that river the channel being on a high level the water that enters it must flow back through Murthyaur into the Coleroon - but will not pass into the channel freely. If a strong bank were formed for the Murthyaur to obstruct the current water will freely get into the channel. I conversed with Mr. Morgan in regard to the construction of the dam and Corambroo. he told me that

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although these works are not provided for in the Estimate, yet he would have them performed and the water turned into the channel, and that I should cause the 116 Cawnies of land under the channel N.° referred to in my first Urzee to be cultivated in this fasly - whilst so the Pyots of the Villages interested in the irrigation appeared before Mr. Morgan and stated that the water of the Murthyaur is white Color and brackish and that if they cultivate with that water how would their lands yield fruit? To which he answered them that he will watch the Current of the stream this year and make a new cut in the ensuing year and turn the stream into the Coleroon west of Thoothoor. Then the Murthyar water will not fall into the new channel. —

Although Mr. Morgan stated that he would let water into the channel in 3 Days yet it appears to me it will take a week and more provided there be no rain. —

I told the Pyots by kind words and by harsh as far as it lies in my power to cultivate but they have not exerted themselves towards it. and do not mind my words

and

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and are quite fearless.—

Their intention on this point must be ascertained after sending an Istiar as requested in my Urzee No 534 and communicating the same to them.—

I will remain here until the 8th Instant as desired by Mr. Horgan and report the circumstances that shall occur up to that day by and by.—

(Signed) Vurtha Row
Tahsildar

(True translation)
(Signed) J. Bird
Collector

No 13

Translation of an Urzee addressed to J. Bird Esq Collector of Trichinopoly by Vurda Row Tashildar of Wadiarpollium Talook dated 8th November 1856. No 558 Mundavacorchee.—

I have reported by Urzee dated the 5th Instant No 550 that I inspected the Primary Channel

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not let into the channel on the 5th Instant, that the excavation remains to be done, that Mr. Horgan directed me to stay here until the 8th Instant, saying he would let water in the channel on that date, I accordingly remain at this place.—

I am at Mudavacorchee until 6 P. M. of this day up to this moment it appears that the Brain channel work is not completed and water is not let into the channel-Excavation to the length of about 300 yards and to the depth of 1-½-¼ from the head to Murthayar and to the length of about 200 yards and to the depth of ¼ ⅛ east of Murthayaur remains to be performed in the Brain Channel It appears moreover that no measures are adopted as yet to construct Corumbo in the Coleroon, and that pegs are fixed and little earth is throwen over for the dam across Murthoaur.—

They say that this work finished in 3 or 4 days but it appears to me that it will take more than a week. The level of the water in the Coleroon

is now 1 foot lower than before.—

As Mr. Horgan says that he will come to the head of the channel on Monday the 10th Instant, I will stay here until that date, inspect the head again along with Mr. Horgan and submit a report on its state.—

Madanacoorchee—
8th November 1856.

/Signed/ Vurda Row
Tahsildar

/True Translation/
/Signed/ J. Bird
Collector

N° 14

Translation of an Urzee addressed to J Bird Esqr. Collector of Trichinopoly by Vurda Row Tahsildar of Woodiarpollium Talook Dated 10th November 1856 N° 562.—

In my Urzee N° 558 dated the 8th Instant, I have stated that water is not let in the new Pannaiary Channel up to that date Viz. 8 Instant that the remaining work is progressing and that I will inspect the Head along with Mr. Horgan on the 10th Instant and report to the Honyoor the state thereof.—

This day I in company with Mr. Horgan went and saw the Head of the channel. In 3 places from the Head to the Murthayaur river the main channel remains to be excavated to the length of 175 yards, to the breadth of 4 and depth of 3 and 2 and 1½. This work and also the deepning of the channel East of Murthayaur to the Head sluice are now going on and about 300 men are at work in both places.—

They say that after the remaining work is finshed Corumboo should be constructed in the Coleroon and water should be turned into the channel which should pass into Murthayaur in which after constructing a dam it must flow into the channel This is very right About 3 feet depth of water and to the breadth of 50 yards is now flowing in the Coleroon along its North bank Unless Corumboo is constructed water will not

pass

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joins into the channel even if it does, only 10 1/2 f/s of water will flow into the channel. This water can be considered sufficient to carry on cultivation and if rain freshes come down in the river, water may join into the channel. —

Mr. Horgan says that he will complete the said works in 5 days and turn water into the channel. It appears to me that it will not be finished within that time, and that it will take some weeks more. —

As there nothing to do until that time as the parties concerned in a complaint preferred against the Curnums of the Villages of Nullanur Rajaveram and others have been summoned and have come at the Cutcherie, and as it is necessary that they should be examined without delay. I will tell Mr. Horgan that I will

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come back here the day before he turns water into the channel. And I will proceed to the Cutcherie. Examine the above cases return to this place and — report in full to the Honourable about water when let into the Channel. —

I sent for the Pyots who ought to cultivate the 116 Cawnies referred to in one of my Urzees and am telling them since

these

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these 8 days that they should cultivate the above land as soon as water is turned and passes into Branch channel No. 1 But they do not take any heed and they have not dug the minor Channels or made the other preparations.

(Signed) Vurtha Row
Tahsildar

(True Translation)
(Signed) J. Bird

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No. 15.

Translation of an Urzee addressed to J. Bird Esqr. Collector of Trichinopoly by Vurtha Row Tahsildar of Woodiarpolleim Talook Dated 24th November 1856 No. 585.

In my Urzee No. 562 dated the 10th Instant, I have stated that water has not passed into the Primary Channel upto that date, that the remaining work is in progress, that it will take some weeks more to complete the work and that I proceed to the Cusbah station.

I arrived at the station on the 12th when rain commenced and continued until the 20th. The rain was accompanied with wind, and was very heavy and all the tanks have been filled. It appears by the Ryots that great mortality happened among the Sheep and Cattle owing to the cold wind.

The rain ceased on the 21st. On the 22nd I went to Mathamcoorchi and saw Mr. Horgan who said that he remained at Vuppoor until sun set on the 15th Instant and completed the excavation of the Channel, that he constructed a Corumbo in the Coleroon by blocking up its course, and also formed a bank across Murthayaur notwithstanding which, water did not rise into the new Channel. That while he was considering what measures he should adopt the next morning freshes

freshes came down in the Murthayaut owing the heavy falls of rain on that night and carried away the Coruniboo constructed in the Coleroon and also the cross bank in the Murthayaut that in consequence of the high freshes in the Jungle streams at Coonamungalum and other places the new Channel breached its bank in 7 places and all the water flowed into the Coleroon through the breaches That the river water did not pass into the Channels Nos. 1 and 2 and that all the places being filled with rain water and being so wet Coolymen would not now come to work though high rates of hire were offered, no work can be done now, that if the rain cease and the ground become dry the works must be inspected and those that require to be performed should be commenced and that he would now proceed to Caroopoor and after seeing the works that are performed there, return back on the 25th. or 26th. when he directed me to be there in order that we may inspect the head-

Of the 7 Breaches some are being closed - A little rain water is running in the Channel

This being the time of despatching the

remittance to the Hoozoor and as a Prisoner who is apprehended in a case of housebreaking is waiting to be examined, I have returned to the station-

After despatching the remittance and disposing of the above the case, I shall go and see Mr. Horgan and report to the Hoozoor at length what takes place afterwards-

(Signed) Vurtha Row.
Tahsildar.

(True Copy)
(Signed) S. Bird-
Collector-

No. 16.

Translation of a Moochilka dated 24th. October 1855. executed to the Honorable Company by the undersigned Ryots of Yadungunny Village in the Talook of Woodiarpolliem-

In the abovementioned Village under the irrigation of the new Poomary Channel which is being excavated we engage to Cultivate 13 Cawnies as per. particulars below mentioned, out of the extent comprised within the boundaries of the Durkast No. 1 and settled to be given out for Cultivation, and to pay the assessment due thereon Rupees 25-10-7 when the Channel is excavated

and

and water passes in it we will without incurring
loss to the Government make wet Cultivation.
As we have taken up this land upon the right
being Oolcoody Ryots we will pay the Assess-
ment due on the land for the Crop belowmen
in this Fusly whether we Cultivate it or not, a
if we raise Superior crops we will pay the
assessment demandable for it. For the due per
formance of this engagment we produce Vala
dapadaachee to give ready money Security
for us.

If we fail to pay the Money due
the Circar we agree to have the same realized fro
our property and from the property of our sure
according to the rules in force by the Circar.

Moreover when water will pass in
Channel if we do not take up the land for
the full or Double teerwah and Cultivate
it we agree to forego our right to it and
the Circar can make over the land to their
Ryots.

Thus we have executed this
Moochilka

Moochilka of our own free will and consent.

	Land under Cultivation with Varagoo in the 2d. Square	Waste
	Land. Assessment	Land. Assessment
	Cawnes G. Rs. A. P	Cs. G. Rs A. P
Tillay padiachee	1.25 — 4 — 7 — 9	7 — 75 — 13 — 15 — 6
Caroothapadiachee	" — " — " — "	" — " — 4 — " — 7 — 3 — 4
	1 — 25 — 4 — 7 — 9	11 — 75 — 21 — 2 — 10

Total Karisel Cawnies 13 Assessment Rs. 25 — 10 — 7.

(Marked) Saurungapany, Son of
Tillay padiachee.

(Signed) Caroothapadiachee.

Witnesses.

/Signed/ Nullapermaul Moodelly
Curnum of Solamedavee

/Signed/ S. Apparoomy
Moodelliar.

/ " / Punchanathum pillay
Curnum of Wothianathum.

Naib Serristadar.

/ True translation /

/Signed/ J. Bird.
Collector.

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No. 17. Statement shewing the exctent of land under the new Ponairy Channel made over to the persons who tendered for it for Cultivation in Fusly 1265 in the Talook of Woodiar-pollium of the Trichinopoly District.

Names of the Villages.	Exctent of land made over To the Colcoodars. Cawnies	Gr.	As.	To the Durkastdars. Cawnies	Gr.	As.	Total. Cawnies	Gr.	As.	Poonjah Teerwah. Rupees	As.	P.	Remarks.
Adeekamooly	226	51	9	44	"	"	270	51	9	487	8	4	
Yadangamy	238	17	3	"	"	"	238	17	3	450	2	2	
Sholamadavy	296	50	"	36	"	"	332	50	"	599	3	1	
Vakaramary	66	49	15	24	98	"	91	47	15	164	13	4	
Anungarpettay	219	41	10	24	2	8	243	44	2	438	11	3	
Palyaporovandan	3	"	"	50	75	"	53	75	"	96	13	6	
Anjeepalyum	310	56	"	24	"	"	334	56	"	602	14	7	
Soottamully	7	28	"	"	"	"	7	28	"	13	15	"	
Codaly	96	69	3	45	15	13	142	13	"	274	6	3	
Rungasamoodrum	31	"	6	"	"	"	31	"	6	57	9	3	
Coothungoody	146	17	"	10	"	"	156	17	"	281	6	11	
Mathanacoorchy	64	65	"	"	"	"	64	65	"	116	8	3	
Satorayanuttum	6	40	"	"	"	"	6	40	"	11	8	"	
Aeroamooly	26	25	"	"	"	"	26	25	"	47	2	3	
Valacoorchy	57	37	8	4	36	14	55	74	6	120	9	11	
Streenevasapooram	"	"	"	80	"	"	80	"	"	144	2	8	
Vambagoody	3	"	"	3	"	"	6	"	"	10	12	6	
Veerabagum	76	91	"	"	"	"	76	91	"	148	9	8	
Total Villages 18	1870	37	6	346	58	3	2216	95	9	4066	12	11	

Trichinopoly,
9th December, 1856.

(Signed) J. Bird.
Collector.

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Bs No 1308

Resolution

Forwarding a letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly submitting his reply to the Chief Engineer's Report on the subject of the Ponnaiy Channel & stating that the Boarden: entertain no doubt of the readiness of the people to take a full advantage of the works as soon as they are completed & sufficient.

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thereon. Resolved that the foregoing Letter be laid before Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 21st ultimo No 2201 Public Works Department Revenue Irrigation.

2.- In this communication the Collector furnishes the information required by Government regarding the alleged backwardness of the Ryots to avail themselves of the means of irrigation afforded by the Ponnaiy Channel in the Trichinopoly District.-

3.- Mr Bird states that in the last Fusly at the cultivating season 2210 Cawnies of land were given on "Durkhast" in 18 Villages on the understanding that the holders should pay the "dry" assessment until water was supplied when wet assessment should be charged either at once or progressively according to circumstances.

4. The Ryots have abided by this agreement and paid Rupees 1,000-12-11 for the land though little of it was under cultivation.

5. In the present Fusly 1,400 Cawnies have

have been assigned to different parties on the same terms so that the total extent taken up is Cawnies 3662.

6. Mr Bird however declares that no water has yet been supplied by means of the new channel and that the prospect of a permanent steady supply being afforded is still remote.

7 In support of this assertion Mr Bird submits numerous urgees with from the spot by the Tahsildar of the Talook and this Officers reports are certainly suffi by the otherwise unaccountable conduct of the ryots who have actually taken up and pa for a large extent of land the returns from which would have been greatly increased if they had availed themselves of the irri gation supposed to have been at their command.

8. Mr Bird appeals to this correspon ence to show that he Subordinates cannot be charged with being indifferent to the succ cess or failure of the new work and indeed the Board find that under the repeated orde and direct to him on the subject the Tahsildar

appears in one instance to have endeavored to compel the Ryots to cultivate their lands and to have adopted the very objectionable course of placing peons over them with this view.

9. The Board see no reason to doubt that the Ryots will avail themselves of the means of irrigation when a supply sufficient for their cultivation is steadily afforded at the proper season. The payments they have already made show that the land has value in their estimation and they are not likely to forfeit the rights they have thus secured by failing to act up to their agreements at the very time when their expectations are rea lised and the value of their property is greatly enhanced.

10 From the papers submitted by the Collector it would seem that there was also a difficulty at the time regarding the construc tion of the Minor channels leading from the main ducts to the fields.

11 Mr Bird states that he is pre pared to furnish to the Chief Engineer with the returns he desires if deemed necessary. He also deprecates Colonel Faber's proposal

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proposal to charge Nunjah assessment on the whole area to be watered from the commencement of next Fasly. The Board do not see any thing in the case to call for a departure from the established usage of the District and entertain no doubt of the readiness of the people to take full advantage of the work as soon as they are complete and efficient.

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Be No 5175

No 132

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

From the Collector of Cuddapah

Sir,

With reference to your circular letter No 3510, dated the 22d October 1855, I have the honor to state, that no compulsory labour is resorted to in this province except when a tank is endangered by an excess in the influx of water, when all the Villagers are turned out to render assistance in preventing a breach or stopping it should it have been already made. I cannot ascertain, although I have

made

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made enquiry, that any of the villagers have thus refused to render their assistance when required, with the exception of those of Pathia Cuddapah, who refused to do so the other day, but were soon brought to another way of thinking and gave an agreement, that they would render any assistance required should the tank be in danger.

2. I think it would be very advisable were the Collector authorized to punish by a fine, any individual who refuses to render assistance either by himself or his servants in cases where they may be emergently required.

3 With regard to the clearing of channels the ryots do this annually at their own expence and labour, it is only when the channel has received severe damages by freshes in the rivers that Government are called upon to assist in clearing them out, as the expence and labour required is greater than the cultivators can fairly be called upon to bear. I am unable to mention any

instance

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instance in which the ryots of any particular village have positively refused to give the necessary aid, when their tank or channel was in danger.

Cuddapah District
Collector's Office on Circuit
Gunnumlmuddoo
10th December 1850.

Signed H. Murray
Collector

Pr. No. 4375

Resolution thereon. Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government with reference to the Board's letter dated 15th December 1850.

1039. 1040

2. The Collector states that the irrigating channels are usually cleared by the Ryots, except when extensive injury has been sustained.

3. In cases of emergency when a Tank is breached or endangered, forced labor is resorted to, but the people have only in one instance, which occurred recently, refused their assistance on such occasions.

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No 111.

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

Sir,

Adverting to the Circular from the Board of Revenue under date the 21st ultimo No 3929. I have the honor to report that no fund of the description therein referred to exists in this District.

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Pr No 5235.

From the Offg Agent at Kurnool

Kurnool District
Govt Agents' Office
On Circuit Nundial
15th December 1850

Signed J. G. Russell
Offg Agent to the Govt

1041. 1042

Order thereon. Ordered not to be recorded.

No 170

1043

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

Pr No 5253

From the Actg Collector of Masulipatam

Sir,

With reference to my letter No 169 of the 10th Instant, on the subject of the leave of absence to proceed to Europe, I have the honor to forward the necessary Medical Certificate, duly countersigned by the Members of the Medical Board at Madras.

Masulipatam,
Collector's Cutcherry
10th December
1850

Signed J. Fraser
Acting Collector

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I Henry James Penny Civil Surgeon of Masulipatam do hereby certify that James Fraser Esqr. of the Civil Service is in a bad state of health, and I solemnly and sincerely declare that according to the best of my judgment a change of air is essential to his recovery and do therefore recommend that he may be permitted to proceed to England.

Masulipatam 15th November 1850 } /Signed/ H. J. Penny Civil Surgeon

We do hereby certify that according to the best of our professional judgment, after careful personal examination of his case we consider the state of health of James Fraser Esqr. to be such as to render leave of absence for a period of 18 Months absolutely necessary for his recovery

Fort St. George, Medical Board Office, 11th December 1850 } /Signed/ J. B. Preston Physician General / J. L. Goldie Surgeon General / A. H. Magrath Inspector General of Hospitals

(1042. 1044)

Order thereon.

Ordered to be submitted to Government with reference to the Board's Endorsement to Government this the Civil Auditor dated 12th December 1850

To

22873 Fort St. George 22d December 1850

Resolved that the following letters be despatched -

1045

Bd No 4361

To the Secy to Govt Revenue Deptt

To The Secretary to Government Revenue Department.

Sir,

In Govt 17th May 1850

In para 10 of Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated 15th May last No 499 the Board of Revenue were desired to consider the rules in force in the Sea Custom House at Madras, and in communication with the Chamber of Commerce, and the Trade Association, to offer such suggestions as would provide for the correction of existing errors, improve the present practice, and correct its abuses.

2 The Board, in accordance with the instructions of Government, addressed the Chamber of Commerce and the Trade Association; they have received a reply from the former but none from the Association; they have therefore addressed that body, reminding them of the Board's letter, and requesting their views at an early date.

Dated 5th June/50

Dated 21st Augt. inclosed 20 Dec 1850

Dated 6 Dec/50

3. On receipt of an answer from the Association the Board will give the subject their full consideration, but as they understand that the forms of accounts in use in the Sea Custom House, and the rules for conducting business therein, are now being revised in the Revenue Department of the Government Office, with the view of preparing a Manual for future guidance they direct me to enquire whether it will be necessary for them to go thoroughly into the subject, or whether they should confine their labours to those matters which are not embraced in the Manual under preparation. In the latter case the Board would wish to be favored with information as to the nature of this Manual, in order that they may know exactly what subjects to occupy their attention.

Revenue Board Office Fort St. George 22d December 1850 } /Signed/ I. D. Sim, Ag Secretary

To

22874 Fort St George 22d December 1850

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To The Secretary to Government Revenue Department

To the Secretary to Govt Revenue Deptt

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit herewith the Broken Set of their Proceedings for the Month of November 1850 for transmission to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
22d December 1850

/Signed/ H. D. Sim
Sy Secretary

Bo No 4380

1047

Statement showing the state of the Season in the undermentioned Districts for the Month of November 1850

District and Date	Rain fall	State of the Crops and the cultivation operations	Prices whether high or low & its bearing	Further Remarks
My 2989 Coimbatore dated 30th November in Coms 14th December 1850	Slight and not general.	The Produce of the Dry lands has been harvested & brought to market in many places - in others it is being cut. Samp Oil Seeds Horse gram & other pulse not yet cut. are withering for want of rain & the Garden crops Raggy has been brought to market. the others are being harvested. In some villages of the Carur & Dharapooram Talooks irrigated by the Cauvery & Amaravelly, the Varcoonny paddy has been brought to market & the Sumbah crop are in a fair condition the first crop of the cultivation under the Bahuvany river in Erode Taluk has come to market. The crops under the same river in the Suttimungalum Taluk are in a fair state but the supply of water is failing & the crops are beginning to wither. The cultivation under the Noyel river in a few places in the Taluks of Coimbatore & Pullaudum is in a fair state & near maturity but scarcity of water is much felt. In all other places the crops have withered in consequence of the failure of water. The Cotton reaped a few places was scanty. Sugar Cane is a fair state. Jaggery from the produce of last year has come to market.		Nothing

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To The Secretary to Government Revenue Department.

Bo No 1387.

To the Secretary to Govt Revenue Deptt

Sir,

Agreeably to the orders contained in para 4th of Extract Minutes Consultation No 421 dated 5th May 1854 directing the transmission of Half yearly Returns of dismissals of Public Servants who may have been on the receipt of Monthly salaries above 10 Rupees. I am desired by the Board of Revenue to forward the accompanying original Returns received from Seven of the Collectorates under their control for the first Half of the current year ending 30th June last.

My No					
1743	Madras	22d	in Cont	29th	July 1850
1193	Malabar	31st	March in Cont	13th	May "
1789	Do	30th	June in Cont	14th	Augt "
1036	Tinnevelly	23d	In Cont	29th	April "
1812	ceo	28th	July in Cont	5th	Augt "
1775	Tanjore	21	July in Cont	22d	Augt "
2031	Salem	28th	Augt in Cont	2d	Sept "
No 593	Rajahmundry	31st	March In Cont & Cons	19th	May "
My 1991	ch	18th	In Cont	28th	Augt "
No 550	Guntoor	3d	In Cont & Cons	12th	May "
My 2394	Do	30th	June in Cont	3d	Octr 1850

2. By referring to the annexed Abstract it will be seen that Returns for that period have not yet been received from the Districts of Masulipatam and Vizagapatam & for the second quarter for that of Ganjam. The Collector have been reminded of this omission & the Returns when received will be laid before Government if necessary.

3. From those now sent it appears that 17 such dismissals as required to be reported to Government have occurred in 7 Districts including

Madras

Districts

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Districts	First Quarter ending 31st March 1850	Second Quarter ending 30th June 1850	Total
Madras	"	1	1
Malabar	1	2	3
Tinnevelly	3	1	4
Tanjore	"	1	1
Salem	"	1	1
North Arcot	"	"	"
South Arcot	"	"	"
Bellary	"	"	"
Nellore	"	"	"
Cudalapah	"	"	"
Chingleput	"	"	"
Kurnool	"	"	"
Trichinopoly	"	"	"
Madura	"	"	"
Coimbatore	"	"	"
Canara	"	"	"
Rajahmundry	1	"	"
Guntoor	1	3	4
Ganjam	"	2	3
Vizagapatam	Not received	Not received	"
Masulipatam	Do	Do	"
Collector of Sea Customs	"	"	"
Revenue Board Office	"	"	"
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Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
22d December 1856

[Signed] C. R. Sim
Sd Secy

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B. No. 4406.

To the Secretary to Government

Forwarding in accordance with Extract Minutes Consultation 8th December 1855 No. 922 information on the Character and working of the Courts of the Village Moonsiffs in the Madras Presidency and appending a Statement of the number of Village Moonsiffs in each District.

To
The Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation 8th Dec. 1855 No. 922, Judicial Department, desiring that information may be obtained from the several Collectors on the Character and working of the Courts of the Village Moonsiffs in their respective Districts. The several Collectors were accordingly addressed by Circular and their replies are herewith submitted.

	No. 1222	From Ganjam 3d. in Cons: 14th April 1856
	" 2123	From Vizagapatam 3d. in Cons: 12th June — " —
	" 2342.	From Rajahmundry 17th in Cons: 26th — " — " —
	" 3971.	From Masulipatam 22d. September in Cons= 20th December 1856.
	" 700.	From Guntoor 23d. in Cons: 29th February 1856.
	" 1385.	From Nellore 25th April in Cons 9th July 1856
	" 1266.	From Cuddapah 11th April in Cons: 4th — " — " —
	" 1720	From Bellary 8th May in Cons: 2d. June — " —
	" 1735	From Do. 13th — " — in Cons: 21st July 1856.
	" 1261	From Kurnool 11th April in Cons: 18th June — " —
	" 907	From Chingleput 13th in Cons: 18th March 1856
	" 4975	From N. Arcot 29th November in Cons: 4th Decr. 1856
A	173	From S. Arcot 10th in Cons: 19th January 1856
	" 355	From Tanjore 23d. in Cons: 30th — Do. — " — " —
	" 268	From Trichinopoly 17th in Cons: 22d. Do. — " — " —
	" 338	From Madura 19th in Cons: 28th — Do. — " — " —
	" 2702	From Tinnevelly 12th in Cons: 21st July — " —
	" 1965.	From Coimbatore 27th May in Cons: 4th June — " —
A after	" 4258	From Salem 16th in Cons: 24th October — " —
	" 772	From Canara 29th February in Cons: 7th March — " —
	" 4244	From Malabar 12th September in Cons: 21st October 1856

Ganjam
Vizagapatam
Rajahmundry
Masulipatam.
Guntoor.

It is only during the last few years that particular attention has been given by the controlling local authorities to this class of Tribunals in the Northern Circars. Mr. Ganjam the Acting Collector and Agent Mr. Knox has been recently instructing the Village Moonsiffs as to the duties required of them and the

the return of cases for 1855 together with January 1856 exhibits 57 cases, of which 30 were decided on the merits. This is a mere beginning. It is clear however that this Class of Officers are not altogether inactive in this District, they settle disputes as Mr. Rhose states (para 5) "as Members of the Village or Caste Punchayets," and it is probable the Board think that where the incumbents carry personal weight, they are required by the Village community to act in their individual capacity as is generally the case elsewhere. In Vizagapatam, in the Plains where the members of Villages cannot adjust their differences among themselves, they resort to the District Moonsiffs. "An immense amount" Mr. Swollett, the Collector and Agent observes "of petty litigation in the Moonsiffs' Courts is settled by arbitration and withdrawal. Much of this arbitration is conducted by the Moonsiffs & Village Officers." Mr. Swollett adds. "In this District no cases are regularly tried and directed by the Moonsiffs,

Note. It is not clear whether the Village or the District Moonsiffs Courts are intended but probably the former. If the latter it gives a peculiar aspect of interest to the working of the District Moonsiffs Courts under the agency

nor do the people shew any apparent desire to submit to their jurisdiction except when offered in the way of mediation. In the Hill Zemindaries petty civil disputes in Villages are mostly adjusted by the Zemindars or their Dewans. In Rajahmundry the Return of cases instituted before the Village Moonsiffs are exhibited in the Collectors' letter for 3 years, Viz. 1852, 1853 and 1854. The average number instituted is 294. the average adjustments annually are 88 on their merits, 111 by Rajeenamahs and 119 dismissed. The cases are confined almost entirely, the Collector states to the larger towns. In like manner Regulation IV of 1816 is in operation only in the principal towns of Masulipatam. Of 323 cases settled by Village Moonsiffs in that District during 1855. 288 cases appertain to the large towns of Bunder, Ellore, Bazoora and Condapilly. The Acting Collector of Masulipatam shews para 3 / that the number of suits below 10 Rupees disposed of by District Moonsiffs during the same period was 415 and he considers

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the larger number of cases before the last mentioned tribunals as indicative of the low estimation in which persons holding the Office of Village Moonsiffs are held by the people. From the returns presented by the Acting Collector the Board would not draw this inference. Those returns shew that the Regulation is chiefly in operation in four towns only, and that though thus restricted in its action as to area, the cases disposed of within these limits do not very materially fall short of those settled by District Moonsiffs for the whole District. The quality of the adjustments by the two tribunals must also be borne in mind. If, as observed by Government, Settlement by mediation is beneficial, it will appear that the Village tribunals in Masulipatam exercise a more healthy action in this respect than the Courts of the District Moonsiffs, for out of 323 cases in the former, 183 were settled by Rajeenamah, while in the latter 40 cases only

Encl: M. Cons: under reply para: 4. towards the end.

only out of 415 were adjusted in that way. In Guntoor through the exertions of the late Collector Mr. Stokes by means of allowance of 12 Rupees deducted from the Moonsiffs Puttah Sirit and the distribution at a trifling cost to the parties of a Manual of instructions regarding the Criminal and Civil duties required, the powers of the District Moonsiff have been more fully exercised than in the other Circars. In the year 1855 the number of Cases disposed of was 231 on the Criminal Side and 759 in 1854 on the Civil. Of the latter 437 Cases were adjusted on Rajeenamah. The number of Civil cases instituted in 1852 was 1293 and in 1853 it was 1027. The falling off in 1854 is supposed to be owing to the great scarcity of the season.

Note. The Civil Return for 1855. are not stated by the Asst. Collr.

	No. of Cases.
Rajeenamah without decree	346
Decree on the Defendants Rajeenamah.	91.
	437.

3. With the exception of portions of Rajahmundry and to some extent of Guntoor the Village Moonsiffs receive but little or no remuneration even on the present scanty footing of the Office as to emoluments a very considerable amount of work is performed by the incumbents generally, though a small portion only

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of it appears in the official returns- "The Office itself" the acting Collector of Guntoor observes "seems to be held in respect by the Natives especially where the incumbents are men of respectability and substance, in other instances again where the Office has hereditarily passed to less influential or wealthy persons it has not perhaps held the same position; the hereditary tenure thus operating as a check to securing more efficient individuals. The importance of the Office is shewn by the large amount of adjustment effected by mediation in the Village Courts in Vizagapatam. Both the Collectors of Rajahmundry and the Acting Collector of Guntoor mention the aid derived by the Village Moonsiffs from the advice and influence of the Curnums and though this influence is apparent in many instances, there are cases where the Moonsiffs' acts independently. The Collector of Rajahmundry mentions instances of the latter description and adds, "I have reason to believe that where the Moonsiffs are tolerably intelligent and respected in

in the village, they do exert beneficially the influence which they undoubtedly possess in inducing parties to settle their disputes amicably instead of carrying them before the Courts".

4. The great desiderata for an efficient discharge of the duties of Village Moonsiffs in the estimation of the authorities generally in the Circars are liberal allowances and improved educational attainments- Education is making marked progress, and will speedily remove present defects, meanwhile it is seen that there are many who are capable of discharging their duties efficiently, and there is no doubt that the number will be increased by attention to the subject on the part of Collectors, and by the distribution of a Manual of instructions, as pursued by Mr. Stokes in Guntoor and as is in progress of accomplishment in Rajahmundry by Mr. Purvis, the Collector of

Note. Simple translations of the Regulations into the Vernacular are in course of being printed to be furnished to the Village officers in all the Districts.

of that District. Hereditary succession to the Office is considered by some of the Collectors in the Circars as a barrier to efficiency, but this impediment, the Board are of opinion, will gradually cease as a knowledge of what is required from Village Officers is generally diffused and by the selection of competent persons to fill the post of Head of the Village and Village Moonsiff, when the party next to succeed to the hereditary office is unfit. It should, they think, be borne in mind that personal influence is found to outweigh hereditary descent in claims to authority in the Village, and the Regulation requires that when there is more than one head man under whatever designation that person shall be selected as Village head under whose authority the Village servants act. It is not likely therefore that with increased attention to the instruction of the individuals themselves as to their

Regulation IV of 1816 Sec III.

duties and to suitable selections to Office, family claims will operate with inconvenience.

Nellore. 5. Little is said of the actual work performed by Heads of Villages in the reply of the Collector of Nellore, though probably their mediation is exercised as elsewhere, with advantage to the Village community. The remuneration attached to the Office, is small and is in land. It is shared by the other head Inhabitants, which reduces the emoluments which should be otherwise enjoyed by the actual incumbents. Viewed in the Mass the qualifications of the Moonsiffs are considered defective; but the Collector says "that there are not wanting individuals who are raised above the rest in intelligence, and who sometimes exercise a very beneficial influence upon their fellow Villagers".

Bellary Cudelapah Kurnool. 6. The working of the Village system in its main features in Bellary and Cudelapah is very similar to what has been already described above. The Collector of

Bellary

Bellary states (para 5.) that "there are no doubt many Money disputes between Ryot and Ryot, and also between Merchant and Ryot, &c settled by the intervention of the Village Moonsiffs and by Punchayet, but that the Establishment of the District Moonsiffs' Courts has drawn many such Suits, which would otherwise have been disposed of in this way, to the District Courts" which it is added "are come to be &c looked upon as the proper tribunals for adjusting all suits for money." The average number of suits below 10 Rupees properly &c adjudicable by the Village Moonsiffs but &c brought into the Courts of the District &c Moonsiffs in Bellary is 777 of which 55 &c belong to the town of Bellary. It is rarely that more than 1 or 2 cases come from the same Village and as there are 2758 Villages in the District, not including Hamlets, it is to be inferred that there is either no &c litigation in about 2000 Villages more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of

of the District, or that it passes through the &c heads of the Village Moonsiffs. Mr. Pelly seems to infer (para 11.) that as the tendency of the District Moonsiffs' Courts is to draw away suits from the Village tribunals, there is &c little for the latter to do, but this view &c except as it regards those localities where &c suits are thus brought before the District &c Moonsiffs is inconsistent with Mr. Pelly's &c remarks in para 5 of his letter already noticed, and with this fact that the litigation below 10 Rupees of about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the District does not appear on the returns of the District Moonsiffs' Courts. Excepting suits for Money, disputes &c generally it is stated, (para 5) are brought &c with much benefit to all concerned to the Village Moonsiffs for Settlement, or are referred to the arbitration of parties, or are adjusted by the constituted Revenue authorities. "For a Ryot" &c Mr. Pelly observes "to carry his dispute &c (unless it be for debt) to the Civil Courts is "a very rare occurrence in Bellary."

Dread

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Dread of responsibility to the Courts is stated (para 6) to be one cause in Bellary of the absence of formal adjudication as required by the Regulation.

The emoluments attached to the Office in both Bellary and Cuddapah though unequal is on the whole liberal but are lost in a great measure to the incumbents in consequence of their being shared by others. In both Districts hereditary tenure is considered a barrier to efficiency.

The ability to read and write, not only in the Ceded Districts but in the Circars and Nellore, is confined to a comparatively small number of the Village Moonsiffs. This defect creates a dependence on the Village Curnums reading and writing are required, but does not affect the position and authority of the latter of Villages in other respects. They are not in wanting in intelligence and in those qualities which impart to them influence with

Many of them the Collector of Cuddapah

+ These are in lands and fees, chiefly the former.

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F. Coll.r of Cuddapah para-4

Ltr. 2 July 1856.

are mostly and deal largely in grain &c.

With a subsequent letter dated 13th May 1856 No. 54 Mr. Petley forwards Copies of Letters of former Collectors of Bellary bearing on the present question and of these Mr. Campbell an officer of much experience considered the Law defective in allowing District Moonsiffs to take up suits properly adjudicable in the first instance by Village Moonsiffs except as appeals. He regarded the decisions of Village Heads as more just than those of District Moonsiffs and that Plaintiffs resorted to the Courts of the latter only as more harassing to those against whom they had Claims or as more likely to admit exorbitant Charges or fraudulent accounts than the former Copy of Mr. Chaplain's Letter in 1818 to the Commissioners for the Revision of the judicial System is also forwarded by Mr. Petley but that paper does not call for remark further than the passing observation that there is a general Correspondence in

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is submitted in regard to the office of Village Moonsiffs between the Chaplain and succeeding Collectors this office Mr. Chaplain thought could not retain much vitality in the presence of a District Court presided over by a well paid stipendiary officer. The reply of the officiating agent in Kurnool does not call for remark.

Chingleput
Salem
North Arcot
South Arcot
Tanjore
Trichinopoly
Madura
Tinnevelly
Coimbatore

8 In the Southern Districts the most Remarkable feature is the Constitution of the office in certain large towns which will be more fully noticed in the course of this Review in other respects much that has been already said will be found to apply to those Districts also The Heads of Village in Salem are stated to possess on the whole a fair measure of intelligence and the office is respectable In the two Baloghaut Talooks they are more wealthy than in other parts of the District and a larger proportion of them in those two Talooks are able to Read and write. Generally they are independent of the Revenue, but in the Carnatic of the Baloghaut Talooks

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as most Castrose of the Baramahl from the power they possessed under the Native Government are stated to have much influence over the Ryots Mr. Brett the Collector of Salem notices the effects of hereditary tenure It is usually allowed in that District though the claimant may be unable to read or write. The local influence possessed by the individual is viewed as primarily important - It would be bad policy," Mr. Brett observes /para 8/" to set aside as of no moment the qualification which property, social position and official authority confer though it seems that the time is at hand when another kind of fitness may be demanded." In the Zemindary portions of the District it is stated /para 9/ that the Moonsiffs have no official Emoluments as the Revenue duties of the Village are Confided to a separate Class of agents unconnected with the Village notwithstanding this disadvantage the office is held

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held in Estimation and is claimed as hereditary when vacancies occur - The office is valued irrespective of the salary attached to it and Mr Brett does not consider that a mere augmentation of emoluments, other things remaining the same would secure a higher degree of efficiency The Collector of North Arcot states that the office is an object of competition, but considers that education is necessary to make the incumbents efficient - The Regulation under consideration is in operation in four towns only of South Arcot Viz Cuddalore Chellambrum Villaporam and Chunga but chiefly in Cuddalore where the number of suits of 1853 and 1854 was 327 & 368 respectively Mr Hall the Collector does not speak favorably of the qualifications of the Village Moonsiffs in general and does not think that the office is chiefly coveted on account of the Consequence which Police authority confers - The Judges the persons holding the offices are of a substantial class, but inactive so far as regards formal investigations as required by the Regulations in Commencement of

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Mr Forbes the Collector observes of these time being fully occupied otherwise and of their Remuneration being small - The want of a writer to keep the file and Cause to serve processes is also Considered as Causing inactivity The towns of Tanjore Combaconum and Negapatam are however exceptions to the above description - In the two first mentioned towns there is a salary of Rupees 60 per Mensem attached to the office and the incumbents are men of high respectability and intelligence Their stipends are of recent sanction and the results have been very satisfactory In 1855 the number of suits instituted before the Town Moonsiffs of Tanjore was 667 of which 617 were disposed of - In Combaconum notwithstanding the presence of 3 European Judges a Sudr ameen and two District Moonsiffs the Town Moonsiffs decided 105 cases out of 666 upon his file - It is thought that both these Moonsiffs would have been more useful had a small Establishment been allowed The Moonsiff of Negapatam enjoys only the Customary allowance but decided 118 Cases in the four months he had held office - The

Town

To Govt 20th June
in Cons 14th July 1857
No 720

Town Moonsiff of Tanjore was appointed on the
urgent application of the people -
Out of 1764 Suits instituted before Village
Moonsiffs in Trichinopoly 659 appertain to the
Towns of Trichinopoly and 287 to Seringham
The remaining Cases belong to certain Villages
of the Talooks of Lunaud Torriore and Woodia-
=pollam The Moonsiff of Trichinopoly is a salaried
officer receiving Rupees 100 per Mensem - The
Moonsiff of Seringham also receives a fixed
Stipend of Rupees 7 per Mensem - although
the advantages to be anticipated from
the spread of Education are great Mr
Bird the Collector of Trichinopoly would
uphold hereditary claims on account of
the weight the parties possessing them
have in the Village - Their mediation it is
stated is acceptable to the Community and
disputes are thus arrested from going to
the Regular Courts -
The Village Moonsiffs Courts in Madura
as in the foregoing Districts are not generally
resorted to owing Mr Parker the Collector
states rather to the supineness and
inefficiency of the persons holding office
than to any suspicions of their

uprightness

uprightness - In a few instances it is added -
in which the office is held by an active and
intelligent man no indisposition is exhi-
=bited to submit cases for his disposal
It appears that the operation of the Regulation
is confined to 15 Villages with 639 cases
during 10 Months of which more than
a half or 355 Cases belong to the Town
of Madura where the Cutcherry has held
for some years the Moonsiffs summary
& gives apparently general satisfaction - the
inactivity of the Village Moonsiffs is in
some degree ascribed to a dread of respon-
=sibility - They are stated to receive aid
from the Cutcherry but are not dependent
on his authority - Many disputes which would
otherwise be taken to the Courts, it is
thought are settled by the Village Moon-
=siffs in Concert with the Chief inhabitants -
It has been customary in Madura of late
years to set aside hereditary descent where
the Claimant is unable to read but

persons

persons so appointed are too often it appears the tools of the Moorsyes and Talook Servants Mrs Parker would recognize Family claims to succession with the liberty of setting it aside temporarily, or even permanently when there is no member of the Family to whom the office can be entrusted - The foregoing Remarks apply to the Government Talooks of Madura - In the Zemindary portion of the District the Headship of Village is designated the Timbalam Murassy and the persons holding it seem to occupy a much inferior position to those in the Government Talooks The Emoluments, which consist of fees in kind are much subdivided and a great deal of the time of the public officers taken up in investigating the claims of Sharers - To such an excent has subdivision and alienation of the emoluments of the office been carried that the Zemindary themselves perceive the Timbalams and in

Ramnad and Sevagunga:

Meerasi - It would be a great benefit to the two Zemindaries Mrs Parker observes if the Timbalams could be abolished and the Emoluments distributed among a suitable number of selected individuals Some endeavours have been made to prevent further subdivision but the evil is stated to be of great magnitude incapable of correction by ordinary means - The average number of suits decided by the Village Moonsiffs in Sivaganga during the last 6 years is 100 but as already noticed in regard to other Districts the cases are confined to certain Villages only Clever and Competent Moonsiffs are respected by the people and the office is held in high estimation succession to it is regulated by the wishes of the Village Community who are required to select a person to fill the office on a vacancy occurring subject to the confirmation of the Collector and Magistrate The selection does not appear to be necessarily confined to those ordinarily designated Heads of the Village

From Collrs Para 5 and engaging the Emoluments as such The

(para 4) regarding what is termed by him their supervision. "We have never required the Adigharies" he says "to make regular returns to us, and to us of course they look more than to the civil Courts. I found a very marked effect to follow from requiring all adigharies to send me in quarterly returns of the number of suits disposed of and still on their files."

" From the foregoing review of the sentiments of the Collectors of the different districts and from their own experience the Board are led to adopt the following conclusions. -

That the office of Village Moonsiff is held in high Estimation by the people and that a considerable amount of litigation is disposed of by persons holding that office although no record is kept of the work done as required by the Regulation.

That, with some exceptions, there is a general unwillingness to act formally as required by the Regulation, arising partly from the fear of responsibility to the Courts and partly from causes [illegible]

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which have operated in depressing the Village Courts generally. These are the institution of District Courts, with stipendiary Officers comparatively well paid, and the authority exercised by the Revenue and Police Officers in general. By the former suits are drawn away from the Village tribunals and by the latter that independence, so essential to healthy action, has been impaired. Both causes seem to have produced that sapineness and inactivity, which some of the local officers have noticed. -

That the vast amount of unrecorded litigation disposed of in every district, and the settlements made under the Regulation by Moonsiffs of large Villages and Towns, whether a special salary has been given to the parties as in Tanjore, Combaconum and Trichinopoly or otherwise, point to the importance of the office and benefit to the Country, its necessity being further shewn by the urgent application

of

of the inhabitants of Tanjore for a Village Officer to settle their disputes

12. Want of adequate remuneration is considered by most officers as a barrier to the efficiency of the office, but their opinion, it will be observed, is not universal looking to the character and position of influence of many individuals of this class, and to the amount of adjudication effected by them, the Board are not disposed to attach much weight to the view that stipends are essential to the well working of the Office - The unwillingness to act in the way required by the Regulation and the depression of the Office is they think rather to be attributed to the causes mentioned in the preceding para - On the subject of remuneration they would adopt the view of the Collector of Madura as to the impossibility of the State providing a sufficient Salary for every Village Moonsiff throughout the Country - At the same time it appears to them very

See remarks of Collector of Salem also of the Sub Collector of Tinnevelly -

important that the numerous sub divisions of Emoluments should be entirely checked in view to the parties actually in office receiving the full value of the allowance allotted by the State, whether in land or money -

13. The suggestion of several Officers in regard to the creation of paid Moonsiffs in large Towns has been pro=minently noticed in the present review. The experiment as far as tried, has been successful [illegible] The powers exercised are simply those of the present village Moonsiffs, but if the arrangement is to be extended, it is worth consideration whether, under the increased attention paid to the qualifications of Village Moonsiffs and to the present educational progress among all classes, those powers should not be considerably enlarged. The Board believe that this may be done with much advantage. In the selection of individuals to fill the Office of Moonsiff in Towns it seems desirable that those circumstances which now impart consequence should not

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not be lost sight of. These are possessions of landed property in the neighbourhood and a local status in the Talook.—

14. An unqualified adherence to hereditary claims it is seen is opposed to efficiency, but these when confined with competency, may, the Board think, be admitted with advantage.—

15 With reference to para 4 of Inlds: 18th Decr 1855. Extract Minutes Consultation 8th December 1855 No. 922 under reply, the Board are of opinion that perseverance in the present exertions of making the Village Moonsiffs better acquainted with their duties will secure a more general and efficient discharge of what is required But if fear of responsibility to the Courts is really operative to the extent stated, and the Board have already stated they are of opinion that it is so, efficiency will not probably be fully attained till something is done to remove that fear. The authorities in Malabar seem to think that the returns of work performed by the Village tribunals should be made

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to the Collector of the District to whom the Broomsiffs look generally. It is not clear whether the returns are to be made to the courts also.

— a double return is of doubtful benefit so far as respects the source of the evil complained of; it may however be considered whether the returns may not be made to the Collector alone experimentally for two or three years. The Board by no means think that the liability of Village Moonsiffs to prosecution for corruption or oppressive and unwarrantable acts declared by Section XXXV of the Regulation can be in any degree relaxed.—

16 It only remains to notice the opinion expressed by some officers that the Village Moonsiffs cannot efficiently discharge their duties unless provided with an office Establishment. The Board do not think that such an Establishment, is necessary in ordinary cases, the provision made by the Regulations being sufficient but in the case of Town Moonsiffs, with enlarged powers Ministerial aid

See: X, XXIV & XXXI Reg. IV of 1816.

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aid will they are of opinion be necessary.—

17 A Statement of the number of Village Inconsiffs in each District is appended.—

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22d December 1856.

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Ag. Secretary

Talooks	Village Inconsiffs in Government Villages	Village Inconsiffs in Zamindaries Shotrums Mootahs &c.	Total
1 Ganjam	728	The No. of Village Inconsiffs in these Talooks cannot be ascertained from the Collectors Records	728
2 Vizagapatam	329	3782	3111
3 Rajahmundry	768	334	1102
4 Masulipatam	560	622	1182
5 Guntoor	739		739
6 Nellore	723	117	1840
7 Cuddapah	1756	240	1996
8 Bellary	2238	235	2473
9 Kurnool	No Village Inconsiffs		
10 Chingleput	1650	540	2190
11 North Arcot	2307	1398	3705
12 South Arcot	3079	87	3166
13 Tanjore	2926	80	3012
14 Trichinopoly	1200	378	1578
15 Madura	765	2811	3576
16 Tinnevelly	633	68	701
17 Coimbatore	1382	57	1439
18 Salem	1987	732	2719
19 Canara	1597	None	1597
20 Malabar	434		434
21 Madras	No Village Inconsiffs		

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Ag. Secretary

To

The Collector of

Nellore.

1059.

Bd. No. 4385
To the Collectors of Nellore, North Arcot and Chingleput

Sir,

I am directed to forward to you the accompanying printed Notices and Specimens received from Doctor Hunter and to request that you will send them to the Talsildars of the Talooks in which it is believed that the Limestone is to be found, for communication to the people.—

2 The matter is one of considerable importance and the Board desire me to request that you will afford Doctor Hunter every assistance in your power, communicating direct with him on the subject.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
22d December 1856

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Ag. Secretary

1057

Bd. No. 4350
To the Malayalum Translator to Govt.

Official Memorandum

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 30th July 1855, the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to request that the Malayalum Translator to Government will favor the Board with an abstract translation of the Petition and Collectors Order noted in the margin.—

No. 3591 Encr. of 1856

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Fort St. George
22d December 1856.

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Ag. Secretary

To the Malayalum Translator to Government

Received

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Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.-

1052
My No. 3007
From the Collector of Salem.- Statement of contingent charges on account of Public works incurred in the Quarter

1053
My No. 3008
From the Collector of Salem. Statement of contingent charges on account of Public works incurred in the 2d Quarter

1054-1054
Orders on the 2 abovementioned Statements. Ordered to be transferred to Civil Auditor.

1055
My No. 3009
From the Offg. Agent at Permool. Rain report for November

1056
My No. 3010
From the Offg. Agent at Permool. Average Bazaar Prices of Grain

1057
My No. 3011
From the Collector of Coimbatore Average Bazaar Prices of Grain and Memorandum of Agen Cultivation for Nov.

1058
My No. 3013
From the Coll.r of Vizagapatam.- Account current of Salt for November 1856

1059
My No. 3012
From the Coll.r of Tanjore Account Current of Salt for November 1856.

1060
My No. 3017
From the Coll.r of Madras Statement showing the quantity of Salt in store available for Exportation to Calcutta on the 15th December 1856.

1061
My No. 3014
From the Coll.r of Sea Customs Export Statement of Bullion for November 1856

1062
My No. 3015
From the Collector of Sea Customs Import Statement of Bullion for November 1856.

P.O

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Tuesday the 23rd December 1856.-

Read the following Papers.

1063
B.S No. 4422
From the Chief Secretary to Government. } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 28th October 1856.-

Referring to the Board for consideration in connection with the proposals of the Commissioner for the reversion of Civil Salaries &c. in respect to that Establishment a letter from the acting Collector pointing out the utter impracticability of effecting any reduction in his office Establishment notwithstanding the transfer of the duties of Register of shipping.-

No. 415.-

To, J. Pycroft Esq.r
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 307 of the 7th Instant forwarding copy of Para 2 from the Officiating under Secretary to the Government of India, and calling upon me to report, whether any reduction can be made in this Department in consequence of the transfer of the duties connected with the Registry and the shipping Masters Department to the Master Attendant.-

2 I do not consider it practicable to reduce on Establishment, the duties of which are so very laborious and of such a nature as to require the greatest assiduity and constant attention to minute detail.- there was never a separate or particular Establishment entertained to perform the duties of the Registry of

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of shipping, which were extremely la
and were usually performed by the Dra
writer, who was and is now entered upon
book of the Office as "writer shipping Reg

3 The trade of this Port has
-creased and is still increasing, and in su
of this assertion. I beg to enclose a compara
Statement for the last 2 years, shewing
increase of Revenue in the year 1855/5
the Statements noted in the margin sho
the trade of this Port to and from Ports
subordinate to Madras - In Port to Port tr
applications have to be made and the
goods regularly passed.-

4 To give the Government an
idea of the increase of work which has
devolved on this Office since the last tw
years, I shall particularize the value of
an article shewing the amount of duty colle
-ed thereon for the official years 1854/55 &
1854/55 Railway Materials Value Rs duty collected
1855/56 - - Do - - - - - 2180026 - 87377 - 9-

Enclosure No 1.

Enclosures Nos 2 & 3.

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5 In addition to these usual
duties that of Registering and taking
charge of the effects of deceased seamen
has devolved upon this Department.-

6 Under these circumstances
I beg respectfully to represent that
I consider it would be impossible to
keep so important an Office as the Sea
Customs in an efficient state on a
reduced Establishment.-

Sea Custom House. - -
Madras 15th October 1856.

(Signed) W.C. Cockrane
acting Collector
Sea Customs

Comparative

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No 1 Comparative Statement of the Actual Collection for the Official years 1854/55 & 1855/56.

	Actual Collection in 1854/55	Actual Collection in 1855/56	Increase in 1855/56	Decrease in 1855/56
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Import	431122	509862	78740	
Export	115284	158616	43332	
Port Duty	30758	35915	5157	
Total	577164	704393	127229	

Sea Custom House Madras 15th October 1856. (Signed) W.E. Cochrane
acting Collector Sea Customs

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No 2. Imports, Merchandize and Treasure, into the Ports of Fort St George for the last 4 Official years commencing the Official year 1852/53.

	1852/53	1853/54	1854/55	1855/56
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Merchandize	7477517	10420166	12581916	15267382
Treasure	4719236	5094695	3582724	8881911
Total Merchandize and Treasure	12196753	15515861	16164640	24149293

Sea Custom House Madras 15th October 1856. (Signed) W.E. Cochrane
acting Collector Sea Customs.

Exports

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No 3) Exports of Merchendize and Treasure from the Port of Fort St George for the last 4 official years commencing the official year 1852/53

	1852/53	1853/54	1854/55	1855/56
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Merchandize	10238029	9924101	6555932	9152089
Treasure	3399583	9424263	7907006	3607991
Total Merchandize and Treasure	13637612	19348364	14462938	12760080

Sea Custom House, Madras 15th October 1856. (Signed) W. E. Cochrane
Acting Collector Sea Customs

Ordered

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No 328

Ordered that the foregoing Letter be referred to the Board of Revenue for consideration in connection with the Proposals of the Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries, & in regards to the Madras Sea Customs Establishments.

(Signed) C.P. Croft
Chief Secretary

Ordered to lie over.

(1083. 1064) Order thereon
1065
B2-1467500
From the Secretary to Government — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department dated 3rd November 1856. —
Communicating the orders of the Honorable Court dated 6th August 1856 No 10 on miscellaneous subjects submitted for consideration.
See No 11164 in Separate Volume. B.S.C.

(1065 1066) B2-1467390 Order thereon.
Ordered that the Extract from the above Proceedings be forwarded to the

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the undermentioned Officers.-

Honorable Court's Letter- Ex. M. C.

Paras	Paras	
4	2	To the Collector of M and to all the other Coll for their information
5-8-30-	"	To the Collector of Chi street-
6	"	To the Collectors of Ch Canara and Masulip
9-33-34-	"	To the Collector of Gan
11-	"	To the Collector of Tan
13-	-	-patam-
16-19-	4	To the Collector of Sal
17	1	To the Collector of Bel
20-21-22-23	-	To the Collectors of Tan and Chingleput
	3.	To the Collector of M
24		-patam
25		To the Collector of Ch
26	2	To the Collector of Cud
	0	To the Collector of South
28	1	street
31	-	To the Collector of Sal
38	4	To the Collector of Chi
40	1	To the Collectors of South street and Coimbato
43	-	To the Collectors of Cud and Bellary-
45	1	To the Collectors of Ma and Nellore
46	1	To the Collector of Cud
	1	To the Collector of Bel

No 274

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

1067
Bd No 4937
From the Collector of North street- Sir, Para 1

I have the honor to acknow-ledge Extract Proceedings Board of Revenue dated 15th Instant No 3853 forwarding to me a co

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copy of the Histbundy Statements for Fusly 1264 of the Districts named in the Margin, with copies of other papers re-lating to the Subject.-

Salem
Chingleput
South street
Cuddapah
Bellary

2 I have been informed that the Histbundy for Fusly 1265 of South street differs from that sent to me for Fusly 1264 in regard to the Month in which the pay-ment of Hist commenced in South street, and that Mr Hall has not hesitated to attribute in a great measure the facility with with the Revenue has been realized in his District in Fusly 1265 to the first Hist being in October instead of November as for-merly, and I have the honor to request that you will be so good as, with the per-mission of the Board, to furnish me with any further correspondence that may have pass-ed between the Board and Mr Hall on the subject of that change.-

3 I have directed the prepa-ration of accounts shewing the extent of,

crops

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crops harvested from the 1st July to 30th S
-tember and the tax due on them during a
-vies of years. and the per centage the am
bears to the total Ryotwar land Reven
of each year. with a view of ascertaining
-ther an arrangement to which Mr Hall
-tributes such advantage is not feasible
this District and compatible with a due
-gard to the means of the ryots.-

North Arcot Collectors Cutchery
Chittoor 25th November 1856 } Signed C Whitting
1067. 1068 Collect

Order thereon

Ordered that a copy of Sec
9/14th Oct in Cons 90 and 91 of the Tamabundy Report of the
8th Dec 1856 Collector of South Arcot for Fusly 1265 be f
-warded to the Collector of North Arcot. wit
reference to the foregoing letter.-
2
The Board have no corresp
-ence on the subject beyond what has alre
been forwarded to the Collector and that a
transmitted.-

To J. D. Sim Esq^re No 160
acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

1069
Bo No 5120
From the Ag Collector of Malabar - - - } Sir,

I have the honor to repo

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the Boards order on the following case.-

There is a salt water swamp
situated in the Pallikare and Iriv-
-gatha Umshoms of the Coormenaad
Talook an arm of the back water
called Agalapoya which may be re-
-claimed and converted into Paddy
-land to the extent of about 401 acres.
Being a part of the Backwater it is
believed that it is the property of Govern-
-ment and according to the Rules of
the Country liable to pay a Jumma
Boghom. proprietors right. in addition
to the ordinary Revenue assessment.
The land being under Salt water,
great expense will be incurred and
Mr Clarke both promised the indi-
-vidual. who is willing to undertake
Coonatha Menoky chekootty Nair
that the Landlords Share should be
relinquished and and Revenue only
taken

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taken amounting to Rupees 516-12-
The Revenue matter will be settled here ac-
-cording to the ordinary Rules of the District
but I would request the orders of the Boar
in reference to abandoning the Proprietors sh

2 I beg strongly to recommend
that it be abandoned as a special case
should the Board object to relinquish the
Proprietors share entirely, I would recom
a Quit Rent of Rupees 25 per annum as a
-cognition of this right.-

Calicut. - - -
4th December 1856 } (Signed) W. Robinson
Bd No 4381 acting Collector
Proceedings thereon.-
(1069-1070)

The Board request to b
informed what object would be gained by
retaining the Proprietary right and what
the usual practice in such cases. They a
prepared to impose a Quit Rent of 25 Rs
or even a smaller sum in recognition of
right, if its retention is really desirable,
to sell it for a moderate amount if that
is considered expedient. The acting
Collector will state what the Land tax
share would amount to on the land in
-question.-

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No. 101.

To

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

1071
Agter
Bd No 5112
From the Actg Collector
of Malabar. }

Sir,

I have just completed a tour
on which I have personally in company with the obliging Officers of the Madras Railway Company inspected every part of the Railway line now under construction between Valgur and Betatpoodiangaddy.-

2. My primary object has been the selection of Stations and the inspection and valuation of the land to be taken up for the Rail but a few other matters have seemed to require to be brought prominently to notice.-

3. Every yard of the land in Malabar as is well known must be purchased for Cash even open high land / Paramba / will cost 12 to 15 Rupees per Acre. while some of the fine Paddy laid thro' which with a view to low levels much of the line runs will cost 200

to

to 300 Rupees per acre at 20 years purchase. It is calculated that the purchase money of the land (irrespective of the compensation for loss) will amount to about 2,00,000 Rupees. Under these circumstances I consider that encroachment occupation or deterioration of the fine Paddy land ought to be carefully guarded against and that in the interest of Government and the people some control ought to be exercised in the matter.-

4. The method now pursued of laying out at Madras the plan of the ground required with reference to the section of the line sent from this and of occupying land on both sides to enable the embankments to be taken out of side ditches is manifestly leading to some waste of the finest land in the District. Happily the judicious local Officers are using a wise discretion in not digging deep side ditches but in "Beading" for the Cuttings and from the High grounds (Parambas) near the line or as far as they can getting earth by cutting down and levelling

levelling evenly the paddy fields of higher level and thus while saving valuable paddy land, and obtaining a better and more durable material they are making their work in place of being objected to by the Ryot as popular as it is possible for such a work to be. Herein they are departing I believe from the letter of their instructions and I would seek most earnestly to strengthen their hands in this respect and as it is, in many parts more ought to be done with this view.

5. It may be pertinent to remark that some of these "side ditches" are enormous trenches 4 feet deep and in places 10 and 15 feet (even more feet) wide and the Board will easily realize what the deterioration of land will be from a double trench of a description that would make a most respectable Main Drain of an Irish bog sweeping right through a fine Paddy flat and draining all the higher levels into the Centre of the flat.-

6. I would most respectfully suggest for the sake of the Government and of the Country that consideration in this point of view be urged on the local Officers that unless a

a special engineering objection exist these ve=
=nous side ditches &c should as far as possible
be avoided and the earth led from the Parumbe
where the "lead" is not too long or obtained by
cutting down the fields of higher level rather
than by pitting the land. The judicious local
Engineer Officers are themselves fully alive
to the matter and are indeed in some measure
using this wise discretion.-

7. I am satisfied that a full sixth, if
not more of the more valuable land now
being transferred might again be relinquish=
=ed were due attention paid to this matter so
that without a reasonable Engineering
Objection. The slightest additional
expense of a few chains longer "lead"
will be trifling when compared
with the loss of income consequent
on remission of revenue deteriora=
=tion of value &c from uncalled for
occupation of land and unnecessary
ditches. There are of course particular
these are indispensible.-

8. On this latter point I further re=
=quest directions. Is the Government to
Railway Company to pay for deteriorati=

of land arising from the effect of the drainage
of the side Drains &c Claims are already
coming forward and must be disposed of.

9. In settling with the Proprietors I
propose paying 75 Per Cent of their demands
in hopes that an adjustment of the land when
the line is finished will lead to a considerable
diminution in the extent to be permanently
occupied.-

10. A second matter of immediate
and very great importance on which
Complaint is universal on the part of
the people and I regret to state from personal
inspection justly so, is the total disregard
of the agricultural irrigation of the Country
observable throughout the line. No Communi=
=cation with the Revenue Officers or Locale
Servants on their part has taken place
and the Surveys or their Correctors in
Madras have provided only for
the drainage required for the line.-

11. It is obvious to remark that when
the line crosses a Paddy flat it is not suf=
=ficient way, it is most detrimental if it
can be avoided, to provide one large arch
at

at the lowest level of the flat. The body of water (often in the aggregate very large) passing over a surface of Paddy Cultivation is diffused over the whole and is kept as far as possible running on the higher levels of the flat. It thus passes on towards the River or Nulla irrigating high levels and without there being any actual water course in the centre or at the lowest point in the paddy flat. The position of the Railway line running as it does along the main river of the Country from Valyar to Petut pooliangudy is such that it crosses throughout its course the natural drainage of the Country and the Paddy flats in the valies, and in almost every Paddy flat it cuts off the water from the fields lower down the valley which depend entirely on the water that comes over the fields above. Little or no attention has been paid to this

this fact, and if provision is not immediately made for the minor agricultural irrigation between the higher and lower levels of Paddy flats the deterioration of land on the lower side of the Railway must be very considera-=ble. Double Crop land will become single. Single Crop land will be thrown out of Cultivation. A very great number of Acres are throughout the line at this moment in danger from this Cause. Again the plan of accumulating the water at the lowest part and passing it through a large Arch will no doubt provide the drainage required for the Railway but that water will never rise on the other side to the levels if passed over when low, or diffuse itself over the flats as before. It will probably in some places tear in a body a deep Nulla through the whole paddy Cultivation after passing the Rail to the no small loss of Lands and de-=terioration of property.

12. As the Government will doubtless not

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not be prepared to bear the [illegible] which
may have their origin in the unsuffici
attention to the irrigation of the Count
Board an opportunity of pressing the
matter on the attention of the Railw
Officers and attended by the Ryots w
pointed out the spots where these irri
=tion channels are indispensable-
They are not unreasonably numerous
a simple open rough stone drain
is all that would be required w
embankments are low- whe
they are high a 6 or 9 inch
iron pipe would suffice.-
13. We may remit Revenue
but the people will claim Comp
=sation likewise and this I conce
the Railway Company must be pre
=ed to pay.-

Calicut
5th December
1856

(Signed) W. Robertson
A.J. Collector

F.R.

Read

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B. No. 4384
Resolution thereon.
(1071. 1072)

Resolved that the above letter be submitted for the consideration and Orders of Government.-

2. Mr. Robinson adverts to the high value of land in Malabar and deprecates all unnecessary occupation or deterioration of it in the construction of the Railway- the cost of the extent required being estimated at about 2,00,000 Rupees exclusive of compensations.-

3. A far more important consideration however is the serious injury likely to result from the neglect to provide channels for the agricultural irrigation of the country and from the effects of deep side ditches- The Board cannot usefully abridge [illegible] Mr. Robinson's remarks on this point, and they therefore request the attention of the Government to his accounts of the results actually experienced to a certain extent and anticipated very generally.-

Paras 4 4. The Board see no objection to 25 per cent of the purchase money being retained if the parties consent to it. Otherwise they think the full amount should be

be paid at once any land which may subsequently be found unnecessary being separately sold.

5. The Board request instructions as to whether compensation for lands deteriorated by the mode adopted of constructing the line of Railway should be charged against the Railway company

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No. 411

To

I. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Court of Wards

Fort St. George

(1073)

Bd. No. 5218

From the Collector of Sinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of the Court for the disbursement of Rupees 11—— out of the amount in deposit in favor of Munnercottah Estate, required for purchasing a Chair and Table for the use of the Minor, who is now studying English at Palamcottah.

Rs 21416-1-8 sent to the 30th November 1856

Sinnevelly 13th December 1856.

Signed J. Silver

Collector

Bd. No. 4379

Proceedings thereon

(1073-1074)

The Court of Wards sanction the disbursement of Rupees 11 from the fund

funds of the Munnercottah Estate for the purchase of a chair and Table for the use of the minor Proprietor.

No. 165

To

I. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George

(1075)

Bd. No. 5249

From the Collr. of Guntoor

Sir,

Adverting to the Board's Circular No. 3928 of the 24th Ultimo, I have the honor to state for their information that the practice therein adverted to does not prevail in this District either in the Hoozoor or in Talooks.

Guntoor, District Collector's Office Collepparoo 15th December 1856

Signed H. Newill

Acting Collector

(1075-1076)

Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded

No. 416

To

I. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

(1077)

Bd. No. 5251

From the Collector of Sinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to circular Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of

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of Revenue under date the 24th November 1856 directing me to report whether any Annamut Fund, made up of stoppages of salary &c. &c. exists in this District, I have the honor to inform you that no Annamut Fund System prevails

Tinnevelly
15th December 1856 } /Signed/ I. Silver
(1077. 1078) Collector

Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded

No. 162

(1079)
Bde No. 5202
From the Chief Engineer } Sir,

The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 13th Instant, No. 4208, I have the honor to furnish the map therein called for, but I regret to state that the only sheets, No. 79. cannot be spared from any of the Departments in this Office, there being but one copy in each, for its own use.

Govt. Lithe. Press
Central Office of P. W.
Fort St. George
17th December 1856 } /Signed/ Ch. Ed. Haig
Chief Engineer

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Bde No. 4382
Resolution thereon
(1079. 1080)

In Conv. 13th Dec. 1856

Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing letter with the map which accompanied it, be forwarded to the Collector of South Arcot, with reference to his letter of the 5th December 1856.-

(1081)
Bde No. 5267
From the Coll. of Salem } Sir,

To
F. Pushington Esqre
Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

I have the honor to request you will submit my application to Government for 3 Months leave of absence on private affairs under Section 7th of the Civil absentee rules.-

2 I beg to state that I have not been absent from duty since the months of February 1853.-

Salem,
Collectors Office
Ofsoor
20th December 1856 } /Signed/ W. A. Brett
Collector

The

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B. No. 4386

Proceedings thereon The Board request Mr. Brett to state, when he purposes availing himself of the leave sought, if granted by Government and what arrangements he proposes making for the conduct of the Settlement.

1083

Mr. No. 3016

From the Collector of Madras. Read letter requesting to be furnished with a further supply of 1000 Salt Rot nahs.

1083. 1084

Order thereon Ordered to be supplied accordingly.

Received the undermentioned miscellaneous letters and Statements.

1085

Mr. No. 3633

From the Acting Collector of Guntoor } Rain reports for November 1856.

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Mr. No. 3031

From the Collector of Chingleput } Rain report for Novemb 1856

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Mr. No. 3030

From the Collector of Salem } Rain reports for Nov ber 1856.

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Mr. No. 3022

From the Collector of Canara } Rain report for Novem

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Mr. No. 3032 ber 1856.

From the Acting Collectors of Malabar } Rain report for Novem

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Mr. No. 3019 ber 1856.

From the Collector of South Arcot } Register of Petitions for November 1856

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Mry No. 3028

From the Acting Collector of Tanjore } Register of Petitions for November 1856.

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Mr. No. 3029

From the Collector of Canara } Register of Petitions for October 1856

1093

Mr. No. 3020

From the Collector of South Arcot } Average Bazar Prices of Grain and Memorandum of Gyen cultivation for November 1856.

1094.

Mr. No. 3021

From the Collector of Canara. Average Bazar Prices

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Prices of Grain and Memorandum of Agriculture for November 1856.

1095
Mly No. 3026

From the Acting Collector of Tanjore — Return of Persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 in November 1856.

1096
Mly No. 3024

From the Collector of Tinnevelly. Intimating that no Person was charged under Regulation IX of 1822 during last month.

1097
Mly No. 3018

From the Collector of Nellore Reporting that no Persons were tried or in confinement under Regulation IX of 1822 during November 1856.

1098
Mly No. 3023

From the Collector of Tinnevelly. Intimating that no Person was in confinement during last month under Regulation IX of 1822.

1099
Mly No. 3027

From the Acting Collector of Tanjore — Return of Village Officers suspended or dismissed under Regulation VI of 1831 during November 1856.

1100
Mly No. 3025

From the Collector of Tinnevelly Return of Village Officers suspended or dismissed under Regulation VI of 1831 during November 1856.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue —
Wednesday the 24th December 1856. —

Read again the following —

letters having reference to the instructions contained in the Minutes of Consultation of

In Cons 19th May 1856 — Government under date the 10th May 1856 No. 481 for the discontinuance of certain Salt Colours and alteration of Salt Establishments in the Northern Circars.

3876 From Acting Collector of Ganjam 17th September In Con 20th December 1856 No. 184

4818 From Do 13th November In Con 4th December — No. 218

2765 From Collector of Vizagapatam 4th June In Cons 13th August — No. 120

855 From Acting Collector of Masulipatam 12 June No. 6. Cons 21st July 1856 No. 71.

3078 From Acting Collector of Masulipatam 4th August in Cons 20th December 1856 No. 87.

4213 From Acting Collector of Masulipatam 13th October in Cons 20th December 1856 No. 120.

3180 From the Acting of Guntoor 12th August in Cons 20th December 1856 No. 101.

1101
Bd's No. 4405

Proceedings thereon

3405 From the Acting Collector of Guntoor 23d August in Cons 2d December 1856 No. 105.

On the 30th June last the late Commissioner recorded Proceedings showing how far the orders of Government had been carried out in 3 Districts up to that date and giving directions with

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with a view to the completion of the arrangement.

2. The Government approved for the most part of his remarks and instructions but intimated their expectation to receive a more detailed report as respects all the Districts.

3. The Board proceed to review the Reports since received.

4. The details of the Salt Establishment proposed by the Commissioner Mr. Elliot in his letters to Government dated the 20th Nov. 1854, and abstracted in the Minutes of Consultation of Government Dated the 10th May 1855 No. 481 are given in Enclosure No. 1. To abviate the maximum salary of the Superintendentcies to be made for the present 150 Rupees and those of Copilly and Nowjndah reduced to 125 Rupees.

In Cons. 19th May 1856.

Masulipatam.

5. In reply to the Proceedings of the Commissioner dated the 30th June 1856 the Collector stated that he had not found it necessary to make any alterations in the rate of the Establishment for Condraca as arranged by the late Commissioner with the reduction suggested by Government of the Superintendents salary to 150 per Annum and he requested that it might be

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from the 1st July. The Salt in hand at Innoogoodooroo was to be sold by Servants deputed from Condraca, aided by 7 additional Peons at a monthly charge of 28 Rupees. The total falls short of the sanctioned charge for the 2 Peons by 25-12 as shewn in the Margin* and eventually the decrease will be 53-12. The Board therefore recommend that the Establishment for Condraca as detailed in Enclosure No. 2 may be sanctioned from the 1st July last and that the Collector may be allowed to entertain the 7 Peons at Innoogoodooroo at 28 Rupees per month till the Salt at that place has been disposed of. The completion of the sales at this place should be reported by the Collector as soon as it occurs.

Dated 12 Inst. Cistern Cons. 21st July 1856.

Present charge at both Cotaurs	501-12
Proposed for Condraca added	—
Pay of temporary additional Peons at Innoogoodooroo	28-—
	476
	25-12

Ganjam

6. The Manufacture at the Cotaurs of Munsoor Cottah was stopped by the Collr. immediately on receipt of an intimation of the orders of Government but at Mr. Knox's strong representation of the probability of a deficiency of supply otherwise occurring, the Board have authorised him to continue the Cotaur at Wommaraveilly for the present. It is necessary that he should report the Establishment

From Ganjam 13th inst. and 4th Dec. Board to Collr. 4th December 1856

Establishment maintained there and also for the disposal of the stores at Munsoorcottah.

7. A Ganjam and Nowpadah Establishments at a cost agreeing in the aggregate with those proposed by Mr. Elliot have been employed from the 10th July last. The details are shewn in Enclosure No. 3 there is a deviation from the Government plan in the retention of a Gollah Peon by way of a Sarad of the Peons, and not to keep accounts. The Board would recommend that this should not be objected to, and that the Establishments proposed by the Acting Collector may be sanctioned.

8. Mr. Knox will be pleased to make a separate application for any increase he may think necessary in Sadeerwared.

Rajahmundry 9

In Mr. C. Cons 30th June 1856.

On the 23d June the Collector explained to the Commissioner that although he had put a stop to the manufacture of salt at Mogultoor it would not be practicable to dismiss the whole of the Establishment pending the disposal of the salt there stored. He proposed to effect a reduction progressively but the Commissioner suggested that the new Establishment for Dispatch Cotaur to be retained, should be fixed at once and a portion of it detached to conduct the sales at Mogultoor. It does not appear that any further communication on the subject has

30th November 1856

been received from this District. The Board therefore are ignorant whether the usual Establishment at Pettapore has been in any way changed, or that of Mogultoor at all reduced. Mr. Parvis is requested to afford information on these points without delay.

10. The detail of the Establishment he proposed for Pettapore in the letter, above alluded to, is shewn in Enclosure No. 4 contrasted with that suggested by Mr. Elliot. The Ameen would of course receive 150 Rupees per Mensem only till further orders. In the aggregate there is an increase of 26 Rupees and several of the details deffer. As there is a high paid Ameen, the Board see no necessity for the additional 5 Rupees to the Peshcars pay, nor do they approve of the 8 low paid Pyguntees which the Collector proposes to entertain. If these additions be dispensed with, the Head Muddaligar whom the Collector has entered and an additional 2 or 3 Peons can be allowed, and the total cost still be kept within Mr. Elliots limit. The Board would wish Mr. Parvis to take these remarks into consideration and report generally with reference to the orders of Government as soon as possible. Any changes he may desire in his Moozoor Establishment for Sadeerwared should form the subject of

of a separate communication

Guntoor. 15. The late Commissioners proposed the abolition of three out of the 4 Cotaurs in this District, and the Collector not only offers no objection, but recommends also the discontinuance of the 4th Yards in the remaining Cotaur of Chinna Ganjam - where the Salt is "very inferior and can only be made in small "quantities thro' natural disadvantages of the "spot and where moreover the yards will be "destroyed by the intended Eastern Coast Canal" these 4 Yards contain 120 Cans.

From Guntoor 12th August in Cons Dec. 1856.

12. The remaining Yards at Chinna Ganjam will not however suffice to produce required quantity of Salt which Mr. Ellis estimated at 5,000 Garce per annum, and the Collector, when the anticipated Export by sea is included at somewhat less - It will be necessary for the Export, Mr. Newill calculates to form about 160 new Pans and he proposes to locate them in an extensive swamp, near the Salt Cy. water creek, and to raise a Platform on a large scale near its bank. The Civil Engineer has been applied to for an Estimate for the Platform to be submitted to the Chief Engineer, but as no time should be lost in its construction so as to admit of its being

Para 9 of letter dated 12th August 1856 In Cons Dec.

before the next Season," Mr. Newill suggests the propriety of sanction for proceeding with the work being solicited on the present occasion The Cost he roughly calculates at 2,000 Rupees. Under the particular circumstances the Board trust that the Government will permit the Collector to commence the work at once.

In Cons 30th June 1856.

13. By the Minutes of Consultation of Government under date the 25th June 1856 No. 629 Chinna Ganjam was substituted for Nezampatam as the Port of Export for Salt - It has been ascertained by the Head Assistant Collector on the spot that there is no obstacle to the ordinary Masula boats employed between the Salt Yard and the shipping and carrying about a Garce at a time; but it is very desirable, Mr. Newill thinks, that the Channel should be deepened, so as to admit the small country Dhonies of about 10 Garce burden, and thus greatly to facilitate the shipment of the larger Vessels lying about a mile from the bar - This deepening may be effected, he suggests, by a dredging Machine This proposition, the Board would recommend being referred to the Chief Engineer for consideration and report.—

12. Such are the measures enjoined by the Acting Collector as necessary to surrender Chinna Ganjam equal to supply the trade in Salt both by land and Sea-

13. It will not be practicable to discharge the Establishments at the condemned Cotaurs immediately. The Sale of Salt at Chinna Ganjam has been stopped and that at Nezampatam confined to what is required for export by Sea. The disposal of the Stores at Pedda Ganjam and Carely will then be reported but it will take some months before any of the Cotaurs are vacated. Mr. Newill is requested to report whether if the Establishment at Chinna Ganjam is put upon its new footing at once, it will be practicable to detach servants from thence to complete sales at the Cotaurs to be discontinued.

From Collector of Guntoor- 25th August 1856.

14. The aggregate charge of people Establishment for Chinna Ganjam corresponds with the amount at present sanctioned for the District, but exceeds that of the Schedule drawn up by the late Commissioner Mr Elliot by Rs 170 per Month. Looking into the details it is seen the increase arises from the entry of a Deputy Superintendent on Rs 80 per Month on the number of Gomastahs and

Vizagapatam From Collr. 14th July 1856 In Cons 13th August 1856.

by various names being doubled and the addition of a few servants of a lower grade. The Board do not think that Mr. Newill has sufficiently explained the necessity of the excess and before recommending it for the sanction of Government, must request a further report.

17. On the receipt of the instructions of Government of the 10th May last, orders were immediately issued to stop the manufacture of Salt at the Nellimookoo Cotaurs one of the two stations proposed to be abolished- At Carapeah no manufacture had been made in the course of the present season-

18. As regards the permanent abolition of the Cotaurs at Carapeah there is no difference of opinion, the situation being inconvenient and the Salt there produced of an inferior quality-

19. But to the discontinuance of Nellimookoo it is objected, that the District will then be unable to furnish the quantity of Salt required for its own consumption and for export, and the facts adduced in support of this opinion appear to the Board not to be gainsayed - The late Commissioner Mr Elliot's calculation of required produce is 200,000 Pounds, but the Collector thinks that there is little likelihood

likelihood that this will of suffice for the supply of the population of the District, and he entertains a strong apprehension that even this amount will not be secured in all years. The greatest quantity of Salt ever heretofore manufactured at Coopilly and Conadah has not exceeded 5,000 Candies at each Cotaur, and the aggregate produce of the present season was only 34,000 Candies notwithstanding great exertions. In order to raise the manufacture at these places to 200,000 Candies the Principal Assistant estimates that an outlay is necessary of 2,500 Rupees "and even with that Mr. Knox thinks that difficulties will occasionally arise which would prevent the manufacture and that the Salt could not be had at Conadah for at least two years.

From Collr. 11th July 1856. Para 7.

20. Another argument advanced against confining the manufacture entirely to Coopilly and Conadah, is their situation which is in the North East Corner of the District in the event of both Carajsah and Nellimookoo being abolished as Cotaurs the nearest port to Conadah to the South will be Cottapore in the Rajahmundry District, and the Cotaurs of the District South of Vizagapatam

will then, Mr. Smollett hears be driven to illicit manufacture to supply their wants, and he points out that already there is a vast extent of illicit manufactuse of Earth Salt and Collection of Salt spontaneously produced.

21. Under all these circumstances Mr. Smollett urges the retention of Nellimookoo, and the Board are of opinion that he has shewn not only the expediency but the necessity of so doing. The monopoly of Salt a necessary of life imposes on the Government which maintains it an obligation of the gravest nature to provide that there shall be no risk of a deficient supply and it is hardly possible. The Board think to consider the facts so well arranged by Mr. Smallett without participating in his fear that Coopilly and Conadah alone may be in some years unable to produce sufficient even for the Home consumption. How desirable it is, for the sake both of the people and of the public Revenue that a supply should also at all times be ready for traffic with Nagpore, which is very likely to increase needs no argument to prove.

22. The Board therefore beg strongly to recommend that the Cotaur at Nellimookoo where the Salt manufacture is of a better quality than that of Carajsah may be maintained.

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No. 1. Details of the Salt Establishment in his letter to Government dated 20th

24th December 1850

fixed by the late Commissioner Northern Circars November 1854 & referred to in para 5 of C. M. Cons 10th May 1850.— No. 481.

	Aumeen		Peshcar		Goomastah		Sheristadar		Duffadar		Peons		Measurers		Masalgee and Sweeper		Total	
	No.	Salary	No.	Salary	No.	Salary	No.	Salary	No.	Salary	No.	Salary	No.	Salary	No.	Salary	No.	Salary
		Rs		Rs		Rs		Rs		Rs		Rs		Rs		Rs		Rs
1 Ganjam	1	100	1	25	1	10	1	15	2	14	20	80	3	9	1	2	30	247
Nowpaddah	1	150	1	30	2	20	2	12	4	28	32	128	6	18	1	2	49	388
Total	2	250	2	55	3	30	3	27	6	42	52	208	9	27	2	4	79	635
2 Vizagapatam	1	150	2	40	2	22	2	15	4	28	35	140	7	21	2	4	55	419
3 Rajahmundry	1	200	1	35	3	32	2	15	4	28	40	160	6	18	1	2	58	487
4 Masulipatam	1	200	1	35	3	32	2	15	4	28	40	160	6	24	1	2	58	498
5 Guntoor	1	200	1	35	3	32	2	15	6	42	48	216	6	24	1	2	68	568
Grand Total	6	1,000	7	200	12	148	11	87	24	168	215	884	34	114	7	14	318	2607

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Statement.

S. F. B.

22947.

Fort St. George.

No. 2. Statement shewing the details of the Salt Establishment fixed by the late Commissioner and that proposed by the Coll.r of Masulipatam 24.th December 1856

	Establishment fixed by the late Commissioner		Establishment Proposed by the Collector		Increase		Decrease	
	No.	Salary per Mensem	No.	Salary per Mensem	Number	Salary per Mensem	No.	Salary per Mensem
		Rs.		Rs.				
Pondrica Kotaur								
Auneen					"	"	"	5'8
Peshcar	1	200	1	150	"	"	"	"
Goomastahs	1	35	1	35	"	"		"
Shroffs	3	32	3	33	"	"	"	"
Duffadars	2	17	2	17	"	"	"	"
Peons	4	28	4	25	"	"	"	"
Measurers	40	160	40	160	"	"	"	"
Mafsaljee and Sweeper	6	24	6	24	"	"	"	"
	1	2	1	2	"	"	"	"
Total	58	498	58	498	"	"	"	50
7 Peons costing 28 Rupees must be paid till all the Salt at Innoogooduroo is sold	"	"	7	28	7	28	"	"
	58	498	65	470	7	"	"	22

(Signed) I. D. Sim
A.g Secretary.

Statement

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Fort St. George

24th December 1856.

No. 3 Statement shewing the details of the Salt Establishment fixed by the late Commissioner and that proposed by the Collr of Ganjam.

	Establishment fixed by the late Commissioner		Establishment proposed by the Collector		Increase		Decrease	
	No.	Salary per Mensem	No.	Salary per Mensem	No.	Salary per Mensem	No.	Salary per Mensem
Ganjam								
Superintendent	1	100	1	100	"	"	"	"
Peshcar	1	25	1	20	"	"	"	5
Goomastah	1	10	1	12	"	2	"	"
Shroff	1	7	1	11	"	3	"	"
Duffadar	2	14	2	12	"	"	"	"
Golla Peons	"	-	1	11	1	10	"	"
Peons	20	80	24	96	4	16	"	"
Measurers	3	9	7	21	4	12	"	"
Masaljee and Sweeper	1	2	"	-	"	"	1	2
	30	247	38	281	8	34	"	"
Nowpadah								
Superintendent	1	150	1	125	"	"	"	25
Peshcar	1	30	1	24	"	"	"	10
Goomastah	2	20	1	12	"	"	1	8
Shroff	2	12	1	11	"	"	1	2
Duffadar	4	28	2	10	"	"	2	16
Golla Peons	"	-	1	12	1	10	"	"
Peons	32	128	30	120	"	"	2	8
Measurers	"	-	6	27	6	18	"	"
Sweeper and Masaljee	6	18	9	-	3	9	"	"
	1	2	"	-	"	"	1	2
	49	388	52	354	3	"	"	34
	79	635	90	635	11	"	"	"

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Ag. Sect.

Statement

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Fort St. George

No. 4. Statement shewing the details of the Salt Establishment for Rajahmundry

	Establishment fixed by the Salt Commissioner		Establishment proposed by the Collector		Increase		Decrease	
	No.	Salary per Mensem	No.	Salary per Mensem	No.	Salary per Mensem	No.	Salary per Mensem
Pittapoor		Rs		Rs				
Ameen	1	200	1	200				
Peshcar	1	35	1	40				
Goomastah	3	32	2	30				
Shroff	2	12	1	12				
Duffadar	4	28	4	24				
Peons	40	160	20	100				
Measurers	6	18	8	40				
Massaljee and Sweeper	1	2	1	3				
Head Maddutgar	"		1	24				
Pyguslies			8	48				
Total	58	487	47	513	11	26	11	"

24th December 1850

Commissioner and that proposed by the Collector of

(Signed) J. D. Sim
A.g Secretary

Read.

22950. Fort St. George, 24th December 1856.

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B. No. 4191.

From the Sec.y to Government.

Read the following Paper.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department dated the 15th October 1856.

Forwarding a Report received from the Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries &c. respecting the allowances of the Officers of Customs and requesting to submit the Board's opinion on the several proposals and observations therein contained in regard to the Madras Sea Customs Establishment.

(See No. in Separate Volume No. 1096. p 517.

22951. Fort St. George 24th December 1856.

To

The Secretary to Government.—

Revenue Department.—

1102. 1103

B. No. 4410

To the Secretary to Government.—

Submitting the opinion of the Board on the several proposals and observations of the Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries and Establishment in regard to the Madras Sea Custom House.—

In con. 24 Dec. 1856.

Sir,

In conformity with the request contained in the Minutes of Consultation of Government under date the 15th October 1856, No. 1096, I am directed to submit the opinion of the Board on the several proposals and observations of the Commissioner for the Revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments in regard to the Madras Sea Custom House.—

2 The proposals are as follows.—

1st That on a vacancy occurring the Salary of Collector of Sea Customs at Madras should be fixed at 18000 Rupees per Annum.—

2nd That the office of Deputy Collector of Sea Customs be abolished and an Assistant, Covenanted or Uncovenanted, appointed on a Salary of 7200 Rupees per Annum.—

3rd That the Salaries of some of the subordinate Officers of the Establishment should be reduced, the decreased Salary being brought on the Books and a personal allowance granted to the Incumbent till there shall be a Vacancy.—

3 It is shewn that while in Calcutta with a Sea Custom Revenue amounting to nearly 1½ Crore of Rupees Annually, the Covenanted executive Agency costs 5 Lacs Rupees per Annum only, in Madras the Covenanted Officers of the Sea Custom

Sealustom Department receive 58,800 Rupees per annum, and collect very little more than 7 Lacs.

4 From the collections letters noted in the margin, and their enclosures, which are submitted herewith it appears that in Calcutta besides Covenanted Deputy Collector, there is a superintendent of the Preventive Service on 800 Rupees a Month, - and that the Establishment numbers 313 Persons of whom the majority are Europeans and East Indians independently of Servants of the Class of Peons. - The Board are not aware how far any of the duties which here devolve on the Collector or his Deputy are in Calcutta performed by these inferior Officers, but whatever may be the amount of assistance derived from this it cannot be denied that the cost of the Covenanted Agency at Madras, compared with that at Calcutta is very large in proportion to the Revenue, and ought on a revision of Salaries to be reduced -

From Collector of Sealustoms 25th May 1856 : Inclos 4 June - From Do. 25 July - Inclos 3 Septr -

Enclosure Nos 3 in From Collr of Sealustoms 26th September 1856 inclos 3 Septr

5 From this conviction the Board do not hesitate to assent to the substitution of an Assistant on a Salary of 7200 Rs per annum for the present Deputy who receives about 18,000 Rs :- and they are of opinion, that as frequent changes in the incumbent of an appointment of which the duties can only be learned on a single Establishment should as much as possible

be avoided it is desirable that he should belong to the Uncovenanted Service. -

6 As regards the Collector himself, the Board, while they admit that if the proportion to Revenue is alone to be considered, 18,000 Rs per Annum is not an inadequate Salary, are yet apprehensive that it will be insufficient to induce officers of the requisite ability to remain in it sufficiently long to acquire an aptitude in its peculiar duties. - Cases are of constant occurrence in the Sealustom House, which unless decided with judgement and firmness would involve considerable embarassment, if not loss, to Government - and on this account the Board think it desirable that the Office of Collector should be filled by a person of Standing and experience - this circumstance may be adduced as an argument for the appointment to it of an individual not in the Covenanted Service, and the Board are disposed to allow that there are reasons in favor of such a step; but it will not be Easy they think as matters stand at present to secure the independence and weight and influence which are essential to the due performence of the duties out of the Covenanted Branch. -

7 Taking into consideration all the Circumstances bearing on the efficiency of the office, and the prospect of a rapid increase on

in the trade of the Port. the Board would recommend that the Salary of the Collector may be put on the same footing as that of the Collector of a Ryotwaree District.

8 They have taken longer to reply to the reference on this subject than they would otherwise have done from their wish to consider whether the views of the Commissioner could not be met, and the necessary qualifications at the same time secured by the measure often proposed of amalgamating the Offices of the Collector of Madras and of the Sea Customs, but a careful perusal of the correspondence which passed on the several occasions when the propriety of altering the Salary or constitution of the former Office has been discussed and consideration of the present Circumstances of the District have convinced them that it is desirable that it should enjoy the undivided attention of an experienced Collector - Its Revenue which is more than 13 Lacs, exceeds that of the majority of the Districts of the North Western Provinces and is composed of Items which require minute Superintendence - Much time of the Collector is also taken up in a

matter which has no direct relation to the Revenue but is very important to the interests of the people of Madras, Viz, the Grant of Certificates of the Registery of transfers of Land - If such transfers are objected to, the Collector enquires into their validity and grants certificates or withholds them, according to the impression made on his mind by the evidence Great Value is attached by the Natives to these certificates, and it may be supposed that much litigation and fraud is prevented by them when their Grant is known to be preceded by careful Examination - At the same time the ability to form a sound judgment on the questions which arise in the Course of such investigation is not to be expected except from an Officer of experience - The Board therefore think that a Collector is required in Madras and that his time is fully occupied by his present duties - Were it otherwise, it would be inconvenient that both Departments should be superintended by one person in as much as the decisions to be passed in each especially in that of Sea Customs ought to be prompt and

not

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not subject to an appeal except to the Board - Evidently the convenience of the mercantile community demands that the Collector of Sea Customs should be always found in the Custom House during office hours, and the Board very much doubt whether the duties of the Collector of Madras even if they were less onerous than they are, could be efficiently performed by an officer unable to leave the beach - But however that may be, those duties are, as already stated, sufficient in their opinion to occupy the whole time and attention of an Experienced officer. —

9 Into the question of the reduction of the Salaries of some of the Subordinates in the Sea Custom Establishment they trust to be excused entering at present because the Subject of the propriety of altering and simplifying the arrangements of the Department which is intimately connected with it is now under Consideration and will necessarily take some time in disposal - When the latter task is performed they will loose no time in reviewing the Establishment with a view to reduction of Expense if practicable —

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
24th December 1856 — —

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Ag Secretary

Fort St George 24th December 1856

B No 5731
From the Chief Secr to Government - 5

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 13th October 1856 -

Sanctioning the actual charges incurred in the Districts of Malabar and Kurnool in July 1264 —

See No 1310 in Separate Volume B 568

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B No 4399
Order thereon —

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Extract Minutes of Consultation and the Remarks of the Board noted in the Margin be communicated to the Collectors of Malabar and the Officiating Agent of Kurnool with reference to their statements of actual charges for July 1264

Malabar Remarks
7 Nov 56
No 3675 - 7983
Kurnool Remarks
7 Nov 56
No 3676 - 81 - 82

The Collector of Malabar will be pleased to furnish explanation respecting the charges objected to by Government. —

1106

B No 4400
Circular Order thereon. —

Ordered that copies of Para 7 of the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 13th December 1856 No 1310 be furnished to all Collectors with a request that they will be careful in future to submit Statements and Estimates of Extra Establishments distinct from Contingent and Charges. —

Extract

2960

Fort St George 24th December 1856

1107
B No 5316
From the Secretary to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 23 December 1856 —

Granting authority for the defence of a Suit No 29 of 1856 instituted in the Subordinate Court of Salem against the Collector and others of that District —

See No 1337 in Separate Volume
P 570

1107-1108
B No 4398
Order thereon —

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector —

1109
B No 5335
From the Secretary to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 23 December 1856 —

Calling the attention of the Board to the Act No XXIII of 1856 for the better recovery of Arrears of Revenue under Ryotwar Settlements in the Madras Presidency and desiring that there may be no delay or hesitation in making use of its provisions in realizing the balance still outstanding for Fasslies 1264-65

(See No 1338 in Separate Volume
P 571

1109-1110
B No 4402
Order thereon —

Ordered to be circulated to all Collectors for their information and guidance —

2961

Fort St George 24th December 1856

No 363

To,

G. S. Forbes Esquire

Acting Secretary

Board of Revenue —

Fort St George —

1111
B No 3344
From the Collector of Sea Customs

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 25th September last No 2484 requesting me to furnish the Board of Revenue with a Copy of the order passed by me appointing Mr Shaw Surveyor of damaged goods, and that I will explain the grounds and working of any changes which may have been consequent upon the order in question. —

I enclose copy of the order* given 2 to Mr Shaw and of an Official Memo. issued in the office, I also enclose the original papers noted in the margin to shew the working of the System previous and during the period Mr Shaw was to be appointed Arbitrator under the powers vested

* dated 4 July 55
dated 4 July 55

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vested in the Collector under the Custom House Rules at Page 4 Head "Damaged Goods" the Appraiser being too much occupied to attend to the duty - This matter has been so fully stated in my letter dated 29th October last, that I do not trouble the Board of Revenue with further observations, at the same time I shall have much pleasure, in giving any further information which the Board may desire - The intention was to substitute Mr Shaw for Mr Atkinson in all practicable cases with a view to relieve that officer whose duties were sufficiently onerous without undertaking the Survey of damaged goods. At the time the order was given it was utterly impracticable for the appraiser to undertake it else Shaw undertook it on the 4th July and resigned on the 16th August 1855 -

Sea Custom House
Madras 16th November
1855

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

1111. 1112

Order thereon —

Ordered to be recorded the cause of complaint having been removed by the resignation of Mr Shaw in August 1855 —

22963

Fort St George 27th December 1855.

No 101.

To
J. D. S. Forbes Esqre
Secretary of the
Board of Revenue

1113

B. R. 4149

From the Offg Agent
to the Governor at
Vizagapatam

Sir

With reference to the extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 6th September 1856, I have the honor to forward a Statement marked A shewing the extent of a Nunjah or wet land cultivated with 2 Crops in Fasly 1265 and the amount of Revenue collected thereon for the 1st & 2d Crops respectively, and another Statement marked B shewing the Fasly[illegible]

2 The Marginal Statement shews that the net Decrease which will ensue from the proposed introduction of an uniform assessment of half Varam on the 2d Crop amounting to Rupees 318 3 11 10 Rupees 254 9 10 8 of this being a decrease on the wet land under the tank at Kundal alone —

3 During the first years of our possession of this country the former Mogulpa practice of levying the same assessment on the 2d as on the 1st Crop was continued using compulsion but the

Garlapadu Garlapadu Kundal
3014 15 10 — 17 9 10
Garlapadu Kundal
162 11 3 — 1 5 5
3176 11 1 — 13 15 5
Net Decrease 318 3 11 10

22905

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A

No 1 Statement shewing the wet and Bagayet land cultivated with two Crops and the amount collected in Fasly 1265.

As per Abstract of Fasly 1265.

Items	Land	First Crop assessment	Second Crop assessment	Total	Sum to be added for deficiency of collection remitted at the settlement of Fasly 1265 for want of water in the Tanks	Balance Collected	Remarks
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Wet lands	254 19 3	9404 14 6	6309 5 3	15714 3 9	4538 2 2	1771 3 1	
Bagayet do	168 8 3	1007 12 9	571 1 10	1578 14 7	47 13 11	523 3 11	
Total	1022 27 6	10412 11 3	6881 7 1	17293 2 4	4586 - 1	2294 7 -	

Kurnool District
Govt agents Office
Cuddapah 4 October 1856

Signed J G Russell
Off Govt agent to the Govr

Statement

December 1856.

the District of Kurnool in Shedby 1265

counts and intages

stages

allotment now proposed

Trotted jetty	Total	Syan Goatta	Trotted jetty	Total
7	8	9	10	11
707 7 4	2122 4 6	1414 13 2	707 7 4	2122 4 6
168 15 "	506 10 "	337 15 "	168 15 6	506 14 6
729 1 4	1458 2 8	729 1 4	364 8 8	1093 10 "
24 13 "	54 2 "	29 5 "	14 10 6	43 15 6
4785 2 10	9570 5 8	4785 2 10	2392 9 5	7177 12 3
810 2 11	1959 12 11	1149 10 "	574 13 "	1724 7 "
14 4 8	42 14 "	28 9 4	14 4 8	42 14 "
7239 11 1	15714 3 9	8474 8 8	4237 5 1	12711 13 9
169 " 9	507 1 4	338 " 7	169 " 9	507 1 4
137 7 1	415 " 1	277 9 "	138 12 6	416 5 6
11 " "	22 " "	11 " "	5 8 "	16 8 "
314 27	628 5 2	314 27	157 1 4	471 3 11
2 4 "	6 8 "	4 4 "	2 2 "	6 6 "
633 14 5	1573 14 7	945 " 2	472 8 7	1417 8 9
7873 9 6	17298 2 4	9819 8 10	4709 13 8	14123 5 6

22900

No. Statement showing the amount of the Trustees Assessment imposed

Trustees Assessment

A

	Extent of Land	Acres Gaelic	Trustees Assessment	Total	Acres Gaelic
1 Lands on which one half of the Acre Gaelic is imposed	157 3 7 1/4	14 14	13 2	707 7 4	2122 4 6
2 Do Do below one half	64 14 9 1/4	337 15 ..	168 11 ..	505 10 ..	337 15 ..
3 Do Do equally with the Acre Gaelic	39 16 10 1/4	729 1 4	729 1 4	1458 2 8	729 1 4
4 Do Do slightly below the Acre Gaelic	7 10 4	29 5 ..	74 13 ..	54 2 ..	29 5 ..
5 Trustees Lands paid by Mr Scott	373 3 14	5724 14 ..	3842 7 8	9570 5 8	4785 2 11
6 Do paid without any paid standard	159 12 8 1/4	1149 11 ..	816 2 11	1959 12 11	1149 10 ..
7 Do imposed about the middle of the Acre Gaelic	2 9 12	16 4 ..	26 10 ..	42 14 ..	28 9 4
Total	854 19 3	9404 14 1	6309 5 3	15714 3 9	9474 8 3
1 Lands on which one half of the Acre Gaelic is imposed	49 35 8 1/4	333 .. 7	169 .. 9	507 1 4	338 .. 7
2 Do Do below one half	64 37 5 1/4	277 9 ..	137 7 1	415 .. 1	277 9 ..
3 Do Do equally with the Acre Gaelic	7 13 11 1/2	11	11	22	11 .. ..
4 Trustees Lands paid by Mr Scott	43 23 10	371 15 2	251 6 ..	628 5 2	314 2 7
5 Do paid without any paid Standard	2 18 ..	4 4 ..	2 4 ..	6 8 ..	4 4 ..
Total	168 8 3	1007 12 9	571 1 10	1578 14 7	945 .. 2
Grand Total	1022 27 6	10412 11 3	6880 7 1	17293 2 4	9419 8 10

Trust & Guy

Comparison

Increase between Columns			Decrease between Columns		
3 and 9 of Tyan Goatta	4 and 10 of Trust jatty	5 and 11 of Total	3 and 9 of Tyan Goatta	4 and 10 of Trust jatty	5 and 11 of Total
12	13	14	15	16	17
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
" " "	4 6	" 4 6	" " "	" " "	" " "
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	364 8 8	364 8 8
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	10 2 6	10 2 6
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
" " "	" " "	942 11 2	1149 14 3	2392 9 5	
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	235 5 11	235 5 11
12 5 4	" " "	" " "	12 5 4	" " "	" " "
12 5 4	" " "	" " "	12 5 4	" " "	12 5 4
12 5 4	" 4 6	12 9 10	942 11 2	2072 4 8	3014 15 10
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" " "	1 5 5	1 5 5	62 12 7	99 4 8	162 11 3
12 5 4	1 9 11	13 15 3	1005 19 9	2172 4 3	3177 11 1

Kumaah District Govt agents Office December

24th December 1856

Comparison to the Quash and proposed assessment

Increase between Columns			Decrease between Columns		
6 and 9 of Tyan Goatta	7 and 10 of Trust Jatty	8 and 11 of Total	6 and 9 of Tyan Goatta	7 and 10 of Trust Jatty	8 and 11 of Total
18	19	20	21	22	23
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
" " "	4 6	" 4 6	" " "	" " "	" " "
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	364 8 8	364 8 8
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	10 2 6	10 2 6
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	2392 9 5	2392 9 5
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	235 5 11	235 5 11
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
" " "	4 6	" 4 6	" " "	3002 10 6	3002 10 6
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
" " "	1 5 5	1 5 5	" " "	" " "	" " "
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	5 8 "	5 8 "
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	157 1 3	157 1 3
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	2 "	2 "
" " "	1 5 5	1 5 5	" " "	162 11 3	162 11 3
" " "	1 9 11	1 9 11	" " "	3165 5 9	3165 5 9

Remarks

Calmah 4th October 1856 / Signed / J. G. Russell
Asst. agent to the Govr.

22908 Fort St George 24th December 1836

1113. 1114.
Bd No 4409

Orders thereon Ordered that the foregoing
letter with a previous one from the
In Cons 5th Sept 1836 Same officer of the 4th April last, and
the Copy of the Board's Proceedings of
the 5th September following be submitted
for the consideration and orders of the
Right Honorable the Governor in
Council.-

From Offg Agent 4th April 1836 Para 1 2 In his first Communication
Captain Russell reported the amount of
relief from excessive taxation which
had been afforded by his Predecessors under
the directions contained in the Extract
C O B R Vol 3 p 68 Minutes of Consultation of the 10th July
1834 No 80, but stated his opinion that
Para 2 & 3 owing to the impossibility of ascertaining
on what principles the assessment of
Kurnool was originally based, no general
reduction could be safely introduced
previous to a Survey.-

3 The Board assented to this
reasoning observing that meanwhile the

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the Agent is authorized to grant reductions
on lands exhorbitantly assessed detailing
the measures which he takes for the pur
pose in his annual Summaburdy reports

4 Captn Russell further brought
to notice that the rate of assessment on
a 2d wet crop varies considerably in
Kurnool, in some cases being equal to the
1st in others 1/3 and in others again 2/3rds
and he expressed his opinion that except
in such instances as only a moiety of the
1st crop assessment is levied on the second,
the return to the Ryot is not remunerative
In reply to this part of his letter, the
Board requested his opinion whether a
uniform plan of charging one half
of the first crop Teerwah could be
safely introduced at once before the
first crop assessment has been revised
and called for a Statement to shew
what would be the financial result

5 From the information
contained in the letter now recorded and
its

its enclosures it appears that the reduction of tax on the cultivation of Fusly 1265 would have been 3163-11-11 but the Board see strong reason to doubt whether the loss attendant on the measure can be calculated at so large an amount year by year - It is stated by the Officiating Agent that the very high prices of the last 3 years have enabled the Ryot to meet the demand, and when prices fall to their ordinary level it may be inferred that unless the Tuspel Jastee be reduced the cultivation of a 2d crop will be much diminished It is probable therefore that the Government will at once gain more than they will lose by the reduction and eventually it may be expected that the measure will be attended with the extension of cultivation which usually so closes an alteration of the assessment.

But

But whatever may be the financial result the Tezawa on a single crop is so high that the Board cannot doubt the Government will be willing to place Kurnool on a footing equally favorable with that of other Districts in regard to the 2d crop and beg to recommend that the Officiating Agent may be authorized to change it with 1/2 the taxe of the 1st crop from the current Fusly. Capt Russell it will be observed considers that the reduction may safely be introduced before the General revision of the assessment.

7. The foregoing observations have reference to the Kurnool lands But the Board observe that some Bargayet is also entered in the Statement, whether

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[illegible] whether under wells it under
Tanks is not explained. In the
Districts in general, gardens under
wells are not charged an extra
Teerwa for a Second crop.
Any alteration of System
in that respect however can
be left to the Survey. Ad
verting to the rate of tax
the Board have no hesitation in
recommending that for the Fasl
Bagayet may share in the
reduction of Assessment as
regards the 2nd Crop for
for Nunjah.
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To

2293. Fort St George 24 December 1830

No 205

To

J. D. Sim Esqr

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St George

1115

B No 4966

From the Collector of Trichinopoly } Sir

Para.

I have the honor to report the death on the 11th Instant of Rajagopaula Lutchia Naicker the Minor Zemindar of Coomarapady in Manapara Tuloork who was in receiving a Malikana of 10 per Cent from Government The allowance was hitherto continued in the name of the deceased and paid on the receipt of Coomara Luckia Naicker the uncle of the deceased, as per Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 8th July 1831 in reply to a letter submitted to the Board of Revenue by Mr Parker Collector of Madura of the 3d June same year No 55.

2. I have ascertained that there are no other lineal heirs than Coomara Luckia Naicker.

Commmand

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3. Cammimant the Mother of the deceased and the other female Members of the family are willing that Camara Luckia Naiker the Uncle of the deceased should be appointed Zemindar.

4 I have therefore the honor to recommend that the allowance be continued to Camara Luckia Naiker for the subsistence of the family now numbering ten persons.

5 I am that your Board will remember Mr Parker in his letter No 222 of date the 13 ultimo has advocated the restoration of the Estate to the deceased. I am not in a position to say whether the present claimant, the Uncle, has an equal title to consideration And I simply refer to Mr Parker's letter in view to call the Board's attention thereto.

Trichinopoly Collectors Office 28th Novr 1850. } I have &c Signed J. Bird Collector

22975 Fort St George 24th December 1850.

Bd No 4393.
Proceedings thereon
(1115-1116)

In this letter the Collector reports the death on the 11th November last, of Rajah Gopanla Luckia Naicker, who received a Malikana of 10 per Cent on the income of the Pallam of Comaravady in the Manapar Talook, recently transferred from the Madura to the Trichinopoly District - and recommends its continuance to Coonara Luckia Naicker stated to be his sole heir -

2 The Pollam in question was assumed in 1816 for an arrear of Revenue and Malikana granted to the then Poligar, which has ever since been continued to his successors - The deceased obtained it under the sanction of Government dated 8th July 1851 No 672 on the death of his Father -

In Com 24th July 1851.

3 The Pollam was finally incorporated in the lands of Government in conformity with the direction contained in the Minutes of Consultation of Government dated the 14th January 1853 No 64 - Recently the Collector of Madura, under a mistaken idea that the recommendation of the Collector in 1814 that the Pollam should be taken under charge of the Court of Wards had been silently acquiesced in by the Board, and that the arrears for which the Estate was assessed in 1816 had accrued while it was in such charge

In Com 24th Feby 1853.
7 Madras 3d Oct 1853
17 Dec 1856.

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Charge expressed an opinion that there were grounds for restoring it to the Poligar now deceased

4 It was ascertained however in the Board's Office that a reply had been sent to the Collector's letter, and that the Board had not consented to take charge of the Estate on that occasion as a Court of Wards. They therefore on the 17th Instant declined (in Proceedings, copy of which they resolve to submit herewith) to recommend to Government to restore the Pollicm-

To Collr of Madura 11th Sept 1815-

5 Under these circumstances it is resolved to solicit sanction to continue the Malikana of 10 per Cent to Coomara Lucki a Nacker-

6 It is resolved also to furnish the Collector of Trichinopoly with a copy of the Board's Proceedings of the 17th December 1856-

L.B.

To

22977 Fort St. George, 24th December 1856.

No. 290

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

1117
Bd No. 5134

From the Actg Collector of Madura } Sir,

To Bd of Rev. 15th May 1856
From Do. 13th June "
+ 29th November 1856 No 1155

With reference to the correspondence noted in the Margin, I have the honor to forward copy of a + letter from the Acting Sub Collector with copy and translations of a Petition presented to him by Soondramien Plaintiff in O.S. No. 26 of 1855- praying to be allowed to file a Razeenamah in the aforesaid suit instituted by him against the Sub Collector, paying all the expenses hitherto incurred by Government-

2. I beg to support the recommendation of the Acting Sub Collector and request that you will be good enough to procure me the sanction of the Board of Revenue for the adoption of the arrangement therein proposed-

Madura, 9th December 1856 } (Signed) R. J. Sullivan
Acting Collector-

No. 1

No. 173

To, R. J. Sullivan Esqre
Acting Collector of Madura-

Sir, I have the honor to forward for your consideration a Petition from one Soondramien praying to be allowed under certain conditions to file a Razeenamah (paying, all the expences hitherto incurred) in a Suit he has instituted against the Sub Collector No. 26 of 1855-

I am disposed to recommend that his prayer be granted. The channel he proposes to close is the one referred

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referred to in the 2d Para of the Answer.

The Road he desires should be shut up, was the subject of the complaint I enclose. At present it is merely a narrow path and only available for foot-passengers. It saves but a very short distance not more than 2 or 3 hundred yards, if one may judge by the eye. I visited the spot myself and restored therefore to what apparently were its original dimensions as stated in the Urzee of the Cunniwady Zemindar. I enclose, it will be of no great advantage to Bandies. The arguments used in the first para of the Answer are the only ones, which can be employed for its retention. Their weight will be apparent to you on perusal.

As regards the last point. The channel running across the Branadayan Maniam, I consider that in justice to Plaintiff we should concede it. By defending it, we lead him into a vain litigation we encourage him to contend for no substantial advantage for even if he gets a decree, for bidding Mr. Clarke in order to fill up the channel to be carried out, he will be no nearer his end than before, & will yet have to file a suit against the parties who are interested and across whose land the channel runs before he can clear it of the rubbish with which it is choked or continue it to the point, where only, it becomes useful for irrigation. He will have been fighting for an illusion.

On the other hand of Mr. Clarke's order is not insisted on the case will be brought a new before the Magistrate who will decide according to possession. The channel will remain as it is No one will touch it & Plaintiff will then bring his suit against the Zemindar & complete it if he gets his decree.

(Signed) J. R. Cockerell
Asst. Sub Coll.

(True Copy)
(Signed) R. J. Sullivan

† to be returned.

× Marked No. 2 in the Map enclosed and to be returned.

22979. Fort St. George, 24th December 1856

No. 1

Translation of a Petition addressed to the Acting Sub Collector of Madura, by Soondrampen a resident of Anaiputty Village in Nellacottah Talook dated 22d November 1856.

On the 7th January 1855 the late Sub Collector issued an order directing that a new road be opened across my Manian and Shro: road be opened across my Manian and Shro: trieur lands and that the two Channels which irrigated them be closed. By reason of the loss sustained by me in consequence, I instituted a Suit (No. 26 of 1855) in the Sub Court of Madu: ra praying that no road may be allowed to be taken over my lands and also not allow one of the two Channels) Viz. that which lies on a Kat: tamvary manieu land (to be closed, Subsequently presented a supplemental Plaint to that Court, soliciting that the other channel may not also be allowed to be closed. As you have at my request subsequently visited the spot in dispute. I now beg that your honor will be pleased to order that the old road be brought into use again and none new be opened across my manieu land

I

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I further beg that you will not permit the Channel alluded to in my supplemental Plaint to be closed as directed by Mr. Clarke. That Channel was cut in order to convey the surplus water away to my own Puttah lands with reference to Rozeenamah executed at the Pellacottah Salook Cutcherry, between myself and the Mahajanoom Brahmins of Anaipatty Village, and it does not lie on any Puttamany maniem lands. I have nothing to urge in respect to the other Channel which had been cut on Puttamany Maniem land and was afterwards closed. I am willing to pay the costs hitherto incurred by Government for conducting the suit in question. If therefore your honor will be pleased to obtain permission for compliance with my prayer, I shall withdraw my suit in the

Court

22981 Fort St. George, 24th December 1856.

Court:-

22d November 1856. } The signature of Soondramyen in Tamil.

True translation
(Signed) R.J. Sullivan
Acting Collector.

(1117-1118)
Bd. No. 4408.

Resolution thereon.- Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated 11th June 1856 Revenue Department No. 596.-

Extract Minutes 13th June 1856

2. The Acting Collector forwards a communication from his Sub Collector with its enclosures, and recommends in reference thereto, that Suit No. 26 of 1855 may be compromised.-

3. This suit was instituted to prevent the formation of a

a road across the Plaintiff's lands, and to put a stop to the filling up of a channel dug at his own cost.-

4. The Plaintiff in an Urzee addressed to the Sub Collector, now offers to withdraw the suit and pay the costs incurred by Government, if the road objected to by him is not reopened and a second channel alluded to in his supplemental Plaint is not interfered with. He does not object to the closing of the channel referred to in the original Plaint.

5. The Sub Collector has visited the

the spot and suggests a compromise in the conditions proposed by Plaintiff.-

6. The supplemental Plaint and reply are not before the Board, and they cannot therefore clearly apprehend how the case stands but taking into consideration the facts stated by the Sub Collector in his report made after his personal inspection, the Board are disposed to support his recommendation. The road appears to be simply a pathway across private property and there seems to be no objection to allowing the new channel to remain

as

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as it is, the orders of M
Clarke the late Sub. Coll
tor for selling it up in
having been carried into exec
as shewn in para 3 of the answ
filed in the case they think
therefore that the interference of
vernment in either case is
not called for. If His
Lordship in council shou
concur in this view the
necessary instructions will be sent
to the Acting Collector to
accept the Plaintiffs' offe
for an amicable arrange
ment.

22985. Fort St. George 24th December 1856

No. 2076

To

1119
B. No. 5068
From the Civil Auditor

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

Sir,

I have the honor to request that
you will have the goodness to verify the
annual allowance for Saderwad authorised
to be expended by the Magistrates, given
under para 241 in the accompanying proof*
sheet of the Civil Auditors Manual - ex
Judicial Department Chapter VII sec
42. As in the Standard estimates of Saderwad
of Fusly 1260 those for the Magisterial
Departments of Bellary, Chingleput, &c
Kurnool & North Arcot are not given,
I will thank you to furnish me with the
Standard allowances for those Districts,
in order to make the list complete. —

* to be returned soon. —

Fort St. George
Civil Auditors Office
10th December 1856

(Signed) F. Lushington
Civil Auditor

Ordered that the following
letter be sent in reply. —

To

22980 Fort St. George 24th December 1856

1121
B. No. 4388
To the Civil Auditor

To

The Civil Auditor

Sir

With reference to your letter, date
In Corr. 24th Dem/56. 10th December 1856, I am directed by the
Board of Revenue to return to you the proof
Sheet of the "Civil Auditor's Manual"
and to inform you that the annual Subs
=ward allowances of the Magisterial De
=partments of the several Districts rec
=ited therein, have been examined -- The
Subsidiary allowances of the Magistrate
Rumnad Rs. 8467-0-0 Officers of the Rumnad and North Ar
N. Arcot, 1136-12-0 Districts are entered in the Margin
3 It is observed that no separate
allowances have been sanctioned for the
Magistrates Subsidiary of Bellary and
Chingleput, the charges on this account
having been included in the General es
Estimates sanctioned for those Districts
As soon however as the proper proportion
has been allotted to each Department the

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the particulars will be forwarded for
the information of the Civil Auditor.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
24th December 1856

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

No. 127

To

1121
B. No. 5205
From the Collector
of Bellary

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

Sir

The Board having selected
Rayapah as the future Head Sheristadar
of this District, and the application
of Neelcunthurow for permission to retire
having been forwarded by me on the 7th
October last, I have the honor to request
that the new Sheristadar may be permitted
to join as soon as possible, or should the
Board have acceded to Neelcunthurow's re
=tirement --

Bellary Collectors
Office
13th December 1856

(Signed) C. Pelly
Collector

22988 Fort St. George 24th December 1856

B. No. 44492

Proceedings thereon

1121. 1122

In the foregoing letter the Collector requests that Royappiah may be permitted to join his new appointment as soon as possible, should the Board have acceded to Nelacuntaroo's retirement

Since its despatch, the Collector however seems to have received the order of Government on Nelacuntaroo's case in a official letter to Royappiah which has been submitted to the Board he states as follows:

"The Government having accepted of Nelacuntaroo's resignation, and the Board having selected you as the future Head Sheristadar of Bellary, I therefore will join as soon as possible."

Under these circumstances the Board have relieved Royappiah from his duties on their Cutcherry in view to his taking up his new appointment as early as practicable.

Ordered also that the following letter be submitted

22989 Fort St. George 24th December 1856

(1123)

B. No. 44487

To the Secy to Govt Revenue Depat.

To

The Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to state that in anticipation of the retirement of Nelacuntaroo, the Head Sheristadar of Bellary, the Collector named two sheristadar of his District, and Royappiah the Nail Sheristadar of the Boards Office as well qualified for that situation, leaving the selection of one of them to the Board. Upon a full consideration of the claims of both individuals, the Board, under the circumstances stated in the accompanying Copy of their Proceedings dated 4th October 1856, gave the preference to the latter.

2 Royappiah is now about to proceed to Bellary, but before quitting the Presidency he has addressed a Memorial to the Board, detailing his past services, and praying that he may be allowed to draw, on joining his new appointment, the Salary of a Head Sheristadar of 10 years standing, Viz.t 137½ Rupees per Viensem.—

3 The following is an abstract of Royappiah's services in the higher grades.—

		Y.	M.
Asst. Sheristadar of Bellary from 26th March to 16 Octr 41		0	6 21
Asst. Dr. Dr. 5th May 1843 to 23rd February 1849		5	9 21
Asst. Dr. Dr. Boards Cutcherry from 24 February to 30th June 49		0	4 6
Nail Sheristadar Boards Cutcherry from 24 September to 31st December 1856		0	3 20
Dr. Dr. from 10th September to 31st December 1856			
		7.	0 7

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One fourth of the above under the rules of 6th March 1828 will be ---------- 129-2
Head Sherestadar to the Commissioner Northern Circars - 7-2-9
Total 8-11-11

Presuming therefore that the rules regarding the Salary of Sherestadars apply to the several periods of service entered above, Royappah will receive the 2nd rate of Salary granted to Head Sherestadars, Viz^t. 360 Rupees per Mensem from the date of joining his new station, and the third rate, or 337½ Rupees per Mensem, after he has served a further period of one year, One Month, and Nineteen days. —

Royappah has however special claims to consideration, on account of the nature of his services and the arduous duties in which he has been engaged for many years past. As Commissioner's Sherestadar he forever occupied a grade both as regards official position and salary higher than that of any District Sherestadar, and his services during his employment in the Northern Circars have been fully appreciated both by his immediate superiors and the Government. —

If Royappah were to be allowed to draw simply the Salary he is entitled to under the rules, he would, as above shewn, receive 350 Rs. per Mensem from the date he takes up his new situation, but he would in that case be placed upon lower emoluments that he has received for upwards of Seven years whilst employed in the same grade under the Commissioner on a previous occasion* the Government indeed declined to allow him to retain the special allowance granted to him when attached to the Commissioner's Office in that case however he was reverting to an Office of less Emolument and responsibility, whilst now he is about to assume similar functions in a very large and important District. The Board consequently do not regard the former decision of Government as debarring them from taking this opportunity of suggesting that Royappah's special claims may now be substantially rewarded by allowing him at least to draw the salary he received in the Northern Circars, viz. 400 Rs. per Mensem, until he shall have become entitled to the third rate of allowances payable under the rules to Head Sherestadars.

* Ed. Fort St. George July 6th 1827 No. 6 of 22nd July 56

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Encl. No. 1

To

The President and Member
of the Board of Revenue

Most Honored Sirs,

I am come to the Knowledge of your Board having Kindly selected me for the post of Head Sherestadar of Bellary and written to the Collector to that effect on the 11th October last. —

Owing to the said nomination it is incumbent on my part to state, that though it is my bounden duty to address the Board through the medium of the Collector for the salary to which I may be entitled on my taking up the appointment still being at present under the immediate influence of the Board and selected for the said employment by the Board themselves, as well as the Government and the Board knowing perfectly well my employment and salary of the last 8 years, I venture to submit this application on the matter directly to the Board. —

Prior

22992 Fort St. George 24th December 1856

2 Prior to dwelling on the subject of the Salary to which I may become entitled I beg to bring to the kind notice of the Board the scale of increasing standard rates of Salary to Head Sheristadars.—

Under 5 years service as Sheristadar Rs. 280
From 5 to 10 ——— 350
From 10 to 15 ——— 437½
From 15 to 20 ——— 525
above 20 ——— 700

The following is a scale published by the Board on the 8th March 1828 to enable the Head Sheristadars of 6 years standing how to count their previous services in certain grades in the calculation for higher rates of salary.—

If the services of the individual as Naib Division Sheristadar does not exceed 10 years ½ of the time to be reckoned.
From 10 to 18 — ⅓ of — Do. ——— Do.
From 18 to 20 or upwards ½ of Do. ——— Do.

If the services of the individual as Tahsildar exceeds 10 years and under 12 — ¼ of the time to be reckoned.
From 12 to 15 — ⅓ of Do. ——— Do.
above 15 — ½ of Do. ——— Do.

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I shall now detail my first services which have a right and connection with the above scale.—

That on an occasion the Naib Sheristadar of Bellary was on sick leave, the Assistant to Sheristadar acted for him, and I acted for the Assistant Sheristadar from 26th March up to 16th October 1841, being 6 months & 21 days on a receipt of 50 Rs. from his salary exclusive of my own pay 50 Rupees of sayer Sheristadar which I was then holding.—

Regarding this I have ready with me the papers containing the orders of Mr. Mellor the Collector of Bellary on Naib Sheristadar resuming his Office I returned to my own.—

That subsequent to this, I was appointed Assistant sheristadar of Bellary on a salary of 150 Rupees which employment, equalizing with the respectability of a Deputy sheristadar, was held by me from 5th May 1848 up to 23rd February 1849 being 9 months & 21 days.—

Vide acting Coll.r Mr. C. Pelly's letter No. 6 to the Board dated 8th February 1849.—

The said 2 services of acting and permanency amount to 6 years 1 Months & 12 days.—

From the said Assistant sheristadar's post I was promoted as Naib Sheristadar of the Revenue Board Cutcherry on a salary of 250 Rupees on the 24th February 1849 under the orders of the Board, which employment I held up to 30th June ibid, being 4 months & 5 days.—

That on July following, I was put on a salary of 400 Rupees (exclusive of batta paid when actually travelling) and sent as sheristadar of the Commissioner Northern Circars, which salary I drew until the Commissioner was recalled in 9th September 1856, being 7 years 2 Months & 9 days.—

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Total period of service as Revenue Board Naib Sheristadar & Commissioner Sheristadar is 7 years 6 months & 14 days.

4 To one who thus served & received sole the liberal Government & Board should graciously restow their generous consideration on the rate of salary that may be direct to meet for the time to come.

Notwithstanding, I am induced to advance according to my poor opinion that which strikes to my idea of the thing.

5 In reference to the 1st of the above two scales a Head Sheristadar of the 2nd grade after drawing a salary of 350 Rupees for 5 years, is allowed to rec[illegible] 437-8-0 on my part I was the Sheristadar of the Commissioner, who had been vested with full powers of the Board over 5 Districts, on a Salary of 400 Rupees for 7 years and 2 Months. This employment is, by approval fact, superseding a Collectors Head Sheristadar in rank. I beg, therefore, the Government & the Board would give their consideration to my right and succession to the 3rd grade Head sheristadar.

On the Government & your Board sanctioning this request. Herewith exhibit that after 3½ years I shall have taken my appointment I should be allowed to be numbered with the 4th grade by taking 1½ year, a ¼ portion of my service as Assistant sheristadar, in the Calculation.

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6 On the other hand, the period of my services as Deputy Sheristadar of Revenue Board & Commissioner Sheristadar, the former equalizing & the latter superceding a Collectors Head Sheristadar in rank, is 7½ years, to this should be added 1½ year the one fourth portion of 6 years as Assistant Sheristadar, total 9 years. On taking this period in the Calculation as service entitling me to the same advantage in respect to salary as service actually performed in the Office of Head Sheristadar. I should be entitled to the 3rd grade one year after. I assume charge, and for the one deficient year I should be privileged to draw the Salary of 400 Rs. I hitherto received without demur, up to 350 Rupees allowed for the second grade.

7 In conclusion I beg respectfully to state, that Government & the Board are perfectly aware of the Zeal and energy I had evinced in Conducting public business; and I expect & confide that I would be in all probability endulged with promotion of 437½ from the date I receive charges of the new appointment as all others who have served with me and obtained promotion.

For this act of indulgence I shall in duty bound

Signed / o o o x 3 o

Late Commissioner Sheristadar

and

The present Naib Sheristadar of the Boards Cutchery

2294 Fort Saint George 24th December 1856

(1124)

To

A. D. Campbell Esqre
Collector

Sir

I have the honour to forward herewith a Statement shewing the result of the Sale of Lands in the Village of Pishnapooram in the Talook of Lalgoody in the District of Trichinopoly in the Month of December 1856.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Bird
Collector

Received the 26th December 1856
Recorded

Statement shewing the result of the Sale of Lands in the Village of Pishnapooram in the Talook of Laulgoody in the District of Trichinopoly in the Month of December 1856.

No.	Names of the Defaulters	Names of the Villages	Particulars of Balance Jusl amount	amount of balance paid prior to the sale	Remaining Balance	Particulars of land sold Description of land	Extent	Tenure	Total amount realized by Sale	Balance	Surplus Interest	amount	Total amount	Names of the Purchasers
			Rs a p	Rs a p			Cawgs		Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	
1	Samooniah	Pishnapooram	12 6 8 5 8		8 6 8	Punjah	0 35	2 12	28 0 0	8 6 8	0 5 10	19 3 6	28 0 0	Pishnaen

Trichinopoly
16th December 1856

(Signed) J. Bird
Collector

Proceedings

22990 Fort St. George 24th December 1856

B. No. 4392

Proceedings thereon

1124. 1125

The Board of Revenue confirm the sale of the land alluded to in the accompanying statement which accompanies the foregoing letter, and authorise the Collector, after carrying to the credit of Government the amount of arrears against the late Proprietor to disburse to him the remaining sale proceeds.

No. 262

1126

B. No. 5292

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

From the Collector of Nellore

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Circular dated 24th Ultimo No. 22997 I have the honor to state that the annual Fund system alluded to by Government does not prevail in this District.

Nellore District
Sydapoor
Collector Office
20th December 1856

(Signed) F. B. Elliott
Collector

Order thereon

1126. 1127

Ordered to be issued.

22997 Fort St. George, 24th December 1856

Resolved that the following letters be despatched.

1128

B. No. 4396

To the Secretary to Government Revenue Department

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

I am directed to state for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the Board are unable to submit the usual comparative Statement of Collections &c. for last Month owing to the non receipt of the return from the District of Gunjam.

2. An incomplete Statement is however enclosed made up from the Returns of the other Districts and a complete one will be submitted as soon as practicable.

The Acting Collector has been duly requested to forward his Statement and to explain the cause of the delay which has occurred in its transmission.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
24th December 1856

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Comparative

22998

Fort St. George,

Comparative Statement of the Collections of Revenue in the several Districts of the Madras Presidency

Names of Districts	Land Revenue current				Land Revenue arrears				Land Revenue current and arrears			
	Fusly 1265	Fusly 1266	Increase	Decrease	Fusly 1265	Fusly 1266	Increase	Decrease	Fusly 1265	Fusly 1266	Increase	Decrease
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
1 Ganjam	Return has not been received yet.											
2 Vizagapatam	184706	204606	19900	"	41279	31489	"	9790	225985	236095	10110	"
3 Rajahmundry	329992	187484	"	142508	42954	27895	"	15059	372948	215379	"	15756
4 Masulipatam	129177	77087	"	52090	74986	46180	"	28806	204163	123267	"	8082
5 Guntoor	81215	102148	20933	"	12406	10215	"	2189	93619	112363	18744	"
6 Nellore	70699	66022	"	4677	136453	249297	112844	"	207152	315319	108167	"
7 Cuddapah	191478	154911	"	36567	82354	106794	24440	"	273832	261705	"	12127
8 Bellary	3399	32	"	3367	97411	56545	"	40866	100810	56377	"	4443
9 Kurnool	93457	103655	10198	"	2394	2308	"	86	95851	106053	10202	"
10 Chingleput	29305	80616	51311	"	112872	137100	24228	"	142177	217716	75539	"
11 North Arcot	39264	58243	18979	"	570118	694665	124547	"	609382	752908	143526	"
12 South Arcot	93152	135017	41865	"	197143	131631	"	65512	290295	266648	"	2364
13 Tanjore	24630	19316	"	5314	898060	720830	"	177230	922690	740140	"	18255
14 Trichinopoly	208578	216161	7583	"	51169	98501	47332	"	259747	314662	54915	"
15 Madura	67821	64056	"	3765	326386	261193	"	65193	394207	325249	"	6895
16 Tinnevelly	137403	54777	"	82624	433576	511924	78348	"	570979	566903	"	4076
17 Coimbatore	83922	89297	5375	"	51617	62572	10955	"	135539	151869	16330	"
18 Salem	78066	59720	"	18346	93048	172968	79920	"	171114	232688	61574	"
19 Canara	6156	26705	20549	"	288081	240799	"	47782	294237	263004	"	2723
20 Malabar	243963	358035	114072	"	64905	7167	"	57738	308863	308863	56334	"
21 Madras	16026	18261	2235	"	3854	4857	"	997	21880	23118	1238	"
22 D° Sea Customs	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total	2112409	2076151	313000	349258	3583064	3574520	502618	511162	5695473	5650671	556679	6148
Net Increase or Decrease	"	"	"	36258	"	"	"	8544	"	"	"	4480

Current Arrears

24th December 1856.

for the Month of November 1856 in Fusly 1266.

Extra Sources current and arrears				Total Land and Extra Sources current and arrears			
Fusly 1265	Fusly 1266	Increase	Decrease	Fusly 1265	Fusly 1266	Increase	Decrease
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
105283	154828	49545	"	331268	390923	59655	
202172	171941	"	10231	575118	407320		167798
50878	43337	"	7536	255038	166604		88432
118784	123878	5094	"	212403	236241	23838	"
160974	198460	37486	"	388126	513779	145653	"
115510	110054	"	5456	389342	371759		17583
111885	115676	3791	"	212695	172253		40442
38698	44079	5381	"	134549	150132	15583	"
98437	152760	54323	"	240614	370474	129862	"
68823	88909	20086	"	678205	841817	163612	"
234950	291883	56933	"	525745	558531	33286	"
391106	429447	38341	"	1313796	1169593		144203
25473	23605	"	1868	285220	338267	53047	"
223451	242370	18919	"	617658	567619	"	50039
227032	229150	2118	"	798011	795853	"	2158
40690	62352	21662	"	176229	214221	37992	"
69754	68170	"	1584	240868	300858	59990	"
146174	168753	22579	"	440411	435757		4654
233443	271067	37624	"	542311	636269	93958	"
57789	49586	"	21803	539869	579104		20565
272410	301984	29574	"	272410	301984	29574	"
3453711	3808689	403456	48478	9449184	9459360	846050	535874
"	"	354978	"	"	"	310176	"
"	"	"	"	5239708	5554077	264369	"
312299	342926	30627	"	3909470	3955283	45807	"
32842	38063	5435	"				

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Asst Secretary

22999

Fort St. George, 24th December 1850.

General Comparative Abstract of the Collections in the various Districts

	Fusly	Increase/Decrease	Rs	Rs	
Land Revenue	1265				
Extra Sources				50,50,671	45,802
Sayer				50,95,473	
Stamps				3,08,089	25,416
Salt				34,53,311	1,03,698
Sea Customs				9,149,184	19,333
Abkarry				16,82,273	
Moturpha				4,06,745	1,75,849
Total Extra Sources				27,27,799	60,332
Grand Total				2,60,168	9191
Particulars				14,389	9520
Collections to the end of October				6,61,437	3,80,116
Do in November 1850				24,91,752	25,49,086
Total				9,149,184	31,01,202
					6,79,843
					14,721
					2,60,165
					162,965
					31,01,202
					9,45,968

23000

Fort St. George, 24th December 1850.

No. 2.

Remarks on the fluctuations in the revenue for the Month of November 1850.

A. Chiefly caused by extensive sales of Salt and larger Exports

B. Owing mainly to a change in the Kistbundy, whereby the first Kist falls due in November.

C. Owing partly to smaller arrears of Zemindary Peishcush and partly to the Collections from the Ryots having been made according to a fixed Kistbundy in the current Fusly.

D. This increase arises from part of the Kists of the Zemindaries being brought to account in the Current Fusly but chiefly from larger balances having been outstanding at the close of Fusly 1265.

E. The increase is attributed to the favorable character of the Season and the high prices obtained by the Ryots for their produce

F. Owing chiefly to the realization of large balances existing at the commencement of the Fusly.

G. Owing chiefly to the suspension of 20% of the Woolungo demand.

H. Larger Collections were made on account of arrears

I. Owing to a smaller balance outstanding at the commencement of the fusly.

J. Owing to a change of Kistbundy.

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Actg Secretary

23001

Fort St. George 24th December 1856

1129

Bd. No. 4371.

To the Actg. Collr. of Ganjam

To

The Acting Collector of Ganjam

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that your Demand Collection and Balance Statement for last month have not yet reached this Office. The Board desire me to request that you will forward it without delay, and at the same time furnish an explanation for submission to Government of the circumstances which have prevented its earlier transmission.

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 24th Decr. 1856

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Actg Secretary

1130

Bd. No. 4403.

To the Collector of Cuddapah

To

The Collector of Cuddapah

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 17th December 1856 No. 135 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the services of the men named in the margin have been engaged as compositors &c. for the Cuddapah Press. The parties have been paid One months salary in advance, as per receipts enclosed amounting in all to Rupees 80 which sum I request you will have the goodness to remit to this Office at your earliest convenience. The men propose leaving this on the 28th Instant and expect to reach Cuddapah on the 10th of January next. Their salary is to commence from the date of their departure from Madras.

1st Class	N. Venkatasawmy	25
2d Do.	Krishnasawmy	15
3d Do.	V. Gopaul Krishnasawmy	12
4th Do.	Moonesawmy	8
Pressman	Vaseedasen	12
Ballman	Maunicum	8
	Rs.	80

2. These men have all been examined at the Fort St. George Gazette Press and have been pronounced by the Superintendent to be qualified for the posts for which they have been selected.

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 24th December 1856.

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Actg Secretary

23002

Fort St. George 24th December 1856

1131

Bd. No. 4491.

Official Memo

To the Collr. of Canara

From the Collr. of Canara dated 3d May 1856 reporting the importation of a certain quantity of Sinde salt at Coompta via Bombay & requesting the Board's instructions on a question which has in consequence been raised.

Official Memorandum.

From the Records of this Office it appears that a letter as particularized in the margin was received from the Collector of Canara in the month of May last. This letter is not now forthcoming and no reply seems to have been sent to it. The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue is therefore directed to request that a copy of it may be furnished in order that the question which it appears to contain may receive consideration.

Revenue Bd. Office, Fort St. George, 24th December 1856

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Bd. No. 4780 From the Dy. Secretary to Government. Read Memorandum forwarding one copy of the Report on the external commerce of Bombay for the year 1855/56.

1132

Ordered to be recorded.

1132-1133

Order thereon.

Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.

1134

Mis. No. 3039.

From the Collector of Cuddapah. Return of persons charged with Offences under Regulation IX of 1822 in October 1856.

1135

Mis. No. 3038.

From the Collr. of Canara. Return of Village Officers suspended or dismissed for October 1856.

1136

Mis. No. 3045.

From the Collr. of Salem. Return of Village Officers referred to in Section VIII. Regulation VII of 1831 suspended or dismissed during November 1856.

1137

Mis No. 3046.

From the Actg Collr. of Masulipatam. Informs that no suspension or dismissal have taken place in the Quarter ending 31st March and 30th June 1856.

From

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1138

Mdt. No. 3035

Fort St. George, 24th December 1856

From the Collector of Cuddapah - Informing that there were

1139 cases of persons confined under Regulation IX of 1822 and

Mdt. No. 3034 of those suspended or discontinued under Regulation V

of 1831 in October 1856.

From the Asst. Coll.r of Madura - Statement shewing the quantity of

1140 salt in Store available for exportation to Coimbatore on the

Mdt. No. 3038 15th December 1856.

From the Collector of Cuddapah - List of letters addressed to the

1141 of Revenue and remaining unanswered up to 30th September 185

Mdt. No. 3037

From the Coll.r of Cuddapah - List of letters received from the Board

1142 Revenue and remaining unanswered up to 30th September 185

Mdt. No. 3041

From the Coll.r of Rajahmundry - Average Bazar Prices of Grain and

1143 Memo of Iyen cultivation for November 1856.

Mdt. No. 3040

From the Asst. Coll.r of Tanjore - Average Bazar Prices of Grain and

1144 Memo of Iyen cultivation for November 1856.

Mdt. No. 3043

From the Coll.r of Madura - Account Current of Salt for November

1145 1856.

Mdt. No. 3042

From the Coll.r of Chingleput - Account Current of Salt for Novembe

1146 1856.

Mdt. No. 3044

From the Coll.r of Salem - Reporting the non submission of a certa

1147 monthly Return.

Mdt. No. 3047

From the Coll.r of Rajahmundry - Abstract of Demand Collection

and Balance of arrears of the Estates under the Court

of Wards for October 1856.

J Goldingham

R Porter

Compd.