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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Wednesday the 20th May 1857.

Read again Official Memorandum from the Deputy Secretary to Government — dated 7th and entered in Consultation 11th May 1857. No. 96.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

(934)

B/A No. 1795

From the Collector of South Arcot.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter No. 1509. dated 11th May calling for information on certain points connected with the Survey and assessment of this District.

2. My letter of the 9th Instant will have afforded the information required as to the time when the Survey of this District as far as it has been ordered, is likely to be completed.

3 The Monthly expenditure on account of the survey comes at present

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present is 3,300 Rupees but the Establishment entertained for the assessment costs only 17½ Rupees per Month pending orders to carry on the work on a more extended scale.

In the Hoozoor
1 Writer 12-0-0
Under Mr. Grant
1 English Writer 15-0-0
1 Mootchy 10-0-0
1 Goomastah 10-0-0
35-0-0
Grand Total 47-0-0

4 The Establishment employed at this moment is noted in the Margin, but an application was made by letter to the Board of Revenue, dated the 17th Instant for permission to increase it.

South Arcot
Collector's Cutcherry
Cuddalore
14th May 1857

/Signed/ Arthur Hall.
Collector

Ordered that the following Official Memo be sent in reply.

(934-935)
Bd. No. 1695
To the Dy. Secretary to Government

Memorandum.

The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to inform the Deputy Secretary to Government Revenue Department with reference to his Memo dated the 17th Instant that the survey of South Arcot will occupy about two Months more. that the expenditure on account of the survey is about Rupees 3,300

Cutcherry: 11th May 1857

per



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per annum and that the Establishment employed for the revision of the assessment costs at present Rupees 47 Monthly. It will be necessary however to increase the latter Establishment shortly.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
20th May 1857

/Signed/ I. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

Read the following papers

Bd. No. 1711
From the Dy. Secretary to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department dated 9th May 1857.

(936)

Deferring to pass orders on the Rules regarding the Pottahs near Railway Stations, submitted by the Board till the receipt of the Reports still due from the Collectors named within and desiring the Board to furnish Copies of the Rules to the Collectors of Salem and Coimbatore for any observations they may wish to make.

/See No. 436 in Separate Volume/
P.511

(936-937)
Bd. No. 1735
Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Collectors mentioned by Government,

and

and the Acting Collector of Malabar with a copy of the draft rules for such observations as they may wish to offer. The Board request an early reply.

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B/d No 1762

From the Asst Secretary to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department dated 13th May 1857.

Permitting Krishna Sastry Petitioner in No. 898 of 1856 to sue in the Court of Adalut for the recovery of certain Inamiem lands in the District of Tanjore represented to be under mortgage

/ See No. 445 in Separate Volume / P.501

938-939

B/d No. 1696

Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of Tanjore.

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No. 291.

To J. D. Sim Esqre

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

940

B/d No. 5158

From the Asst Collector of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 25th November last communicated with

Minutes



Minutes of Consultation of Government of the 5th September 1856 No. 951 calling for "a more careful opinion as to whether the Travellers Bungalows in this District should be kept up or not, and to forward a Return in all cases wherein the number of Travellers did not exceed twenty four in the Course of the past year".

I have the honor to state that as the Roads on which all the Bungalows are situated, are traversed by Troops and others who are entitled to Bungalow accommodation whilst travelling, and judging from the number of Travellers that have halted during the years 1854 and 1855, and with reference to the opinion expressed by Mr. Parker in his letter of the 17th September 1850 to the Board of Works, all the Bungalows in this District appear to me to be therefore very useful. Pammbanur perhaps excepted.

2 A Statement of the bonafide number of Travellers that have actually halted in 1855, as required by Government in Para 2, is herewith submitted.

Madura 9th December 1856.

/ Signed / R. S. Sullivan

Asst Collector

Statement

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No. 1 Statement showing the Travelling Rounds of Mr. Havelock during the month of March 1857.

for the District of Madura & showing the Gross Amount of Travelling Charges drawn.

| Roads or Villages travelled | No. of Travellers | Remarks |
|---|---|---|
| Road No. 24 from Srivilliputty to Bungalow at Cullaly | 22 | |
| Madura to Palamcottah | 20 | Transferred to the Collectorate of Tinnevelly on the 1st July 1850 |
| Road No. 1 from Dindigul to Srivilliputty | 20 | |
| Do. to Cullaly | 18 | |
| Do. to Manoharry | 7 | |
| Do. to Dindigul | 12 | |
| Do. to Palkanoday | 17 | |
| Do. to Pulney | 14 | |
| Do. to Ammiaud | 18 | |
| Road No. 2 from Dindigul to Palney | | |
| Do. to Kodaikanal | | |
| Do. to Ammiaud | | |
| Road No. 15 from Madura to Dindigul via Ammiaud | | |
| Do. to Kodaikanal | | |
| Do. to Periacolum | | |
| Do. to Attoor | | |
| Do. to Dindigul | | |

Madura 9th December 1856.

(Signed) R. J. Sullivan
Acting Collector.

941

No. 46

To

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

Sir,

Bd. No. 902
From the Asst. Collector
of Madura. - - -

With reference to your letter of the 8th November Last No. 3713 I have the honor to forward the documents therein required with a copy of a letter from Captain C. Gib forwarding them.-

The Bungalow at Pamben

To Board of Revr. 2.-
D. P. W. 19th Novr. 1841 No. 397.
From D. 2nd Decr. 1841 No. 602
To D. 29th Decr. No. 453
From D. 4th April 1842 No. 162.
Conveying the sanction of Govt. for purchasing Capt. Jenkins Bungalow for use of Travellers for Rupees 1500.---

was purchased from Captain Jenkins in the year 1842 as will be seen by the correspondence noted in the margin. The travellers who principally frequent it are those to and from Columbo and other merchants trading on the coast and I am of opinion that this Bungalow should be maintained.-

Madura. - - -
4th March 1857.

(Signed) R. J. Sullivan
Acting Collector.

To

8190 Fort St George 20th May 1857

No 48

No 1

To R J Sullivan Esqre
Acting Collector of
Madura

Sir

Adverting to your letter No 1262 of the 11th November last I have the honor to forward Statements shewing the expenditure on repairs since the Bungalow came into the possession of Government, and the number of Bona-fide Travellers which have frequented it from 1st January 1856.-

The Bungalow is very much in want of repairs and an Estimate for repairing it is herewith forwarded which has been framed as economically as possible, consistent with goodness of material and workmanship, nothing has been allowed for repairing the Godowns (which are in ruins) as they are not in my opinion as an

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an absolutely necessary adjunct to a Travellers Bungalow.-

I would Strongly recommend this estimate for Sanction and that the Individuals who have undertaken to execute the work for the amount Specified in the Estimate be allowed to do so.-

I had an Estimate prepared some time ago by 2 Maistrees from Ramnad, but it appeared to me to be excessive and the one now forwarded was framed in consequence.- The amount of the former Estimate was Rs 244-11-6, or Rs 71-7-6 in excess of the one submitted for Sanction.-

Pamiben. - - -
11th February 1857.-

(Signed) Colin Gib Captain
Superintending Operations

(True Copy)
(Signed) R J Sullivan
Acting Collector

Estimate

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No 2 - Estimate for Repairing the Paumben Travellers Bungalow pulling down and Rebuilding the Cook House.

| | Rs | a | p | Rs | a | p |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bungalow** | | | | | | |
| For New flooring the Hall with Chunam 16 feet wide by 33 feet long and 1 Inch thick | 15 | - | - | | | |
| " 2 Beams 1 foot Square by 9 feet long for western Verandah and Eastern Balcony at 9 Rupees each | 18 | - | - | | | |
| " Building and plastering above the beams | 8 | - | - | | | |
| " Flooring the Eastern Verandah Repairing steps and Foundation &c | 12 | - | - | | | |
| " Repairing the Pillars of the Verandah and Balconies | 6 | - | - | | | |
| " 1 an entire new frame to the Door at the western entrance | 13 | - | - | | | |
| " 1 new side piece to the frame of the Hall Door leading into S.E. Verandah | 2 | - | - | | | |
| " 1 new Sill to the frame of the Western Door | 1 | 12 | - | | | |
| " Making new keys and repairing Locks of Doors | 3 | - | - | | | |
| " 14 Panes of Glass at 6 annas per pane | 5 | 4 | - | | | |
| " 12 Pipes for Carrying off the water from the Roof | 6 | - | - | | | |
| | | | | 90 | - | - |
| **Cook House** | | | | | | |
| " Pulling down the old Cook House | 7 | - | - | | | |
| " Rebuilding and plastering the wall | 44 | - | - | | | |
| " 3 Cocoanut Trees nails Sawyers and Carpenters work &c for roofing | 13 | - | - | | | |
| " New frame for the Door | 3 | - | - | | | |
| " Filling and laying the floor with Chunam and Rebuilding the fire place | 8 | - | - | | | |
| | | | | 75 | - | - |
| " Contingent Charges | | | | 8 | 4 | - |
| Total Company's Rupees | | | | 173 | 4 | - |

Paumben,
7th February 1857

(Signed) Colin Gib Captain
Superintending Operations

(True Copy)
(Signed) R. J. Sullivan
Asst Collector

List

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No 3. List of Travellers arrival and Departure at Paumben Public Bungalow from 1st January upto 31st Decr 1856.

| Names | Where from | Where bound | Date of arrival | Date of departure | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Captain G. E. Etrnal | Negapatam | Coast | 3rd February 1856. | 5th February 1856 | |
| Do Winchant | Do | Do | Do | Do | |
| Engr de Darche | Do | Do | Do | Do | |
| John Scott | Madras | Columbo | 12th March 1856 | 13th March 1856 | |
| Revd J. F. Kearns | Tinnevelly | on a Missionary duty. | 2nd May 1856 | 13th May 1856 | |
| C. J. Longley Esqr Hs Asst Collector | Ramnad | Ramnad | 26th July 1856 | 27th July 1856 | |
| Deshwoody Kettell | Do | Do | Do | Do | |
| Mr Surgeon | " | " | 5th August 1856 | 5th August 1856 | |
| Revered J. F. Kearns | Ramnad | Ramnad | 8th Do | 8th Do | |
| I. J. Susen | " | " | 9th Do | 9th Do | |
| C Mca Toussaint | " | " | 21st September 1856 | 21st September 1856 | |
| H Pope Missionary | Ramnad | Ramnad | 23rd October 1856 | 28th October 1856 | |
| Captain W. Herford | Do | " | | | |
| C. J. Longley Esqr Hs Asst Collector | Do | " | 28th September 1856 | 28th September 1856 | |

Paumben
31st December 1856

/Signed/ Colin Gib Captain
Superintending Operations

/True Copy/

/Signed/ R. J. Sullivan
Acting Collector

Statement

8194. Fort St George 20th May 1857

No 4 Statement shewing the cost of the Paumben Traveller's Bungalow and the Sums expended in repairs up to 1856.

| Name of the Person from whom the Bungalow was purchased | Year in which purchased | Price for which purchased. Rs a p | Date of Repairs | Amount expended in Repairs. Rs a p | Total of purchased money and Repairs. Rs a p | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Captain Jenkins | " | 1500 " - | 1845 | 10 2 - | 1720 3 8 | |
| | | | 1851 | 210 1 8 | | |
| | | | 1852 | | | |
| | | | Total | 220 3 8 | | |

Paumben
31st December 1856

(Signed) Colin Gib Captain
Superintending Operations

(True Copy)
(Signed) R J Sullivan
Acting Collector

Enclosure No 5 Plan

8195 Fort St George 20th May 1857.

To
The Secretary to Government.

Sir

Although the number of Travellers who have used the Public Bungalow at Paumben in the last year is not considerable, yet as it includes persons on their way to and from Ceylon, and there is an entire want of other accommodation in the Island the Board concur with the Acting Col.r Lee in opinion that it should be maintained.

2. The Estimate for its repair not having reached through the Engineer Department will be referred to the Chief Engineer for such economies as may be deemed necessary.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Proceedings be furnished to the Acting Collector of Madura.

Ordered that a Copy be also transmitted, with the Collector's letter, and Endorsement to the Chief Engineer with a request that the Estimate for the repairs of the Bungalow may be entered by him Departments.

940-942

Rc No 1698

Fort St. George 20th May 1857.

No. 16.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

943

B. No. 604

Sir,

From the Collector of Madras.

Explaining the cause of the delay which has taken place in transferring the payment of Rahomed Beebee's Yeomiah to Nellore.

With reference to the Boards' Endorsement on Petition No. 231 of 1857 herewith returned, I have the honor to explain the cause of the delay which has taken place in transferring the payment of the Petitioners' Yeomiah to Nellore.

2. The Board having directed me under date 9th June 1856 No. 1772 to ascertain whether the Gosha pensioners alluded to, moved in that position of life in which it was necessary for them to maintain the strict privacy which they claimed, I begged the Agent at Shepank (as the Officer best qualified in my opinion to answer the Board's query) to oblige me by making enquiries as to the identity of these women-

3. He replied that certain of them were well known and entitled to their allowances but that such a degree of suspicion attached to the



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identity of 30 of them, as would warrant the stoppage of their allowances, were the same disbursed in the Office.

4. At the same time I forwarded him a list of female pensioners who attended in person to receive their dues (petitioner being among them) and requested him to report upon their identity also. Appearing in person, they had no Vakeels or certifiers responsible for the truth of their representations, and nothing more was known of them in this Office than that they had for various periods attended and received their pensions. It was therefore right that enquiries should be set on foot regarding these women as well as the so styled Goshawomen.

5. I of course stopped the allowances of these upon whose existence Dr. Balfour had thrown doubts, until they should have established their identity to his satisfaction.

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6- I also announced to those who attended in person that they were to assure the Agent of the correctness of their claims before I should disburse their stipends.-

7. Some time having elapsed without the promised report of the Agent being received, I wrote him more than once, both officially and privately, that the pensioners affected by his silence, were loudly demanding either payment or investigation and that as they were all in humble circumstances and put to much distress by the suspension of payments. I should be glad to receive the result of his enquiries regarding them.-

8. The Agent then declared that his time was too busily engaged on other matters to take up the subject.-

9. I have since paid the petitioner and all others who attended in person their arrears and



and have also paid up all those among the suspected Gosha women, who could produce a certificate of existence from the Dewan to the late Nawab.-

10. I have directed the petitioner to proceed to Nellore, and shall in a day or two forward her certificate to the Collector.-

11. I could have wished that the Agent having raised the suspicion had also either removed or confirmed it.- No other Officer at the Presidency has the same facilities for enquiry, and injustice to the parties concerned, one or other issue should have been speedily arrived at.-

Madras
10th February 1857.

(Signed) B. Cunliffe
Collector.

B. No. 1704.

Order thereon.

Ordered that the following Endorsement

(944.)

8200 Fort St. George 20th May 1857.

Endorsement be passed on Petition
No. 231 of 1857.

"The Collector having reported
that Petitioner has received the arrears
of her allowance and that her
Pension certificate will be shortly
transferred to the Collector of
Nellore no further orders are
required."—

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Ordered that the following
letter be sent in reply—

To
E: Balfour Esqre
Government Agent
Shespank.

Sir,

In forwarding to you the
accompanying

963-965
Bo. No. 1700.
To the Government
Agent Shespank.

8201 Fort St. George 20th May 1857.

Dated 10th Febr.
in Cons: 20th May
1857 - 604.

accompanying Copy of a letter from the
Collector of Madras respecting the
female pensioners of whose
identity you expressed some
doubt in your letter to that
Officer, I am directed by the
Board of Revenue to request that
you will favor them with an
explanation of the Grounds of
your suspicion in order that they
may finally dispose of the matter—

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
20th May 1857.

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

To,

8202. Fort St. George 20th May 1857.

No. 905

To,

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

Sir,

946

B. No. 1309.

From the Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India —

I request that the Board will have the goodness to send me a Statement of the average expenditure on public works connected with agriculture during the last 5 years and shew what percentage on the revenue collected from the Districts that expenditure, amounts to.—

Dated Madras the 8th April 1856.

(Signed) H. Ricketts.
Commissioner for the revision of
Civil Salaries and Establishments
throughout India.—

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B. No. 1697.

Proceedings thereon.— The Board find that the information required by Mr. Ricketts in the foregoing letter cannot be furnished from their records as they therefore resolve to forward a Copy of it to the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works with a view to his meeting Mr. Ricketts' requisition.—

2. The revenue receipts will be as furnished by the Board.—

C.B.

8203 Fort St. George 20th May 1857.

No. 26.

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Sir,

Fort St. George

948

Bd. No. 1507
From the Collector of Canara.

I have the honor to submit for the sanction of Government an expenditure amounting to Rupees 319—15—1 incurred under emergent circumstances in the employment of Extra Police Peons in the Soopah Talook of this District.—

For the Suppression of Robberies 225—10—6
For protection during Jatras festivals 94—4—7
319—15—1

2 The first item results from employment of 20 additional peons as shewn in the margin in the Soopah Mogony and its vicinity. During the month of September many robberies occurred and as the necessaries of life could only be procured at prices which led to the belief that the evil must extend unless prompt measures were taken to check it the Joint Magistrate in charge of that part of the District found it indispensably necessary to entertain the Servants here noticed. This Step will I trust, meet the approval of Government.—

+ 13 men from 2d October to 31st Decr. at 1 Rs 7 per month 157—2—11
7 Do. from 15th Do. to Do. Do. 71—5—7
225—10—6

3. The 2d charge of Rupees 94—4—7 is one which has been incurred during the three past years

1263 — 73 — 5 —
1264 — 70 — 12 — 9
1265 — 71 — 2 — 9

12 Men from 2d Feby to 31st March 1857 @ 4 Rs each per month 94 — 4 — 7

years in the proportion shewn in the Margin. Ha
from the employment of Extra Police Peons in
Soopah on the occasion of the annual Jatras
Woolay in that Talook, and Gokurn at anko
These Jatras are celebrated almost simultane
ously every year and as both places are held in
great repute, numbers of Hindoos, men, wome
and children resort to them from the interior, and
for their protection the extra Peons are entertained
When framing the general Estimate for this year, I thought
this extra expenditure could be avoided
but the Joint Magistrate found that he cou
not dispense with the peons and they have be
accordingly again employed. I am therefore mad
the necessity of requesting the Sanction of the
Government for this Extra Establishment.

Collectors Cutcherry
On Circuit Bettangady
18th April 1857.

/ Signed / William Frisher
Collector



Bd. 7th 1694
Resolution thereon.
(948-949)

Resolved that the letter above recorded be submitted for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. In this letter the Collector requests Sanction for the charges incurred on account of the following Extra Police Peons employed in the Soopah Talook to assist the fixed Establishment in the Suppression of Robberies and in the protection of the people during the celebration of the Jatras or Festivals in that Talook.

For Suppression of Robberies

| | Rs | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13 Peons from 2d October to 31st Decr 1856 @ 4 Rs each per mensem | 151 | 4 | 11 |
| 7 Peons from 15 Do to Do @ Do | 71 | 5 | 7 |
| | 225 | 10 | 6 |

For Jatras or Festivals

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 Peons for 2 Feby to 31st March 1857 @ 4 Rs each per Mensem | 94 | 4 | 7 |
| Total | 319 | 15 | 1 |

3. With regard to the first charge the Collector explains that the Joint Magistrate found it indispensably necessary to entertain these Servants in consequence of

of the many robberies that had been committed in the Soopah Talook during the month of September, and from the belief that the high prices of the necessaries of life would lead to the increase in the No. of crimes of this description unless prompt measures were adopted for their suppression—as regards the second charge the collector states that the annual Jatras at Woolay in Soopah and Gokarn at ankola are celebrated almost Simultaneously and, that numbers of Hindoos, men, women and children resort to both places which are held in great repute, Similar charges have been incurred in the past three fuslies.—

F. 1263 Rs 73—5—
1264 — 70—12—9
1265 — 71—2—9

4. In fusly 1266. the charge was not incurred



in the General Estimate of Extra Establishments for that year as the collectors thought that the Extra expenditure could be avoided. The Joint Magistrate however found that he could not dispense with the Extra Peons and accordingly employed them again.—

5.— The Board observe that the Extra Police force under notice should not have been entertained without the previous authority of Government— But under the circumstances stated and as the services of the Peons were urgently required, the Board support the collectors recommendation that Sanction be granted for the charges in question amounting to Rs 319—15—1.—

8208 Fort St. George 20th May 1857

To

I. D. Sim Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

950

Bd. No. 1706

From the Collector of Tinnevelly. } Sir,

Adverting to Para 1 of my letter to you of the 30th Ultimo I have the honor to forward prepared in the revised form annexed to Extract from Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 27th March last a List containing the Tamil names of Villages in the Talook of Streevigoondam in this District.

Tinnevelly 5th May 1857 } / Signed / J. Silver Collector.

950-951 Order thereon. Ordered to be recorded.

8209 Fort St. George 20th May 1857.

No. 156

To

I. D. Sim Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

952

Bd. No. 1774.

From the Collector of Tinnevelly -- } Sir,

Referring to para 2 of my letter of 30th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward a List containing the Tamil names of Villages in the Tencausey Talook in this District.--

Tinnevelly -- 9th May 1857. } / Signed / J. Silver Collector.

952-953 Order thereon. Ordered to be recorded and enclosure sent to Chief Engineer 20th May 1857. No. 73.

To

I. D. Sim Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George

954

Bd. No. 1834.

From the Ag. Collector of Masulipatam } Sir,

Board's Circular No. 691 dated 5th March 1857. Extract Minutes Cons No. 286 P.W. Depart 9th Feby 57.

In reply to the papers noted in the margin, I have the honor to report that the Maramut Nisif as existing in this District

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District was described by Mr. Fras
in his letter to the Commissioner dat
10th December 1855 No. 135.—

Goodewadah & Deevy.

2. The Board will have learn
from Mr. Fraser's letter that in only
2 Talooks of this District any custom exist

In Pedana and Bander the amount collected was trifling

of irrigation work being directly paid for
by the Ryots and as instructed in Par
3 of the Board's letter it is to these
Talooks alone I must confine my report.

3. I must first remark that
under the old system when Governmen
and the Ryot halved the produce of a
field the custom of sharing the expens
of its irrigation was simple and just
but that state of things has passed away.—

4. In Deevy there has been no
floods and no wet cultivation for 2 years
and the cost of repairs was consequently
collected. The Talook of Goodewadah
derived immense benefits from the new sys
of irrigation and no doubt the people
are growing wealthy but each year
an addition to the amount they
Governme



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Government a large portion of which
much be considered as a return for the
irrigation works.—

5. Whatever disadvantages
the renting System may have in the
present state of this District it has in
my humble opinion this advantage
that the Collector can fix the rent
to be paid by a Village including in
his Estimate the advantages it has derived
during the past year from increased
irrigation or good roads or canals and
the matter is settled at once for one
sum includes all the Villagers have to
pay but it opens the way to discontent,
difficulties, and endless accounts if besides
fixing the rent of the Village a cess of
so much an acre must be levied for water
rates and road funds and education
fees and Maramut purposes and I
would remark our acres are all on
papers we have no measurement of
Land in this District trustworthy.

J.

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6. I am decidedly of opinion that Maramut Kisif should be discontinued in the fractional part of this District where it hitherto exists and that no distinct assessment should be levied for Maramut proposes because an equivalent sum is and can be levied under the present renting System.—

7. In a few years the irrigation works will be completed and their good effects will be learned by experience and with the scientific survey the assessment on the land which must then be made will be formed with the full knowledge and calculation of the benefits of the irrigation works on each acre as found in the Village and in the Map and as there will then exist no necessity for extra cesses for irrigation works. I trust the Board will accept my reasons for not proposing any establishments or offering remarks as to a legislative enactment.

8. I beg to be understood as replying



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replying for this District because under the renting system any reasonable sum can be obtained from any Village which after Collection, Government may divide as they please in their accounts.

9. In reply to Para 4 of the Board's letter I confess no distinction should be made as to surplus water all such distinctions increase accounts and serve no good purpose for if the Ryot gets water it is no matter to him whether we call it surplus or channel water provided he only pays for what he gets.

Masulipatam Collrs Cutcherry 12th May 1857.

954-958

Order thereon

/Signed/ T. J. Knox.
Ag. Collector.

Ordered to lie over.

No 162.

To

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

956

Rd 18th 1828
From the Collr of Tinnevelly

Sir.

In reply to the Board's Circular of 5th March last No 691, I have the honor to

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to inform you that there is no regular unpa
labor by Ryots on channels or tanks in th
District and consequently the system intro
in the District of Trichinopoly in respe
to two Channels is inapplicable to Tinne
But when breaches are apprehended from
heavy freshes to occur in Tank bunds
the proprietors of the tank remove at the
own expense the shutters of Caliguelahs
and strengthen the weak portions of the b
and if after these precautions any damag
should occur the Ryots immediately
get it repaired at their own cost, if of
a trifling nature, but if extensive, it is
repaired at the expense of Government

2. The land holders make cert
payments for Maramut purposes under
the head of "Tank Undrah."

Tinnevelly
12th May 1857

(signed) J. Sidd
Collec

Ordered to be rec

Order Memo
(956-957)

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No 42

To

H. Forbes, Esqr

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

Fort St George.

958

13th No 1857

From the Ag Collr
of Canara

Sir,

With reference to your Circular
letter of the 1st Instant, No 1371, I have the honor
to forward a revised Memo shewing, as there=
in required, the average monthly disbursements
from each Talook Treasury and the number
and Salaries of the Sheriffs employed in each=

Collector's Cutcherry,
Mangalore, 12th May 1857.

(Signed) J. D. Robinson,
Acting Collector.

Memo

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No. 1. Memo

| Talooks. | Usual Monthly disbursements at the Collector's Treasury. | Usual monthly disbursements at the Talook Treasuries. | Sheriffs employed No. | Pay. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Rs | |
| Mangalore | | Rs 602 | 2 | 20 | @ 12 and |
| Bekul | | 371 | 2 | 20 | @ 12 and |
| Buntwal | | Rs 100 | 1 | 14 | |
| Pootoor | | 1,888 | 1 | 10 | |
| Oodipy | | 1,150 | 1 | 12 | |
| Barcoor | | 3084 | 2 | 22 | @ 15 and |
| Coondapoor | | 6,453 | 2 | 22 | Do |
| Honore | | 7,823 | 2 | 25 | @ 15 and |
| Ankola | | 6,535 | 2 | 22 | @ 12 and |
| Soopah | | 6260 | 2 | 19 | @ 12 and |
| Sonda | | 9,310 | 1 | 15 | |
| Balghi | | 2094 | 1 | 10 | |
| Average | 97.250 | 63.082 | | | |

Collector's Cutcherry
Mangalore,
12th May 1857

(Signed) J. D. Nelson
Acting Collr

958-959
Order thereon. Ordered to be lodged



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No. 71.

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

960
Bd No. 1811.
From the Ag. Collr of Guntoor

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Circulars dated 21st April 1856 and 7th March last, I have the honor to report upon the working of the press in this District during the Official year, ending 30th April 1857, and to forward 6 Statements in illustration thereof.

From Bd's Dur/53 to 25th Jany/56
" 12th Feby
" 15th "
From 27th "
" 15th April
To 20th May

2. The correspondence noted in the margin shews the manner in which a Printing Press was first established here. The Government authorized the purchase of the Press and materials, as shewn in my letter of the 20th May last, at a Cost of Rupees 344-12-, and also the further outlay of Rupees 348 to render it more complete, making altogether Rupees 692-12-

29th Augt 1856

3. Though obtained in February 1856 the Press cannot be said to have been in proper

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proper working order till the following April on
the inexperience of the workmen and the want
sufficient materials- since that period however
has been constantly employed in the business
District—the Lithographic Press has also
been continued for English work as no English
was procured

5- A List of the principal Statemen
Nº 1 Nos. struck off by the Typographic Press
hereunto forwarded, as also an Inventory of
Nº 2 Stock Furniture, Nos. supplied by the Boar
procured otherwise as it stood on the
April 1857

6- Enclosure Nº 3 will show
if the whole of the impressions thrown off
by the Press in the Official year amount
to 351,447 as given in Nº 1 are reduced to
size of the form of the Foolscap pages—they
be equal to 111,233 impressions of full form
blank Statements, Nos. consisting
Samahundry Forms, Villagewise
other



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other Statements and 37,956 impressions of forms
of full matter Comprising Circulars, Hoorkoms,
Notices, Nos. on together 114,189

6- Of the above work about 4/5 Ac-
was for the use of the Talookes and the remain-
-ing 1/5 for the Huzoor Cutcherry, exclusive
of the District Gazette which may be classed
under both heads—The average number of impres-
-sions of full forms per diem above given
Excepting Sundays and holidays
is 508, but the actual number of Strokes of
the Press was much greater as it was
Sometimes worked with less than a full
form— If the number of the impressions
given in Statement Nº 1 is averaged for
the year, it will give 1301 per diem—both of
these again more than one were often worked
off at the Same time.

7- The District Gazette (Copies
of which are now forwarded to the Board
and to the Government) has been published
regularly every week Since the beginning
of the Fasly or 1st July last—It Contains
the Circular Orders issued by the Collector
and

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and Magistrate and Appointments, Leave, Pro-
tions, Postings and other matters in the Rev
and Police Departments including inform
as to the State of Trade. It is furnish
as a public document of instructions to al
Tasildars and Samuttdars in the Distric
and to the Heads of Departments in the
Hoozoor. Copies are sent officially also to
Engineer Officers and to the Civil and Sess
Court. It is also sold to private individual
at the rate of 3 Annas a Month, and th
number of Subscribers at present is 19 includ
these three are now 185 Copies circulated
each week.

8. The advantages attending the
issue of the Official Gazette can scarcely
be overrated. The administration of the
affairs of the District is laid open instead
of shut, as formerly being covered with a
veil of Secrecy and mystery all import
ant matters and general instructions a
now conveyed with promptitude



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Certainly to their destination, direct to the
Samuttdars who preside over the Mootahs or
subdivisions of the Talaks and by whom the
contents of the Gazette are made known to
the village Communities as far as they are Concerned.
This measure has, I think, provided one of the
most efficient Checks against intrigue and Official
oppression as well as secured greater punctuality
in business. The saving of labor particularly
to the Taluk servants in transcribing the
words or the substance of orders which must go
to all the Samuttdars for the collection of
information and accounts is also Considerable
while the relief to the Hoozoor Cutcherry
is also felt though Chiefly perhaps in
the work hitherto done by unpaid
agency.

Statement No 4 will explain
9. the value of the work performed during
the year calculated according to the
Table sent by the Board on the 10th
September last. From this it will be
perceived that the total Amount of
the

the assumed cost exclusive of cost of pa
is Rupees 1,341 — 8 — 7; the aggregate expen
for the year on account of the maintenan
of the Press is Rupees 750 — 11 — 6

10.

The Account Current, No 5, of
transactions of the Press during the period
embraced in this report, includes also the Re
and Disbursements for the Month of Apri
1850; so that the whole of the expense
since the Press was established exclus
its original cost may be seen at one
view — This expense has been wholly me
by a reduction in my establishment as
has already been reported in my letter
the 30th December last in which I propo
that as the Government declined to sanc
the appropriation of the pay of an
Assastant Record Keeper of the Cou
towards the expenses of the Press, and
the Civil Judge stated himself to be
unable to make any other reduction for
the purpose, the sum of 12 Rupees mo
be allowed by Government in accordan
with the suggestion of the Board in



para 6 of their letter of the 1st December
last

11- The recent orders of Government
dated 19th March last, have since been received,
and as directed, I have again addressed the
Civil Judge who informs me he has referred
the matter to the Sudr Udalut Court so that
no final arrangement has been made with
regard to the Press Establishment

12- The new fount of Telugu
type supplied by the Board has been duly
received and has just come into use — Final
arrangements have also been made for the
purchase of the Press and such of
the materials as were found to be required
after the receipt of the fount sent by the
Board — No English type has been procured
and it will take some time before
the fount, alluded to by the Board, is
obtained from England and the Litho-
graphic Press has been necessarily
employed for English work, as the Chief
Engineer has not called upon me

to

to make it over to his Department, as
stated in Extract Minutes Consultation
29th August 1856.

13. The Establishment employ
for working this has been appended
the Account Current No 5; and a Sta
=ment, No 6, of the work done is also
=ed, shewing that about 16,107 impres
altogether have been struck off of vari
papers specified equivalent to about 93
pages of foolscap

14. In conclusion, I may add
that the Establishment of the Pres
even in its imperfect State, has been
attended with great advantages to the
District, although, with the exceptio
of the District Gazette, the relief
afforded to the Establishment
for the most part in work
was formerly done by unpaid agen
as fully described in para 9 of my
of 17th September 1856.

Guntoor District Collr's Office
Condaveed, 13th May 1856.

(Signed) H. Newill
Acting Collr



No 1

List of the principal Orders, Statements, &c. printed
&c. in the Official Year 1856/57.

| | In April 1856 Number of Copies | Remarks |
|---|---|---|
| Names | | |
| Circular regarding Prisoners' batta and calling for certain periodicals &c. | 1,500 | |
| Usual Orders for granting rewards for destroying Snakes and delivering Petitions with final Endorsements, &c. | 1,520 | |
| Do. Calling for information in certain matters and referring Petitions for disposal, &c. | 2,000 | |
| Yadasts to the 2 assistants to the Collector | 2,000 | |
| Usual Order for the payment of Bills drawn by Sub Treasurer, &c. | 500 | |
| Circular regarding the Correspondence in Arrears and despatch of accounts, &c. | 1,000 | |
| Standing Orders No 2, abolishing Wundra & unauthorized Curnums | 1,010 | |
| Notices about Madras exhibition | 1,300 | |
| Circular directing Bills to be Credited as ready Money | 500 | |
| Proposals for taking up dry lands. | 4,125 | |
| Hoo Koomnamah | 1,500 | |
| Endorsement on Petitions | 2,000 | |
| Notifications in the Abkarry Department | 500 | |
| | 19,455 | |

From

Fort St. George, 20th May 1857

Names.

From 1st May 1856 to 30th April 1857.

| | No. of Copies |
|---|---|
| Pay Abstracts | 1260 |
| Villagewar and Cistage Statements | 1072 |
| Monthly Cultivation Statements | 400 |
| Price Currents | 1000 |
| Proposals for taking up dry lands | 2416 |
| Bi-monthly Statements of Collections | 800 |
| Invoices of remittances | 1400 |
| Circular about Meturpha Pottahs | 1200 |
| Standing order No. 3, regarding the interment of the Corpses of Strangers dying in the Villages | 1217 |
| Notification regarding the inquest to be held on the accidental death of workmen, Pea | 1200 |
| Receipts to be granted to the Cash-Keeper by different Officers | 1001 |
| Notification about the murder of an infant in Masulipatam | 1156 |
| Petition Rules | 1911 |
| Superscription on Envelopes for the Gazette | 550 |
| Notification about the marriage of widows | 114 |
| Magistrate Summons and warrants | 1440 |
| Shroff Chittah of the Salt Department | 3001 |
| Exhibition Lists | 2100 |
| Receipts in the Salt and Sea Customs Departments | 1480 |
| Receipts of final Endorsements delivered | 6000 |

Ramabundy



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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ramabundy Statement | No. 1 | 1020 |
| Do. | No. 2 | 2020 |
| Do. | No. 3 | 1153 |
| Do. | No. 4 | 1963 |
| Do. | No. 5 | 1020 |
| Do. | No. 6 | 910 |
| Do. | No. 7 | 1020 |
| Do. | No. 8 | 1000 |
| Do. | No. 10 & 11 | 55140 |
| Do. | No. 12 | 1000 |
| Do. | No. 13 | 1855 |
| Do. | No. 14 | 860 |
| Do. | No. 15 & 16 | 932 |
| Do. | No. 18 | 93000 |
| Do. | No. 19 | 163640 |
| Register A | | 950 |
| Statement of deceased Enam-dars | | 1033 |
| District Gazettee from No. 1 to 45 | | 8168 |
| | | 381447 |

Guntoor Collectors Office.
Condaveed 13th May 1857.

Signed A Newell
acting Collector

Inventory

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No 2 Inventory of Press and Materials as it stood in the Press Office of the Guntoor Collectorate of the 1st May 1857.

| Items | Sent by the Board | | | | Procured otherwise | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Value | | | | Value | | | |
| | № | Rs | a | p | № | Rs | a | p |
| Type Telugoo | 1 | Fount | | | " | " | | |
| Press stand wooden | " | Value un- | | | 1 | 100 | - | - |
| Iron press sale | " | -known | | | 1 | 16 | - | - |
| Composing Stands with cases | 2 | Do | | | 4 | 28 | - | - |
| Table with drawers | - | - | - | - | 1 | 10 | - | - |
| Do with Do | - | - | - | - | 1 | 6 | - | - |
| Do for Ink | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | - | - |
| Iron Cases of 4 pages Foolscap | - | - | - | - | 4 | 16 | - | - |
| Wooden imposing Slabs | 2 | - | - | - | 2 | 4 | - | - |
| Do weight for damped paper | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - |
| Do Composing Sticks | 2 | - | - | - | 5 | - | 12 | - |
| Do Gallies of sizes | 2 | - | - | - | 8 | 4 | - | - |
| Do 2 reams Do | - | - | - | - | 50 | - | 12 | - |
| Do Side and foot sticks | - | - | - | - | 12 | - | 8 | - |
| Do Riglets | - | - | - | - | 1000 | 18 | - | - |
| Statements sticks | - | - | - | - | 60 | 8 | - | - |
| Brass lines at 1-8- per lb | - | - | - | - | 14 | 21 | 12 | - |
| Roller rods | - | - | - | - | 5 | 4 | 10 | - |
| Files | - | - | - | - | 2 | | | |
| Pinchers | - | - | - | - | 2 | | | |
| Bodkins | - | - | - | - | 4 | | | |
| Tin pots glue pots | - | - | - | - | 2 | | | |
| | | | | | | 245 | 12 | - |
| Articles purchased and used | | | | | | | | |
| Printing ink | " | - | - | - | 1 | 6 | - | - |
| Broad Cloth | " | - | - | - | " | 6 | " | - |
| Hide and rollers | " | - | - | - | " | 4 | " | - |
| Riglets sticks &ca | " | - | - | - | " | 12 | - | - |
| | | | | | | 273 | 12 | - |

Guntoor Collector's Office,
Condaveed 13th May 1857.

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(Signed) H. Newill
Acting Collector

Statement

8229 Fort St George 20th May 1857

No 3 Statement shewing the amount of work done at Typographic Press in the Guntoor District in the Office year 1856/57.-

| Months | No of impressions of full form equal to 4 Foolscap pages. Solid Matter | Blank Statements | Total | Rem |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| April 1856. | | | | |
| Huzzoor | 516 | - | 516 | |
| District | 2479 | - | 2479 | |
| May | 2995 | - | 2995 | |
| June | 655 | 3353 | 4008 | |
| July | 300 | 25340 | 25640 | |
| August | 125 | 20750 | 20875 | |
| September | 837 | 10947 | 11784 | |
| October | 80 | 9320 | 7409 | |
| November | 1000 | 4700 | 5700 | |
| December | 8875 | - | 8875 | |
| 1857 January | 5431 | 6000 | 11431 | |
| February | 3535 | 8000 | 11535 | |
| March | 6500 | 6875 | 13375 | |
| April | 1310 | 8250 | 9560 | |
| | - | 7698 | 7698 | |
| | 28657 | 111233 | 139590 | |
| Particulars | | | | |
| Huzzoor | 26970 | 600 | 27570 | |
| District | 1687 | 110633 | 112320 | |
| | 28657 | 111233 | 139890 | |
| Gazettee from 3rd July 1856 to 30th April 1857 | 9299 | - | 9299 | |
| Grand Total | 37956 | 111233 | 149189 | Average per 2 |

Guntoor Collectors Office
Condaveed 13th May 1857.

EE & Pr (Signed) H Newill
Acting Collector

Memorandum

8230 Fort St George 20th May 1857

No 4 Memorandum of work done in the Press Office of the Guntoor Collectorate from 1st April 1856 to 30th April 1857.-

"Huzzoor papers"

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For 8½ forms of 4 Foolscap pages of full matter at 12½ Rupees each | 106-4-- | |
| For 23250 impressions of Cowles taken from one from at 10 Rupees per thousand | 232-8-- | |
| 2 Blank half forms one at 5 Rupees and another at 3½ Rupees | 8-8-- | |
| | | 347 4 - |

District papers

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ½ Form containing full matter | 6-4-- | |
| 4 Blank forms at 10 Rupees each | 4-0-0-- | |
| 55176 impressions taken from one form at 8 Rupees per 100 | 44-1-6-7 | |
| 81970 impressions taken from one form at the above rate | 656---- | |
| | | 1244 4 7 |
| 50 Forms of about 250 impressions of District Gazettee each at 5 Rupees per form | 250 - - | |
| Total Rupees - - | | 1494 8 7 |

Company's Rupees One thousand Eight hundred and forty one annas eight and pice seven.-

Guntoor District,
Collectors Office,
Condaveed 13th May 1857.

EE & Pr (Signed) H Newill
Acting Collector

Account

8229 Fort St George 20th May 1857

No 3 Statement Shewing the amount of work done at the Typographic Press in the Guntoor District in the Office year 1856/57.-

| Months | No of impressions of full form equal to 4 Foolscap pages- Solid Matter | Blank Statements | Total | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| April 1856- | | | | |
| Hoozoor | 516 | " | 516 | |
| District | 2479 | " | 2479 | |
| | 2995 | - | 2995 | |
| May | 655 | 3353 | 4008 | |
| June | 300 | 25340 | 25640 | |
| July | 125 | 20750 | 20875 | |
| August | 837 | 10947 | 11784 | |
| September | 89 | 9320 | 7409 | |
| October | 1000 | 4700 | 5700 | |
| November | 8875 | - | 8875 | |
| December | 5431 | 6000 | 11431 | |
| 1857 January | 3535 | 8000 | 11535 | |
| February | 6500 | 6875 | 13375 | |
| March | 1310 | 8250 | 9560 | |
| April | - | 7698 | 7698 | |
| | 28657 | 111233 | 139590 | |
| Particulars | | | | |
| Huzzoor | 26970 | 600 | 27570 | |
| District | 1687 | 110633 | 112320 | |
| | 28657 | 111233 | 139890 | |
| Gazettee from 3rd July 1856 to 30th April 1857 | 9299 | - | 9299 | |
| Grand Total | 37956 | 111233 | 149189 | |

Guntoor Collectors Office
Condveed 13th May 1857

E E Ffn (Signed) H Newill
Acting Collector

Memorandum

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No 4 Memorandum of work done in the Press Office of the Guntoor Collectorate from 1st April 1856 to 30th April 1857.-

"Hoozoor papers"

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For 8 1/2 forms of 4 Foolscap pages of full matter at 12 1/2 Rupees each | 106-4-4 | |
| For 23250 impressions of Cowles taken from one from at 10 Rupees per thousand | 232-8-- | |
| 2 Blank half forms one at 5 Rupees and another at 3 1/2 Rupees | 8-8-4 | |
| | | 347 4 - |

District papers

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1/2 Form containing full matter | 6-14-- | |
| 14 Blank forms at 10 Rupees each | 140-0-- | |
| 55176 impressions of Khirdy and Khata taken from one form at 8 Rupees per 100 | 441-6-7 | |
| 81970 impressions taken from one form at the above rate | 656-0-- | |
| | 1244 4 7 | |
| 50 Forms of about 250 impressions of District Gazettee each at 5 Rupees per form | 250 " " | |
| Total Rupees- | | 1841 8 7 |

Company's Rupees One thousand Eight hundred and forty one annas eight and pice seven-

Guntoor District,
Collectors Office,
Condveed 13th May 1857

E E Ffn (Signed) H Newill
Acting Collector

Account

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| For May 1856 | | | 8 3 6 | | | | |
| " June " | | | 10 11 11 | | | | |
| " July " | | | 12 4 8 | | | | |
| From August to 24th September 1856 | | | 19 - - | | | | |
| " October 1856 to April 1857 @ 5 Rs per Month | | | 35 - - | | | | |
| | | | | 85 4 1 | | | |
| | | | | 750 11 4 | | | |
| To Profit derived from the sale of Gazettee to private individuals | | | | 27 14 8 | By balance to be carried to the next account Current being the profit derived from the sale of Gazette &c to private individuals | | 32 14 8 |
| To Cash received for printing Notices of the Exhibition | | | | 5 - - | | | |
| | | | | 783 10 - | | | 783 10 - |

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Appendix

Account Current of the Lithographic Press.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To a Moiety of the pay of Sal6 Writer from June to 24th September being 3 Months and 24 days at 15 Rupees per Month | | 57 - - | By the pay of Naunegerry Gurudachellum Pressman from June to 24th September 1856 being 3 Months and 24 Days @ 12-8 per Month | 47 8 - | |
| To the pay of a Revenue Deloyet from June 1856 to April 1857 being 11 Months at 7 Rs Ds | | 77 - - | From 25th September to April 1857 being 7 Months and 6 days @ 10 Rs per Month | 72 - - | |
| To Ds of a Police Peon of Coorapaud Taluk from 25th September 1856 to 30th April 1857 being 7 Months and 6 days at 5 Rupees per month | | 36 - - | By Ds of Amaravutty Codun Lurumsoo Assistant Pressman From June to 4th September 1856 being 3 Months and 24 days at Rs 9-8-- per Month | 36-4-7 | 119 8 - |
| To Ds of Ds of Innaconda Ds from Ds to Ds being Ds at Ds | | 36 - - | From 25th September to April 1857 being 7 Months and 6 days @ 7 Rs per Month | 50-6-5 | |
| | | 206 - - | | 86 8 - | 206 - - |
| To Amount credited by debiting the Head of Extra Revenue charges on account of contingent charges for the | | | By Value of 2 Padlocks for the above Boxes | 6 - | |
| June 1856 | 4 15 6 | | By cost for repairing nut of a Collar | 8 - | |
| August " | 6 - | | By Ds for repairing the Cylindar | 5 - - - | |
| February 1857 | 8 - | | By hire for conveying the above to and from Bezwarah | 11 - - | |
| April " | 5 11 - | | | 5 11 - | 11 8 6 |
| | 11 8 6 | | By Value of a Piece of Linen damping cloth purchased for the use of the Press | | 28 - |
| To Amount credited from the Huzzoor Sunderward | | 28 - | | | 220 - 6 |
| To Amount credited by debiting to the Post Master General being hire for Sticking off the Registered letter covers to be used in the District Post Offices | | 18 - | By amount in Deposit to be carried to next Account Current | | 18 - |
| | 221 8 6 | | | | 221 8 6 |

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Condaveed 13th May 1857

(Signed) H Newill
Acting Collector

Statement

Fort St George 20th May 1857.

No 44

To J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

No 1829
the Collr
Bellary

Sir,

With reference to your Circular of the 17th Ultimo, calling for the report on the local fund of this District for the past official year 1856/57 - I have the honor to submit in the prescribed form, Statements of Receipts and disbursements on account of the local fund, from which the Board will observe that the fund is collected in this District from a single source alone Vizt Ferry Rents. The Balance on hand is Rupees 11382 - 5 - 1. The only charge out of this Fund incurred during the year under report has been in making teak wood Boards, and painting thereon the Tolls to be levied by the Renters for general information.

The District Engineer has sent in an Estimate for improving a Ferry ghaut road, and has been requested to prepare others, and after selecting for execution those which seem most important they will be submitted for the Board's orders.

ary Collector's Office
wandroog 13th May
1857

/Signed/ C. Pelly
Collector
Abstract

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Fort St George 20th May 1857

No 1. Abstract Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Local Funds in the District of Bellary for the year 1856/57.

| District | Balance of last account brought forward. | Current Receipts: Ferry Rents and Tolls | Road Fund | Avenue Cess Sayer | Rent of Roads | Gross Rents | Cost of Sale | Total | Total including old Balance | Deduct exp. of collecture | Balance rs. remaining. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Bellary | 6097 15 9 | 5391 8 4 | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. | 5391 8 4 | 11489 8 1 | 107 3 .. | 11382 5 1 |

Bellary District Collectors Office Ramandroog 13th May 1857

E. E. Pr / Signed / C. Pelly
Collector

Statement

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Fort St George 20th May 1857

No 2 Statement Shewing the particulars of the expenditure from Local Funds in the District of Bellary for the year 1856/57.

| Line of Road | Nature of the work performed. | Amount expended. | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crossing of the Toom-badra River by Ferry Boats | Making Teakwood Boards and painting thereon the Established Tolls to be levied by the Renters for general information | 107 3 .. | |
| | Company's Rupees | 107 3 .. | |

Bellary District Collectors Office Ramandroog 13th May 1857

E. E. Pr / Signed / C. Pelly
Collector

No 163

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

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Bd No 1827
From the Collr of
Tinnevelly

Reporting on the Revenue administration of the Tinnevelly District for the Official year 1856/57.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular of the 20th February last and to the 21st December 1855 thereon referred to, I have the honor to report as follows on the Revenue administration of this District for the Official Year 1856/57.

2 As the Board are already aware of the State of the Season of this District for the year under report from the periodical Reports submitted on the Character of the same month I need only state here briefly that the rains which fell just before the opening of the Official year viz. in April and in the months of May 1856 combined with the South west Monsoon which commenced afterwards, and continued till the month of august, were beneficial to the Carr Nunjah cultivation of Fusly 1266 and the consequence has been an increase in the present above the previous Fusly of 9926 acres in the cultivation of Carr Nunjah as shewn in the Margin. almost all the crops came to maturity the drought and short produce which occurred to the exctent of acres 353 having been a little above ½ per cent on the cultivation.

| Fusly | Acres |
|---|---|
| 1265 | 45,936 |
| 1266 | 55,862 |
| Increase | 9,926 |

3 The Season for Pestvannum of the above Fusly commencing from October and ending with January was not so favorable as that of the Carr and the result was a decrease in cultivation of 12,349 acres as per Margin, and entire and partial failure of crops to

| Fusly | Acres |
|---|---|
| 1265 | 1,22,377 |
| 1266 | 1,08,028 |
| Decrease | 14,349 |

to the extent of about acres 12560 and is about 12 per Cent upon the Peshanum cultivation A great portion of this occurred in the Northern Talooks of Streevelly[illegible] and Shunkerrumarcoil where the effects of the adverse state of the Peshanum season were most severely felt

6 The season for the Pon[illegible] cultivation commenced with favorable prospects, but ended with unsuccessful results, consequently though there was an increase of 79918 acres in cultivation as shewn in the margin, yet from want of subsequent rain there was in many instances a deficiency in the yield and in some localities there was entire failure of crops.

| Poonjah | acres |
|---|---|
| Fusly 1265 | 5,45,420 |
| 1266 | 6,25,338 |
| Increase | 79,918 |

| Bagayet | acres |
|---|---|
| Fusly 1265 | 17,462 |
| " 1266 | 16,855 |
| Decrease | 607. |

5. From the Statement in the Margin it will



be seen that there is a trifling decrease of 607 acres in the cultivation of Bagayet land as compared with Fusly 1265.

6 The subjoined Statement No 1 exhibits the state of cultivation of the District in 1856/57 under all the heads of Nunjah, Poonjah and Bagayet, in contrast with the previous year. The settlement of the Fusly being made with reference to cultivation raised up to 30th April of each year, the extent entered in Column 2 is the cultivation of Fusly 1265, as scrutinized during the Jummabundy of that Fusly and will correspond with the entry in the accounts transmitted with the Report for that year. But the extent entered in Column 3, though given with reference to returns actually received from the several Talooks up to 30th April 1857, cannot be considered to be quite correct before the accounts are duly checked during the settlement now under progress.

Statement

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10 From the above statement it will be observed that upon the whole there is a net increase of Rupees 2,71,253 in the collections of 1856/57 above those of the previous year, and that with the exception of a single item, viz: Sea Customs, there has been an increase in all the other items. The increase under the heads of Land Revenue and Moturpha is principally owing to larger amounts of arrears on account of both the items in question having been collected in this than in the preceding official year. The working of act No. XXIII of 1856 may be said to have been the Chief cause for the increase in the receipts on account of Land Revenue.

11 The increase under the item of Salt is owing to increased Sales.

12 The increase under the

the items of Sayer and Stamps
attributable to larger imports und
the former, and to the penalty be
on unstamped Deeds having been
greater under the latter head. The
slight decrease under the item of
Custom is owing to the importation
of Tobacco from Ceylon not having
as extensive as in Fusly 1265.

13 The prices of Paddy
and of other dry grains are given
in the margin from
which it will be
seen that with
the exception of
Colondoo or Black
gram the price of
which alone is
Rupees per Garce
above that of the
preceding fusly, owing
a deficiency in the yield of the cr
of this Species, all the other grains
have sold cheap so that the year
under

| | Per Garce | |
|---|---|---|
| Paddy 1st Sort | 166 | 157 |
| Do 2 Do | 151 | 135 |
| Cholum | 234 | 177 |
| Cumboo | 166 | 154 |
| Reggy | 154 | 145 |
| Varagoo | 108 | 95 |
| Colondoo or Black grain | 311 | 321 |
| Horse Gram | 217 | 210 |
| Wheat | — | 143. |



under report has been upon the whole somewhat more favorable compared with 1855/56.

14 The population, entered in the margin, is according to the Census taken in Fusly 1265 agreeably to the orders of the Board of Revenue on the subject.

| | Adults | Children | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Males | 4,04,261 | 2,58,702 | 6,62,963 |
| Females | 4,22,369 | 2,22,815 | 6,65,184 |
| Total | 8,26,630 | 4,81,517 | 13,28,147 |

15 No Cholera or other Epidemic diseases have occurred to such an extent as to require Special notice. But there has been some loss of life by small pox, and some mortality among cattle.

16. I beg to refer the Board to my Report on Forests dated the 30th December 1856, containing the Rules under which the felling of Timber and Fuel in the Government Forests in this District is carried on.

Cowles

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17 Cooles are emigrat
great numbers to Columbo whe
are well remunerated for thei
in the Coffee gardens.

18 I am using my
endeavour to encourage vaccinat
as much as possible. The number
children vaccinated in this Distri
generally on the increase, as will be
from the Statement in the Margi

| | N° Vaccinated. |
|---|---|
| From 1st May 1855. | |
| to the end of March 1856 | 9,231. |
| From 1st May 1856 to the end of March 1857 | 10,727 |
| Increase | 1,496 |

and the Dep
of my Cutch
who always ac
companies me
Circuit, also
enables all
Children within

this reach.

19 The Statement, shewing the fu
ment relief from taxation afford
to the people during the last 15 years, is und
preparation according to the form annexed to
Circular of the 20th March last and will be fo
ed before the end of this week.

Tinnevelly
13th May 1857

/Signed/ J. Silver
Collector

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Fort St. George 20th May 1857.

N° 71

To

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

963

After N° 1828
From the Collector of Nellore 5th Dec. 1856
Rec'd 6th Feby 1857

Sir

With reference to your Circular Letters noted in the Margin, I have the honor submit the following brief report on the result of the Revenue administration of this District for the Official year ending 30th April 1857.

Land Revenue

2 The Agricultural year may be said to have opened favorably, though the early Crops suffered to some extent from a deficiency of rain. An abundant fall late in the season revived the rice cultivation and the harvest was on the whole above the average. A violent Gale occurred in the Month of November, the consequences of which appear to have been most disastrous, in the Sub Division Several tanks were breached which it was found impossible to repair, many Cattle perished and a blight which partially affected

affected the Dry Crops after the rains
over, caused severe loss to the Ryots in pa
of the District Notwithstanding there
=ters however cultivation was considerably
=ed both in wet and Dry land and pa
maintained a fair average.

3 A separate Statement N
exhibits a comparison of the extent
cultivation in this and the preceding
The excess in favor of the former is
acres
in Dry land 24,735
Garden 249
Wet 4,828

The increase in the Dry land is consequ
upon the reduction of assessment made
under the orders stated in the Margin and
was referred to in the last general Rep

Ex. M. Cons.
24th July 1855
N. 893.

The benefits resulting from the
relief extended to the Garden land
not so conspicuous as they will
be. Little improvement to these



as yet been attempted by the Ryots, who
have confined their operations to sinking Well
in the Dry lands - No further reproa has been
sanctioned during the year which has just
closed, but it is confidently anticipated
that a considerable addition to the Revenue,
as well as a great accession of prosperity to
the Agricultural community will be the
result of the Measures which have been pro=
=posed by the Collector for the general re=
=duction of the assessment upon the wet lands
of this District.

4 The land Revenue Collections of the
year under review amounted to Rupees 1843750
being Rupees 28,819 in excess of the previous year
This increase, so far as the Wet lands are concern=
=ed may be attributed to the more favorable Na=
=ture of the Season, and to the fact of the Re=
=venue being realized much earlier than usual.

Customs

5 There are no customs collected in this
District Act XIII of 1839 appears to have been
first brought into operation during the past
year and a trifling sum realized as tonnage
dues.

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Excise

6 The Abkary rent is Rupees 5,7[illegible] advance of last year owing to higher [illegible] having been made and the [illegible] collected with less than the usual diffic[illegible]

Stamps

7 An increase in litigation produced a corresponding increase in sale of Stamps. —

Salt

8 In this item the decrease has arisen chiefly in the inland sales owing to a limited demand than usual by Lumbad[illegible]

9 The aggregate Collections under the heads during the period reported on amount to Rupees 2,45,007 – 2 – 11 being a Net increase Rupees 2,87,363 – 5 – 10 over those of the previous

Miscellaneous

10 This head comprizes sundry [illegible] sources of revenue which call for no remark

11 In regard to the Miscellaneous enumerated at the close of the Despatch from the Government of India there is little to remark

Population

12 The population though it is supposed to have considerably increased of late years still sparse and the trade in general



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miserably poor. I regret to state that the exact result of the new census is not yet known. The present returns show the Population of the District to amount to 9,35,690. —

Emigration

13 Emigration is comparatively rare. —

Vaccination and Public Health

14 Vaccination makes little advance and the returns though checked in the usual way are not to be relied on. In respect to the Public health however the province seems to have been particularly favored. —

Forests

15 The District produces little timber of a valuable kind though considerable quantities of firewood are annually exported. There are no forests at any rate none have been explored. No conservancy

Conservancy

Survey

Mining

the Revenue Survey is yet to come and mining is unknown. Iron ore is said to be found and smelted in various parts of the District. —

Agriculture

16 The trade of Agriculture is of the usual primitive kind. There are few valuable products — the cultivation of Sugar Cane is scarcely known. Tobacco Chillies and Oil seeds are rare compared with other Districts but suffice for the local consumption

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consumption. Indigo is grown in consider
quantities, but the cultivation of Rice
limited compared with the Area of th
Province, and the quantity harvested
does more than sufficient for the wants
the Population, having very little for exp
to other places. There will be a great ch
in this respect when the projects for i
a portion of the District by means of
across the Penner are in active operation.

Experts and Imports

17 Although the Exports and Im
by sea are comparatively insignificant,
Inland trade appears to be greatly on
increase. A very considerable traffic exists on the
Northern Trunk Road and large quantities of Cotton
are brought through the District from the Interior
way of Raichoty and Chitteail en route to the

Printing Press

18 The Establishment of the District Press
took place in the Commencement of the year
Reports is an event which ought not to be pas
over in Silence. The saving of time and labo
has been effected by this useful instrume
without any additional expense to the
Separate Letter in which are reported the
Stations and Utility with the Establishments
and Extended during the year which
Commenced



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the breeding

19. The Stimulus imported to the breeding
of Cows for which the North of this District has long been
famous, by the Cattle shows held at Nundiandroog in the
Gunloor District is deserving of notice. I am assured
by the Sub Collector that the Ryots take the greatest
interest in these exhibitions, and are at considerable
pains to produce their finest Cattle to compete with the
breeders of the Neighbouring Provinces.

Laws of Restraint

20 Before closing this Report I ought not
to omit to mention the change that has taken place during
the present year in the Laws of Restraint. Which
land is no longer attached for Arrears of Revenue
but personal property is made to answer for the
Government demands. The recurrence to the old
process which obtained prior to the Board's

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C. O. of 30th April 1855 has proved a great relief
to the Officers of Government and is certainly bene-
ficial, so far as the Ryots are concerned.

Nellore Collrs Office,
15th May 1857

Signed G. N. Taylor
Acting Collector

Statement

May 1867

/67 compared with those of 1866/6.—

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | (Decrease.) | | | | | | | |
| | Total | | | Arrears | | | Current | | | Total | | | | |
| | 10 | | | 11 | | | 12 | | | 13 | | | | |
| | Rs. | a | p | Rs | a | p | Rs. | a | p | Rs. | a | p | | |
| | 6018 | 7 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | |
| | 7163 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | |
| | 7872 | 12 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | |
| | 26,656 | 1 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | |
| | 993 | 12 | 1 | 80 | 8 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 80 | 8 | 1 | | |
| | 173 | 13 | 4 | .. | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 | .. | | |
| | 19 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 261 | 10 | .. | 261 | 10 | .. | | |
| | .. | .. | .. | 11 | 10 | 3 | 723 | 10 | 2 | 735 | 4 | 5 | | |
| | 27,687 | 11 | 4 | 92 | 8 | 4 | 985 | 4 | 2 | 1077 | 12 | 6 | | |
| | 28,891 | 3 | 1 | 92 | 8 | 4 | 985 | 4 | 2 | 1077 | 12 | 6 | | |
| | 521 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 8062 | 1 | .. | 8062 | 1 | .. | | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | |
| | 2871 | 11 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | |
| | 1799 | 12 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | |
| | 10,390 | 14 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 8062 | 1 | .. | 8062 | 1 | .. | | |
| 6 | 29,3288 | 1 | 5 | 92 | 8 | 4 | 9047 | 5 | 2 | 9139 | 13 | 6 | | |
| 9 | 3,205 | 1 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | |
| 3 | 29,6493 | 3 | 4 | 92 | 8 | 4 | 9047 | 5 | 2 | 9139 | 13 | 6 | | |

Signed / G. K. Taylor
Collector

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Fort St. George 20th May 1857.

No. 98.

To

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George,

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B. No. 1812.

From the Collector of South Arcot —

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledging receipt of your Circular letter No. 691 dated 5th March 1857. relative to the Commutation of free labor by the Ryots of the District upon works of irrigation into Money payments and forwards a statement Connected therewith. —

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Circular letter No. 691 dated 5th March last, relative to the commutation of the free labor hitherto bestowed by the Ryots upon works of irrigation, into money payments to be levied by a cess on the lands receiving the water. —

2 There are not many works of irrigation in South Arcot upon which it is usual for the Ryots to give free labor — Those which do receive it are River Channels, which it has been customary for the Ryots to keep open and clear at their own expense. —

3. The rate of cess which it would be necessary to levy in commutation of this labor would of course vary according to the proportion borne by the land irrigated to the value of the labor hitherto given —

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4 The accompanying Statement exhibits the variation in the rates of the cess if levied upon the proposed plan for some of the Chief Channels in this District, by which it will be seen that in regard to one Channel the Mardoor in the Tiruvallore Talook the cess would come to Rupees 3-5-9¼ in order to realize an equivalent to the value of the labour said to be now given to it by the Ryots.

5. The obligation on the part of the cultivators to keep their channels open and to clear them from accumulations by their own labor has not been generally enforced in this District, except in a few instances among which I may mention the case of the channel from the Trivady anicut.

6. Here however it has been found so difficult to get the work done by the Ryots that for many years it has been the practice for the people to pay the Estimated value of their labor into the Talook Cutchery and for the Tahsildar to expend it in the



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what is needful. The sum thus annually paid has been 180 Rupees, which is equal as the Board will observe by the Statement to about anna Re 1— 1— on each Cawney of irrigated land. The amount which would be levied under the new system would be at the rate of 2— as 8 1/2 p per Cawney.—

7. If it is intended to keep up the system of considering the Ryots themselves responsible for the execution of work to be done to the Channels in question, it will certainly be best. I think to commute their labor into money payments by an extra cess on the land but under the circumstances of the District, I am inclined to advocate a relinquishment of such a claim upon the Ryots and to recommend that the Government should bear the entire cost of keeping all works of irrigation in an efficient state leaving it to the Ryots to do only what is actually necessary to bring water to their fields from the Source.—

8. There are no Enams or allowances existing.—

existing in this District which would
reasonable if the new system was intro

9. If the matter forms the
of a Legislative Enactment, the Pro
must I opine be based upon genera
principles leaving the rates of the
the details of management to be ap
to each case separately according
peculiarities and circumstances.—

10. The grounds upon wh
has been proposed that lands irriga
surplus water should only pay half
much as those which receive w
direct from the source are I pres
that the supply of surplus wate
considered less certain as to quantity
as to the period of its being receive
that of the water by direct means f
the source.—

11 In this point of view some diffe
may fairly I think be granted in the rate
to meet the risk and diminished value
water but the arrangement will involv
trouble.—





12. A reduction under such
circumstances might be left to the discretion of
the assessing officer when settling for the levy
of the cess in commutation of the labor hitherto
given by the Ryots for it may happen that in
some cases the supply of surplus water is quite
as regular and plentiful as that of the water
received direct from the channel.—

13. I beg strongly to recommend
that when a Legislative Enactment is being
framed for the preservation and
management of works of irrigation,
provision should be made in it to
empower the Revenue authorities
when good cause is shewn by the
Engineers' Department for such
a step to compel the Villagers deriving
benefit from the work, to provide work
people, to be paid for at the ordinary
rates of hire.—

14. This would at once put a
stop to the inconvenience which will

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I apprehend be generally fe
under the new system of carryi
on Public Works, by the scarcity
labor and by the backwardnes
the Villagers to lend aid
the Engineer's Department.

15 Eventually it
would very rarely happe
that there would be a
necessity to have recourse
such a measure as pres
Men for hire, but at first

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will be found almost indis=
=pensable.—

South Arcot—
Collector's Cutcherry
Cuddalore—
16th May 1857—

/Signed/ Arthur, Hall
Collector.

Statement.—

Filling ore

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2 Ponniar Do. in the limit of Anneyoor. | Digging Land 1<br>Removing accumulations 2<br>Constructing Corumboo — 3<br>Filling up breaches 4. | 1 | 2 | 233 | 279 | 2 " | 162 " | 15 " At Rs. 1-9-2¾ per Do. |
| | 3 Do. Do. in the Do. of Murdoor | — Do. — | 1 | 7 | 366 | 920 | 12 " | 266 " | 8 " At Rs. 3-5-9¼ per Do. |
| 4 Chaitput | 1 Seygar Channel — | Removing accumulations 1<br>Constructing Corumboo — 2. | 2 | | 486 | 60 | 12 " | 243 " | " " At 4 As. per Do. |
| | 2. Do. Do. which supplies Water both to the lands & Tank of Keelavoor | — Do. — | 1 | | 504 | 63 | " | 84 " | " " At 12 As. 2 pie per Do. |

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Fort St. George, 20th May 1857.

No. 154.

To, J. D. Sim, Esqre

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

965

B. No. 1850
From the Collr
& Sea Customs Madras

Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor to for-
ward the Annual Report on the Trade
of Madras. The Board will excuse my
not making a detailed Report, the Roads
are full of shipping. the Exports and Import
of Cargo unprecedentedly great and the
entire duties of the Custom House, in
all its details, have been imposed on me,
consequent upon the appointment of the
Deputy Collector to Officiate for the
Collector of Madras, while absent on leave.

Enclosure A 2. I enclose a Statement exhibiting
the Trade of Madras for five years. It
is most satisfactory to observe that the
value of Imports has doubled. that the
value of Exports have increased, and
that there is a total increase in the Trade
of Rupees (8,901,697) Eighty nine lacs, one
thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

Statement

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| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Collectorship | 1 | Annicut | Do. | Removing accumulations | 13 | 600 | 75 | 630 | 12 | 48 |
| | | 2 | Do. | Do. | Do. | 1 | 400 | 50 | 315 | 12 | |
| | | 3 | Do. | Do. | Do. | 1 | 300 | 30 | 226 | 8 | 9 |
| 11 | Conservancy | 1 | Do. Commandr | Do. | Cutting jungle from Mint & removing accumulations | 1 | 500 | 150 | 425 | 292 | |
| | | 1 | Commandr | Do. | Removing accumulations | 1 | 300 | 300 | 282 | 800 | |

South street Collector's Cutcherry
London 16th May 1857.

Signed Arthur Hall

Fort St. George

× Enclosure B

3.

Statement B exhibits the
of the principal articles of Export
5 years. It was mentioned in the
Report that the Export of Indigo has
reached the unprecedented amount
Lacs - this year it has reached for
three and a half Lacs, Cotton, Piece
Goods, and Rum are the only two articles
in the Statement in which there is not
=siderable increase. The value of Co
exported has reached twenty-five Lacs
with every prospect of an Increase. C
and Oil seeds also exhibit a consider
increase.

4. The projected pier, which there
every reason to believe, will soon be
combined with the execution of the Nor
Canal, will exercise an influence
Port, which will be incalculable whe
these two projects are combined with
Road. At present large Shipments are
from the Northern Circars and to effe
much higher rates of freight are given
is at least a Rupee a bag cheaper to

North





Northward which counterbalances the
increase in the freight - Mercantile
men look to the Northern Canal as the
great outlet to Trade, consequent upon
the violent swell along the Northern Coast
during the South West monsoon which is felt
to be a great drawback to the Shipment of goods.
Among the various projects to which our
attention is now turned, with a view to
open the resources of the Country - Supre=
=me this stands preeminent, it will
yield a most profitable return for the
Capital expended, and make Madras
the great estuary for the trade of the
Northern Circars. The growth of Hemp
of Superior quality in the Northern Circars
in large quantities, is another advantageous
addition to our Exports, but the expense
of Transit to Madras, or the increase
of freight when exported at the place
of production, throws improvements in the
way of the Export of this article. I would
respectfully suggest that the Board of Re=
=venue may be pleased to turn their special
attention to the Subject of the Northern Canal.

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I do not allude to its practicability or that it is desirable, for these two subjects have since been set at rest, and the advantages to be derived from its formation appreciated but the end to be attained is, that immediate steps be taken to carry out the project. If commenced on the Madras side, it would give increased facilities, as it proceeds for the export of Produce from Nellore, Guntoor, Masulipatam, Rajahmundry, Ganjam. There is no portion of the Madras Presidency, which has suffered more from drought and famine than the Northern districts and the privation and suffering consequent thereon, earnestly demand all the relief which can be given. Experience has demonstrated that the growth of produce suited to a Foreign Market, contributes largely to the welfare comfort, and happiness of the inhabitants by the expenditure of European Capital among them, and thus giving them the means of readily and profitably selling their produce for ready money. The importance of the subject will, I doubt not, meet due attention at the hands of the Board of Revenue.

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5. The enormous and continuous Import of Bullion is the remarkable feature of the last few years. The Imports this year have exceeded a million sterling into the Port of Madras alone, this fact, I am confident, will add an additional inducement to all other arguments to induce the cutting of the Northern Canal. The value of Treasure imported for 5 years is enclosed.

× Enclosure C

6. It is gratifying to observe that there has been no tightness in the money market during the year. Money has been comparatively cheap at Madras, and no stringent measures have emanated from the Bank to stop the flow of Capital. The market has been well supplied, and the general result of commercial enterprize is highly satisfactory.

7. It remains in conclusion to notice the Revenue last year. There was a very considerable increase in the Revenue, and there is a slight increase this

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this year I am happy to congratulate the Board on the satisfactory state of Trade offering as it does every stimulus to exertion to increase it. The number of Native Traders are increasing gradually, and whether, as respects Imports or Exports, the great bulk of them are becoming independent of the European Houses of Agency and correspond direct with Agents at Home. Several large shops have been set up in the Town by Natives in which goods to the amount of Six Lacs annually are disposed of.

8. I have to request the Board of Revenue will look indulgently on this Report, framed amidst constant interruption - giving but little time for thought or deliberation. -

Sea Custom House,
Madras,
18th May 1857.

(Signed) W. E. Underwood
Collector
Value

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No. 21

Value of Merchandize on Imports and Exports for the last 5 Official years.

| | 1854/55 | 1855/56 | 1856/57 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Imports | 12,58,19,161 | 15,26,73,382 | 14,20,90,213 |
| Exports | 6,55,59,132 | 9,15,20,89 | 12,32,70,030 |
| Total | 19,13,78,48 | 24,41,94,471 | 26,53,60,243 |

| | 1852/53 | 1853/54 |
|---|---|---|
| Imports | 74,77,517 | 10,42,01,616 |
| Exports | 10,23,8,029 | 9,92,41,01 |
| Total | 17,15,546 | 20,34,42,63 |

Sea Custom House, Madras, 18th May 1857 (Signed) W. E. Underwood,
Collector & Ca Customs.

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B

Exports from Fort St. George for 6 Official years commencing the year 1851/52 to 1856/57.

| Articles | 1851/52 | 1852/53 | 1853/54 | 1854/55 | 1855/56 | 1856/57 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rupees | Rupees | Rupees | Rupees | Rupees | Rupees |
| Rice | 2,32,925 | 2,63,547 | 9,35,763 | 2,76,671 | 2,09,819 | 4,29,141 |
| Hides and Skins | 3,15,233 | 3,21,205 | 5,42,063 | 6,61,035 | 6,75,595 | 12,97,819 |
| Piece Goods, Cotton | 10,95,174 | 17,05,650 | 15,32,328 | 13,15,465 | 12,39,302 | 9,13,992 |
| Indigo | 16,09,650 | 36,47,149 | 29,66,467 | 19,72,780 | 40,18,552 | 43,67,109 |
| Rum | 17,511 | 36,061 | 7,144 | 20,461 | 9,919 | 1,360 |
| Sugar | 17,45,060 | 9,94,880 | 16,62,338 | 6,32,475 | 16,24,495 | 25,20,769 |
| Oil | 36,241 | 37,227 | 61,898 | 18,873 | 78,331 | 1,11,869 |
| Oil seeds | 21,177 | 66,929 | 13,569 | 6,957 | 28,558 | 2,37,368 |
| Coffee | 90,537 | 1,14,493 | 97,118 | 85,854 | 1,07,911 | 1,19,587 |

Sea Custom House, Madras, 18th May 1857 (Signed) W. E. Underwood

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Statement shewing the Gold and Silver imported into the Port of Madras for 5 years

| | 1852/53 | 1853/54 | 1854/55 | 1855/56 | 1856/57 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gold | 6,89,146 | 9,25,252 | 6,29,533 | 13,53,173 | 23,07,217 |
| Silver | 40,30,090 | 41,70,443 | 29,53,301 | 68,05,676 | 79,39,543 |
| Total | 47,19,236 | 50,95,695 | 35,82,634 | 81,58,849 | 102,46,760 |

Sea Custom House, Madras, 18th May 1857 (Signed) W. E. Underwood,
Collector Sea Customs.

Statement

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D

Statement shewing the Increase and Decrease of the Sea Custom Revenue for the years 1855/57.

| | Increase | Decrease |
|---|---|---|
| | 1855/57 | 1855/57 |
| Imports | 1855/56 | 1856/57 |
| Coffee | 409269 | 10554 |
| Godown Rent | 173075 | " |
| Penalties | 5600 | 1450 |
| Fees on Certificate of Registry | 53 | 2132 |
| Confiscated and Unclaimed Goods | - | 245 |
| Excise Revenue | 708 | 84 |
| | 1450 | 518 |
| | | 94 |
| Sea Custom Revenue | 589995 | 15736 |
| Consolidated Customs Collected under Act XIII of 1859 | 84058 | " |
| Light Dues Collected under Act XIII of 1854 | 34 | 1853 |
| | | 34 |
| Total | 713392 | 19769 |
| | | 13454 |

Sea Custom Revenue, Madras, 18th May 1857

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Resolved that the following Circular letter be despatched.-

966

Bd No 1892

Circular to all ... } Collectors including ... } Sea Customs Madras ... }

Circular

Sir,

The Board regret to find that for some months past the Demand, Collection and Balance Statements of several Districts have not reached their Office with the regularity necessary to enable them to comply with the orders of Government, and to furnish by the 15th of each month an Abstract of the Collections of the entire Presidency.-

2. The Board request that the Collectors generally will make arrangements for the early transmission of these accounts and that whenever they are not forwarded so as to reach the Board by the 10th of the month succeeding that for which they are due explanation

explanation of the cause of delay may be furnished for Submission to Government.-

3. The Board also request that the cause of material fluctuations in the revenue may be explained in the proper Columns.-

Revenue Bd Office
Fort St. George
20th May 1857

/ Signed / J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

967
Bd No. 1702

To the Collectors of
Ganjam
Rajahmundry
Kurnool
Salem
Tanjore
Trichinopoly
Madura
Coimbatore
Canara

Sir,

With reference to Boards Circular dated 24th December 1855, I am directed to inform you that your report for the current Official year due on 30th April, and which should have reached this Office by the 20th Instant has not yet been received, and to request its submission with as little delay as possible



Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George...
20th May 1857....

/ Signed / J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

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

968
Bd No. 4122
From the Coll. of Rajahmundry — Statement of actual charges incurred under Estimate for Fusly 1265.-

969
Bd No. 4982
From the Coll. of Rajahmundry — Statement of actual charges incurred without estimate for Fusly 1265.-

970
Bd No. 4979
From the Coll. of Rajahmundry — Statement of actual charges incurred under estimate in the Revenue Department of his District for Fusly 1265.-

971
Bd No. 4978
From the Coll. of Rajahmundry — Statement of actual charges incurred without Estimate in the Revenue Department of his district for Fusly 1265.-

972
Bd No. 4981
From the Coll. of Rajahmundry — Statement of actual charges incurred under estimate in the Magistrate Department of his district for Fusly 1265.-

973
Bd No. 4980
From the Coll. of Rajahmundry — Statement of actual Charges

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charges incurred without Estimate in the Ma-
968-974 gistrate Department of his district for Ju-
Order on the abovementioned Statements. Ordered that the neces-
remarks of the Board be inserted in t
proper Column of the abovementioned
975 Statements and Submitted for the Sanctio
Ag. for Bd. No. 1111 of Government.
From the Ag. Coll. of Madras Read letter requesting to furnish
976-976 his Office with a further supply of 1000 Sa. Ha
Order thereon Ordered to be supplied accordingly
977 Received the undermentioned Mis
Mem. No. 1107 cellaneous letters and Statements.
From the Coll. of North Arcot. Return of Sheristadars and of Tahsil
Mem. No. 1106 as they stood on the 1st. May 1857.
From the Ag. Coll. of Canara
979 Return of Sheristadars and Tahsi
Mem. No. 1109 as they stood on the 1st. May 1857.
From the Ag. Coll. of Guntoor.
980 Return of Village Officers suspe
Mem. No. 1108 ded or dismissed under Regulation VII of 1831 for March
From the Coll. of North Arcot.
981 Return of Village Officers suspended
Mem. No. 1110 or dismissed under Regulation VII of 1831 for April 185
From the Ag. Coll. of Canara
982 Informs that the Return of offence
Mem. No. 1111 and confinement under Regulation IX of 1822 are
From the Ag. Coll. of Guntoor. blank for April 1857.
Average Bazar Prices of
Grains for April 1857

Proceedings





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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Friday the 22d. May 1857.

Read the following Papers

Revenue Department

983

Bd. No. 1190
From the Actg. Secretary to Government

Official Memorandum

Adverting to the latter part of para 6 of Mr. Bourdillons Memorandum of the 23d August 1856, the Acting Secretary to Government has the honor to inform the Collector of _____ of the despatch of four printed blank forms of each of the Returns to be used Quinquennially from Fusly 1266.

Fort St. George
21st March 1857

/Signed/ H. Forbes
Acting Secy. to Government

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.

983-984

To The Acting Revenue Secretary to Government

Sir.

Bd. No. 1719
To the Actg. Revr. Secy. to Government

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to bring under the consideration of Government the heading of Columns ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 2 and 3 in the Quinquennial Statement

No.

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In Cons: 22d May 57.

No 16 received with four Official Nos dated 21st March last Revenue Department.

2 Column 2 it will be seen is headed "Meerasedars" but Government are aware that the Meerasy tenure does not exist in the Northern Circars Ceded Districts, Canara or Malabar. The term moreover is often applied to the village officers hereditary and not strictly to persons possessing what are technically termed "Meerasy" rights.

3 The 3 Column in the Statement referred to is "Pojacarries or under Servants." The Board remark that a Poja Karry is not necessarily an undertenant the term is also applied to persons resident in one village and cultivating land in another and this is the ordinary acceptation of the term in the Northern Districts.

4 The Board are not aware for what object information is required as to undertenants but they would submit whether a list of the number of Puttahdars or registered holders of land would not sufficiently answer all practicable purposes as Government recognise only the Puttahdar as liable to the assessment and as actual proprietor.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George 22d May 1857

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary



Fort St George 22d May 1857

No 23.

985

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

Pet. No 658
From the Asst Coll.
of Tanjore
No 3781 of 1856
herewith sent.

Sir.

As it would be necessary to enter a rather long endorsement on the Petition marginally noted I beg permission to annex an abstract of the order by my predecessor under which the Petitioner was dismissed from office.

There seem to me to have been ample grounds for the decision at which the late Collector arrived as it is essentially necessary to notice with severity any misappropriation or misapplication of the various small sums now unavoidably entrusted for Roads and other works to the subordinate Talook servants.

Tanjore
13th February 1857

/Signed/ H. D. Phillips
Acting Collector

Abstract of the acting Collectors Order directing the dismissal of the Petitioner No 3781 of 1856.

The Petitioner was the Curnum of a Cattoor

alattoor in Cudavasal Taluk he was entrusted with Rupees 20 for sanding a part of the 1st number road he gave in account as if the work had been done In the examination by the Deputy Tasildar it was found that Sand had been spread only for Rupees 1-15-3 instead of 20 Rupees thus the Petitioner virtually acknowledged but attempted to account for it by observing that he had accumulated sand for Rupees 20 but it was scattered and thrown out in the tank and channel by the enemy and produced some witnesses to substantiate his allegation they contradicted themselves in the enquiry as to the date and this Sand was thrown away some observing on the 20th and some on the 30th Some Said that they witnessed the fact when they were going to the neighbouring Village for marriage the others when they were returning from it on two different nights It is not an easy matter to remove out of sight Sand worth of 18 Rupees if it had been scattered it should have been on two nights as is implied by the Statement of





of the Petitioners in that case the brother of the Petitioner who was in the very Village would have been informed of it on the very first day and would have prevented the recurrence of the same on the next by prosecuting the transgressor before the Police Authorities. without following this natural and regular course the petitioner attempted by means of his brother to introduce some fresh Sand in Bandies to falsify the examination of the Deputy Tasildar but in this act he was detected This alone is sufficient to show that he did not execute the work to the full amount and gave in false accounts the Petitioner produced Some receipt for having paid for the Sand he purchased but these receipts bear the same date and dates anterior to that on which he received the money a circumstance far from defending him is only calculated to show that he had conciliated the several persons with a view to escape from the punishment which he

Kindly

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knew awarded him from all this appeared that he had embezzled the Cowrie money and rendered false accounts he is not also of good character having been once suspended he is therefore dismissed and the money Rupees 18 for which he was given false accounts shall be recovered from him.

(985-986)

Bd No 1725

Order thereon.

/Signed/ H D. Phillips
Acting Collector

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No 3781 of 1856.

The Board have received a communication from the Acting Collector and they consider the facts established against the Petitioner were sufficient to warrant his dismissal from office

&c



Fort Saint George 2nd May 1857

No 19

To

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

(987)

Bd No 838.
From the Collector of North Arcot
Submits a Statement of the compensation to be granted to the Shrotriendar of Vengoolee and Coothumbaukum in the Vellore Taloork on account of land taken up in those Villages for the construction of the great western road and requests sanction for paying the amount of compensation Rs 15-9-9 to the Shrotriendar and for deducting Rs 15-5-3 from the annual Jodee paid by him.

Sir,

Petition No 716 of 1855 addressed to Government by Anunthia Shastriem Ejaradar of Vengoolee and Coothumbaukum in the Vellore Taloork praying that compensation may be awarded him for land taken up in those Villages for the public road having been forwarded to me for disposal I have the honor to submit a statement of the compensation to be granted on that account to the Shrotriemdar prepared with reference to the instructions contained in Extract Minutes consultation dated 27th August 1855 copy of which was furnished to me with the Board's letter of the 15th December last—

The land in question

2. was

included it in the Statement that no
mention of Maniem land is made
in the order of Government above
quoted. The Shrotriemdar will be
directed to grant to the Village officers
other land in lieu, and to reimburse
to them the loss which they have sus-
-tained by the appropriation of their
land for the public road.

4. The compensation to be
paid to the Shrotriemdar for 11 fusties Vizt.
fusties 1256 to 1266, amounts to Rupees 175.
9-9. which sum I have the honor to
request sanction for paying to the Shro-
-triemdar, I have also the honor to
solicit authority for deducting from fusly
1267 the sum of Rupees 15-5-3, alluded
to in the preceding para from the Jody
of Rupees 140 annually paid to Govern-
-ment by the Shrotriemdar.

North Arcot
Collector's Circuit Cutcherry
Tirvettoor 28th. February 1857.

Signed/ C. Whittingham
Collector
Statement



was taken up for the construction
of the great western road in Fusly 12
The total extent of land thus taken up
amounts to Cawnies 15-2-4 assessed at
Rupees 39-10-5 of this Extent great
portion Vizt. Cawnies 11-15-8 bearing
assessment of Rupees 39-7-9 had been
annually cultivated the remaining be
immemorial waste.

3. The compensation to be
granted to the Shrotriemdar Calculated
on the Jody payable on the entire beriz
of the Village amounts for a single yea
to Rupees 15-5-3. This includes a dem
of Rupees 7-7-11. being the teerwah
of Cawnies 2-13-8 of Maniem land
belonging to the Village Officers. As
this land had been granted for the p
-formance of service in the Village
it appears to be just that the Govern
-ment should compensate the Shro
-triemdar by paying the full Teerwah
of the land and I have accordingly
included

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4 George 22nd c. May 1857

Statement shewing in the Talook on account of land taken up for the construction of the western

| Name of Village | Name of Parish | Amount Per Centage of Column 9 & 10 | | Annual Loss which the Shrotriemdar is supposed to have sustained by the appropriation of his arable land for the high western road | | | | Amount of compensation to be granted to the Shrotriemdar in ready money for the past 11 fusslies 1256 to 1266 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Proportion which the compensation to be granted to the Shrotriemdar for his cultivable Syen land bears Jody on the entire beriz | Jeerwah of Syen land | | Total | | |
| 1 | | 10 | 11 | 12 | | 13 | 14 | | 15 |
| | | Rs a P | Rs a P | Rs | a | P | Rs a P | Rs | a P |
| Syen Lands Shrotriemdar | Vengoolie | 110 . . | 21 12 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 5 11 | 15 | 10 8 |
| | Coothumba | 330 . . | 25 2 | 6 | 8 | . | 6 8 . | 78 | 8 . |
| | | 440 . . | . . . | 7 | 13 | 4 | 7 13 4 | 94 | 2 8 |
| Manium land | Vengoolie | . . . | . . . | . | . | 3 | . . 3 | 3 . 2 | 33 1 10 |
| | Coothumba | . . . | . . . | . | . | 4 | . . 4 | 4 7 9 | 49 5 3 |
| | | . . . | . . . | . | . | 7 | . . 7 | 7 7 11 | 82 7 1 |
| Total land | Vengoolie | 110 . . | 21 12 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 5 4 | 4 5 6 | 48 12 6 |
| | Coothumba | 330 . . | 25 2 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 6 8 4 | 10 5 9 | 126 13 3 |
| | | 440 . . | . . . | 7 | 13 | 4 | 7 13 4 | 15 5 3 | 175 7 9 |

28th February 1857. (Signed) C. Whittingham Collector

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Bd No 1727

Proceedings thereon

Fort St George 22d May 1857

Resolved that the above letter with its enclosure be forwarded for the orders of Government.

2 The total extent of land taken up in fusly 1256 / 1846/47 in the Shrotriem Villages of Vengole and Coothumbaukum for the great western road is stated to be Cawnies 15 2 4 bearing an assessment of Rupees 39 10 5 Of this land 12 4 12 assessed at Rupees 32 7 6 belonged to the Shrotriemdar and 2 13 8 assessed at Rupees 7 7 11 to the Village officers. The compensation to be granted for the former is Rupees 7 13 4 calculated on the principle laid down in para 3 of Extract Minute in Consultation dated 27th August 1853 No 1727 R & D. The Board in their Proceedings dated 11th May 1857 have solicited Government to reconsider the orders above referred to, and in submitting the present case for decision it is only necessary for the Board to point out, that by the operation of those orders the Shrotriemdar will receive only Rupees 7 13 4 per annum for lands which have annually yielded him about Rupees 32 They also

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also remark that the lands were taken when there was no special act authorizing their appropriation and that the proprietor has received no interest in the interval of 11 years since their assumption.

3 In regard to the Village service Enams the Collector proposes remitting the full assessment due on them. This course seems correct as the Proprietor will have to give the holders lands of equivalent value if he has not already done so. It will be necessary for the Collector to see that the Enamdars are duly re imbursed by the proprietor but any further compensation which may be justly due to them for private improvements &c must of course be borne by Government. The Collector will also satisfy himself that suitable lands of equivalent value are assigned by the Proprietor for those of which the Village officers have been dispossessed.

4 The amount to be paid to the proprietor for past arrears on the Collectors calculations amounts to Rupees 176 9 9 and the annual remission from

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For his own lands | 94 2 8 | |
| For service Enams | 82 7 1 | |
| | 176 9 9 | |

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from his Peishcush similarly calcula-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ⊙ For his own lands | 7 | 13 | 4 |
| For Service Enams | 7 | 7 | 11 |
| | 15 | 5 | 3 |
| * For his own lands | 351 | 14 | 2 |
| Sarva Enam | 82 | 7 | 1 |
| | 434 | 5 | 3 |
| ⊗ For his own lands | 32 | 2 | 6 |
| For Sarva Enam | 7 | 7 | 11 |
| | 39 | 10 | 5 |

is Rupees 15 5 3

5. On the principl
advocated by the Boar
these sums would be
respectively Rupees 184-5
and Rupees 39 10 5

To

No. 50.

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

Sir,

Bd. No. 886
From the Collector of
North Arcot

With reference to my lett
of the 28th ultimo forwarding a State
-ment of Compensation to be paid to th
Shrotriendar of Vengoolee and Coothu
-cauem for land taken up for the
public



public road, I have the honor to
forward the Petition× referred to
in that letter, and to state
that it was not forwarded there
with as it had been mislaid
in the Office

× No. 746 of 1855

North arcot
Collectors Circuit Cutcherry
Wandawash
4th March 1857.

(Signed) C. Whittingham
Collector

Bd. No. 1730
Order thereon—

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Ordered that the
following Endorsement be
passed on Petition No. 746/1855
The

8288. Fort St. George, 22d May 1857.

The Petitioner is informed that the sanction of Government has been solicited for awarding him compensation for the land taken up for public purposes.

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Bd No 1006

From the Collector of Cuddapah. Read Tabular Report of a lapsed Poligar Pension.

8289 Fort St. George 22d May 1857.

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Bd No 1713

To the Coll.r of Cuddapah

To The Collector of Cuddapah.

Sir,

In returning the Tabular report on a lapsed Poligar pension dated 14th March last I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that it may be prepared in the prescribed form as directed in Extract Minutes of Consultation 29th April 1851.

Revenue Board Office 22d May 1857

/Signed/ J.D. Sim Actg Secretary

To James Duncan Sim Esqre Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the capacity of Court of Wards. Fort St George.

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Bd No 1148

From the Coll.r and Ex. Officio Agent to the Court of wards Rajahmundry

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to Para 29 of my report on the Pettapoor Estate for the past fusly and certain Petitions presented to the Board by the different parties concerned to submit for the consideration of the Court of wards the circumstances under

under which certain parties claim to hold particular villages in the Estate for a fixed rent per annum although the same is considerably less than the revenue actually realized by them from the villages.

1 Chaylada
1 Lutchmeepoor

2. The villages named in the Margin have since the year 1848 been held by Chele Kany Dhurmarow under Mothoolurrent, as it is called, and latterly by his son Venkata Row. The annual rent of the two villages is Rupees 2750. The Settlement made by the renter with the Ryots is Rupees 3392-9-4 leaving a profit to the former of Rupees 642-9-4 but from this sum deduction must be made on account of Village charges.

3 In support of his claim to retain these villages under the above tenure the present holder produces a paper Copy and translation of



of which is submitted which purports to have been executed by the late Zemindar Vooria Row on the 24th May 1848. It is to the effect that the Zemmindar borrowed the Sum of 2000 Rupees from C. Durma Row that the latter returned the bond without receiving any thing on it either principal or interest in consideration of which and if the relationship in which the party stood to him the Zemmindar determined to allow him the Villages at a reduced rent so that the annual profit ~~~~~ coming to him might be 500 Rupees.

At the settlement

4 of the past year I continued the Villages for the present Fusly under the arrangement which had previously obtained, but I explained at the

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at the time to the party that the grant if such it may be called, appears to me to be unauthorized, and that the matter would be submitted for the orders of the Court of Wards. The villages were first given on a three years lease which expired with Fusly 1260. They were again given for five years by the Remainder of from Fusly 1261 to 1265 Cowled and Moochulkas passed notwithstanding the existence of the document referred to.

5 I am of opinion that the alienation for such in fact it is of a certain portion of the Revenue of the estate should not be recognized as binding on Sooriah Row's Successor and that I receive authority either to make an individual settlement with the Ryots or lease the villages under



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2568 and 3420 } of 1856

under Joint rent from the coming fusly.

6. The two Petitions noted in the Margin now returned were presented by a party whose proposal to rent the villages for Fusly 1266 I had under the circumstances above stated rejected.

7 The next village is Koto-Kamilly referred to in the Collector's letter of the 10th June last

It has long been divided into two parts. One is held by certain Ryots under Joint rent and the other by one Ram Row, and, it is alleged, his forefathers, on a permanent lease. The first party now wish the whole of the village to be given under Joint rent and offered at the last Jamabundy to pay 500 Rupees more than the Revenue at present realized. Ram Row and those who cultivate the land for

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for him ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

object to this arrangement and pray that the one at present in force may continue.

8 Ram Row produced in support of his claim a puttah which purports to have been executed under date the 6th November 1856 by the late Zemindar Coorrah Row, granting him the half of the village on a fixed rent which it is said had been allowed by his / the Zemindars / Father. The circumstances connected with this case are the same as those reported in my letter of the 30th November 1855 regarding certain lands in other villages claimed



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claimed by the same party and which claim has been disallowed. It is clear that the claimants family had in this case also been 25 years out of possession. Ram Row died in November last and I am of opinion that the grant should no longer be recognized but the village settled for. the coming fusly under an individual settlement or Joint rent. Copy and translate of the documents produced by Ram Row is forwarded.

The Petitions numbered 9. as in the Margin presented by the different parties interested are herewith returned I as in the case first noticed allowed the arrangement which had previously obtained to continue for the present fusly pending the

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| Nos. 764 | | |
| 784 | | |
| 814 | | |
| 849 | | |
| 2789 | of 1856. | |
| 2792 | | |
| 2811 | | |

the orders of the Court of Wards.

Rajahmundry District
Collectors Office, Cocanada
21st March 1857

/Signed/ A. Purvis
Collector and ex
Officio Agent to the
Court of Wards.

Translation of a Puttah given by Rajah Row Venkata Sooriarow Bahadur under date the 6th November 1849 to Row Ramarow

As my father the late Zemindar allowed your father Veerabadra Row to hold the first part of Kootooradoonilly village in my Zemindary at a nemabady or fixed rent of Rupees 1178-12-9 / exclusive of Rupees 63-7-3 / being a remission on account of tax on weavers and Toddymen out of Rupees 1242-4- being the Jerogyettee and thereof exclusive of Pagoda Brahmin and



and Service Inams and inclusive of Cottubady and tax on Palmira trees / and to enjoy the profit which the Village may yield over the above rent I also hereby resolve to continue the rent to you from this time and grant this Puttah you are therefore to pay me the Cist according to the following instalments and to enjoy hereditarily the profits which may be derived over the above rent.

Instalments.

| Rs. | A. | P. | | |
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| 147 | — | " | — | " Do Do of Margaseerum Do |
| 294 | — | " | — | " Do Do of Poosheem Do |
| 147 | — | " | — | " Do Do of Phaulgoonum Do |
| 1178 | 12 | 9 | | |

/True translation/
/Signed/ A Purvis
Coll & Ex Officio agent
to the Court of Wards.

Translation of a letter from Sree Rajah Row Vencata Sooriarow Bhadur to Chelekany Dhurmarow dated 22d May 1821.

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As you have now according to my wish returned the Bond for 2000 Rs which sum I lately borrowed of you on some occasions without receiving from me any thing on account of principal and interest and as you are my near relative and as you now receive no allowance from me on my communicating to you my resolution to give you an allowance of Rupees 500 a year, you have requested me for your own convenience to let you have the Villages of Cheyhole and Lutchmipoor under rent with a deduction of the sum of Rs 500 from the amount of the rent of these Villages I have accordingly complied with your request and received the Bond After deducting all charges, as well as the foregoing allowance of Rupees 500 the average basis of the Villages will amount to Rupees 2750 payable by you every year If you look at the accounts and come I will give you possession of the above villages as have resolved to allow you and your heirs for ever the said allowance of 500 Rupees I hereby inform you that I will give you any other villages which you may wish to have for rent in case the above villages may not yield the above allowance to you.

/True Translation/
/Signed/ A. Purvis
Coll. esc. Offic. Agent
to the Court of Wards
Adverting

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Bd No 1744-
Proceedings thereon-
Immediate 28th
Nonjudicial 1855
In M.P. Cons
8th May 1856.

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Fort St George, 22d May 1857.

Adverting to para 29 of his Report for Fasly 1264 upon the Estates under his charge as agent to the Court of Wards, and to certain Petitions referred to him for report, the Collector, in the above letter, details the circumstances under which certain parties claim to hold particular Villages in the Pittapore estate on a fixed permanent Assessment.

2. The Villages of Chayvole and Lutchmipoor it appears have been held since 1848 by one Dhurma Row under Motosbur rents, and latterly on an annual assessment of Rupees 2750 by his son who underlet them for Rupees 3392 thus clearing Rupees 642 as profit and for Village charges.

3. In support of the claim of this latter individual to a continuance of the lease on the same terms, a Document purporting to have been executed by Jaswia Row in 1848, making over the Villages on a favorable assessment is produced, but the Court of Wards agree in their Ruling that this alienation is not one which can be recognized.

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4. With regard to the other Village, Kota Kamully, the Collector reports that 1/2 is held on Joint Rent and 1/2 by Raw Raw. The circumstances under which the latter claims possession are the same as detailed in his letter of 30th November 1853. The claim then preferred was disallowed by the Commissioner on the report of the Collector, and there appears no grounds for viewing it more favorably in the present instance.

5. In determining the mode of Settlement to be adopted in regard to these 3 Villages, the Collector will ascertain whether the Joint Rent or Ryotwary System will be most acceptable to the Ryots.

6. The Board observe that in the second case under consideration the Ryots who hold a moiety of the Village seem anxious that the former

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former System should be extended to the remaining portion of the Village, but it is not clear that they do not propose this merely as wishing to obtain a transfer in their favor by assimilation of the mode of settlement in regard to the whole Village.

7. The Collector will however ascertain this and will be guided, so far as may be expedient, by the wishes of the Ryots who are interested in the changes contemplated.

8. Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed upon Petitions Nos. 764, 784, 814, 849, 2792, 2811, 2568, 2789, & 3140 of 1856. "Petitioners are referred to the Collector who has received the Board's instructions on the subject of their Petitions."

No. 70.

To

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

Sir

I have the honor, with reference

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Bd No. 1144.
From the Collector
of North Arcot.

Fort St. George, 22d May 1837.

reference to Extract Proceedings Board of Revenue, dated 17th December 1836 No. 4303, to submit Copies of the correspondence noted in the Margin which contain the information desired by the Board regarding the possibility of engageing a house at Ranepett for the use of the office of the Sub Collector.

From Ag. District Engineer 9th Jan/57
Do. Sub Coll.
4th Do. — Do.
From Ag. District Engineer 18th March 1837.

2. It would appear from Mr. Sullivan's letter that the suggestion, contained in paras 3 and 4 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under reply, could not be carried out with any advantage to Government.

North Arcot,
Collector's Office Cutcherry,
Vellore, 24th
March 1837.

/Signed/ C. Whittingham,
Collector.

Encl. No. 1.
No. 7.

To,
C. Whittingham, Esqre
Collector of North Arcot.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 2d Instant, No. 5 and its Enclosure I



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have the honor to inform you that on enquiry, I cannot ascertain that there is any building, for sale in the Civil limits of the town of Vellore suitable for the Head Office Sub Cutcherry.

2. In the compound of the house I now occupy, I built some years ago a good Cutcherry, but not being on my own ground, the disposal of it rests with my landlord and he is not willing to sell it at all, or to let it separately from the house, and the joint rent (64 Rs. per Month) would hardly be saving to Government as the premises could only be rented for all the year round at the above rate and the Head Assistant is generally out in his Talooks some 5 or 6 Months in the year and would be drawing extra Tentage in addition to the rent as above having to be paid.

North Arcot
Sub Collrs. Cutcherry,
Vellore, 14th January 1837.

/Signed/ A. P. Sullivan,
Sub Collector.

/True Copy/
/Signed/ C. Whittingham,
Collector.

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No. 2.

To,

C. Whittingham, Esqre
Collector of North Arcot

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 5 dated 2d January 1857 I have the honor to inform you that I have again inspected the Sub-Collector's Bungalow at old Arcot, and more minutely examined it than on my previous visit.

The front wall has been considerably thrust out opening large cracks inside, in the partition walls and also thrusting out the pillars of the Verandah.

The Police Ameen stated on my first visit that these cracks had opened considerably during the late monsoon but they appear to me to have been much older date, but that I cannot state positively. On his report and from the wall being thrust so much out, I stated that I considered the Bungalow dangerous to live in and would not cost a considerable sum for repairing it.

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If the Police Ameen's statement is correct, as the walls are only built and mud I am of opinion no strapping up would be effectual, though it might answer as a temporary measure and the outer wall would require to be rebuilt which would cost at least Rupees 400. The roof appears generally good but a few new rafters would be required.

Strapping up with Iron ties would not cost above a few hundred rupees.

North Arcot,
District Engineer's
Office, Camp Arcot,
9th January, 1857

(Signed) I. O. Haynes, Lieut.
Acting District Engineer

(True Copy)
(Signed) C. Whittingham,
Collector.

No. 3.

To,

C. Whittingham, Esqre
Coll: of North Arcot.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you in reply to your letter No 61, dated 4th Instant, that Captain Taylor

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Taylor has already vacated the house in question — The rent paid by that Officer was Rupees 45 per Mensem.

North Arcot,
District Engineer's Office,
Camp Vellore, 08th March 1857.

/ Signed / J. O. Mayne, Lieut.
Acting, District Engineer

/ True Copy /
/ Signed / C. Whittingham,
Collector.

From Enclosure No. 3.

B.d No. 9/731.
Proceedings thereon —
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the Board learn that the house occupied by Captain Taylor, and considered adapted for a Sub Collector Cuttehery, is now empty — The Collector however does not state whether it is still available, or has been occupied for Military purposes since the arrival of the 3d Cavalry at Trichinopoly — The Board were under the impression that it was Government property, but Captain Taylor is said to have paid rent for it without any further explanation — The Collector will explain the points above referred to as soon as practicable

To

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No. 42.

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

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Board No. 1222
From the Collr. of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract from Proceedings of the Board, No. 963, dated the 27th Instant, transmitting for early report Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Government under date the 20th March 1857, on the subject of raising a fund for the opening of new roads in all directions by a levy of 2 per Cent on the land revenue —

2. I cannot support this proposal of Major Lawford's, because I consider it both oppressive and impolitic towards the people of the Trichinopoly District —

3. The time has not arrived for the creating of such a fund. The people of the Province are poor, and have not yet realized any very material benefits from the reduction of assessment, inasmuch as the greater proportion of reduced taxation is only now in the current

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Fusly year, being carried out through the whole Province. While the wet Villages of the irrigated Talooks receive no abatement.—

4. To demand a levy, such as is advocated here, would in my opinion create distrust among the people. They might with justice say "you take off a burden with one hand, only to lay it on with another under a different name. You reduce the land tax, but you add a road levy and a Coumboo cess."

I am quite opposed to this scheme for the present at all events.—

5. If it be determined to create this road fund, I am of opinion the levy of 2 Per cent on every man's rent Roll will be the fairest and should be included in the annual Puttah demand

Trichinopoly District,
Moosery,
Coll.rs Cr.t Cutcherry,
31st. March 1857.

(Signed) J. Bird,
Collector.



Bd. No. 1720.

Proceedings thereon.— Resolved that the above

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letter be laid before Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 20th. March last, No. 512, P. W. D.

2. Mr. Bird deprecates the introduction of a road fund at present, urging that the people are only now about to benefit by the reduced assessment— that they are extremely poor and that they will regard the cess as merely an imposition of former taxation in a different shape.

3. The Board are unable to concur with Mr. Bird in these views.—

4. Where no abatement of the present high assessment is made the imposition of a Road cess would be liable to the objections urged by him, but in the Dry Talooks, which are now being surveyed with a view to reassessment, they see no reason why a Fund, similar to that now established, with such beneficial effects in South Arcot, should not also be introduced. The Fund is in reality created by Government withholding a very high rate from what it would

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would otherwise give up as a reduction in the assessment. It cannot be regarded as an enhancement of the existing assessment for this will still be reduced materially. The burden on the people is extremely light, while the advantages they gain from its judicious expenditure will be very great. In fact the Board consider the existence for the repair of minor roads of such a Fund available without the delay attending other expenditure on Public Works to be essential to the prosperity of a District.

5. They purpose therefore providing for a Road Fund in the pending revision of assessment.

6. In their report on Local Funds for the past year, the Board will consider the question whether such a cess should be levied as in South Arcot by a rate per cawney, or by a per centage on the puttah beriz of each ryot.

To,



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No. 63.

To,

J. D. Sim, Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue,

Fort St. George.

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Bd. No. 1685.

From the Collr. of Guntoor—

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the Margin, relative to the refund of the fines levied from certain Salt Servants of the Paraly store, I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of Government for the payment of Rupees 12, the costs incurred by the 2 servants in preferring an appeal to the Civil Court at this station from the decision passed against them by the Assistant Collector and reversed by the Civil Judge.

To Commr. R. C. 30th March 54
Fdr. 7th April —"
Do. do. 23d. Sept. —"
Do. do. 28th Oct. —

Cho-davarapoo Yeggnaby, Puttaba Ramasawmy.—

Guntoor District, Collector's Office, Condaveed 2d. May 1857.

/Signed/ H. Nevill, Acting Collector.

Ordered

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Ordered to be submitted with the following letter.

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Bd. No. 1717

To the Acting Sec.y to Government, R.D.

To Govt. 5th Oct.r 1854 No. 118
From Do. 20th Do.
" —— 1350
Dn No. 6 Dry 630.
October 54 R.D.
From the Actg Coll.r of Guntoor
12th In C. 22d May 1857.
No. 1865

To

The Acting Revenue Secretary to Government.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the Margin relative to the refund of the fines levied from certain Salt Servants, the Acting Collector has applied for sanction for the payment of Rupees twelve, being the costs awarded to the parties by the Civil Judge to whom they had preferred an appeal from the decision passed against them by the Assistant Collector under Regulation IX of 1822. As the costs incurred by them were not included in the sum refunded under the sanction of Government dated 20th October 1854 - the Board desire me to request that the Acting Collector's application may be complied with.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
22d May 1857 .....

(Signed) I. D. Sim,
Acting Secretary

To

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Bd. No. 1484

From the Acting Coll.r of Malabar

To

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

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted marginally, I have the honor to solicit the sanction of the Board to dispose of the Jenmm right of the Chenat Nairs Estate in the Palghaut and Tenel-prom Taloks in the manner now being carried out with reference to the Betuknaad Rajahs Escheat now in course of sale.

To Board of Revenue d/ 12th May 1849. No. 30.
From Do. —— " —— 21st June
To —— Do. —— " —— 30th — Do. —— No. 59
From Do. —— " —— 17th September
To —— Do. —— " —— 3d — Nov.r 1832. No. 175.
From Do. —— " —— 7th March 1853.

2. The renewal of the deeds of this Escheat having been nearly completed this settlement and sale will be very easy and the grant of full fee simple, title to the present tenant will be most grateful and will encourage an enterprize and outlay of capital now restrained by uncertainty of tenure.

3. It is calculated that the sale of the land already settled will realize at least 15,0000 Rupees.

4. Cases which can only be adjusted in the manner recommended without resort to Civil Court will easily be arranged by the transfer of a fee simple, while the Government will receive the value now withheld. The amount to be realized will meet the present heavy outlay for the purchase of Railway land.

5. The sale of the Jenmm title will in no way affect the Revenue claim except as making the land

land much more valuable.

Betulpoodiangaddy 20th April 1857. Bd. No. 1718. Proceedings thereon.

/ Signed / W. Robinson
Acting Collector.

The Circumstances of the Chenat's Nairs Estate, which lapsed to Government in 1790 explained to Government in the letter noted in the margin, and sanction was obtained in September 1849 for the maintenance of a small temporary Establishment to effect a survey and make an investigation with the view of correcting past abuses and renewing leases with the present holders of the lands who were principally mortgagees.

To Chief Secretary 19th July 1849. From Secretary to Government dated 12th September 1849. No. 868 R.D.

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2. Mr. Robinson is now anxious to dispose of the Jenm right (it is presumed to the occupiers of the land) which will place them in the same position as regards the Government, as the owners of Estates in general who possess the fee simple of their prosperity, and pay a tax only to Government. The measure it is anticipated will encourage enterprize and outlay of Capital, which is now restrained by uncertainity of tenure; and facilitate the completion of the Settlement.

3. It is calculated that the sale of Jenm right of the land already settled will realize at least £150000

4. On the 19th February 1853. No. 196 Revenue Department, Government were pleased under similar circumstances to authorize the sale of the Jenm or Fee simple of lands acquired by Escheat from the Betutnaad Rajah, and on the understanding that as in the case of that Estate the occupiers of the land only to be dealt with, the Board resolve to support the proposal now made

Ordered that a Copy of these Proceedings be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and that a Copy be also furnished to the Acting Collector of Malabar.

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To



No. 33

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

Bd. No. 1640.
From the Collr. of Canara.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of Extract from the Proceedings of the Board, dated 18th April 1857, I have the honor to state that I have always advocated weighment instead of measurement in all Salt transactions.

Pro. dt. 16th april 1855.

2. The Board having sanctioned* the change, weighing would long since have been introduced at all the Salt Depôts in the District, had I been able to obtain balances or suitable weights and scales. The last instructions* received from the Board on the subject intimated that balances were being constructed at the Madras Mint and would be furnished when ready.

Exc. M. C. dated 21st July 1855 para 4.

3. I believe that the superior servants in the Salt Department look with favor on the proposed change as relieving them from the trickery of their subordinates and I have not

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met with any opposition, such as that experienced by the Collector of Malabar.-

4. It is highly probable that the receipt or rather sale of Salt by measure in this District may affect the imports into Malabar, as under the existing system the purchaser receives 424 Mercals as the equivalent of 120 Indian Maunds and /as regards Bombay Salt/ is thereby a considerable gainer.

5. The importation of Bombay Salt on behalf of Government is however about to cease and as the Merchants here will not take up the trade, the effects of selling Salt by measure in Canara will hereafter be little felt in Malabar. The demand in that District for Bombay Salt must indeed improve after the rains, as it is pretty clear that the up country consumers of that article will go to Malabar for it rather than by the produce of the Canara pans.-

Collector's Cutcherry,
Mangalore, -
29th April 1857. ...
Bd. No. 1716.
Proceedings thereon.-

/Signed/ W. Fisher,
Collector.

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The Board will forward Salt



Salt balances as soon as possible, but difficulties have been experienced in getting them made up at Madras.-

2. With regard to the concluding para of the Collector's letter they remark that the import of Bombay Salt on Government account will cease in Malabar in January next. The importation of that description of Salt will then be left to private interprise on the same terms in both Districts.-

No. 61.

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

After Bd. No. 1581.
From the Asst. Collr. of Nellore ...

Sir,

With reference to an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 16th Instant, I have the honor to request that the Board will so good as to supply me with a copy of the Madras Almanac and an Army List for the use of this Office.-

/Signed/ G. N. Taylor,
Acting Collector.

Nellore,
Collector's Office,
30th April 1857.
Bd. No. 1600.
From the Collr. of South Arcot

No. 85

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

Sir, With reference to the orders of Government conveyed

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coveyed by Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 25th Ultimo, I have the honor to request that you will be so kind as to obtain the sanction of the Board for supplying me with an Almanac and Army List for the Current year.

South Arcot,
Collectors Cutcherry,
Cuddalore, —
1st May 1857.

/Signed/ Arthur Hall,
Collector.

No. 56.

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

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Bd. No. 1625.

From the Asst. Collr.
of Masulipatam

Sir,

Fort St. George,

E. M. C 18th April/57. No. 350.

With reference to the Boards Proceedings No. 1283, dated 25th Ultimo, and to my letter of the 30th March No. 33, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to supply me with a copy of the Madras Almanac for the current year together with a copy of the Army List already applied for

Masulipatam, Collrs.
Cutcherry, 2d. May 1857.

/Signed/ T. G. Hussey,
Asst. Collector.

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No. 94.

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

Bd. No. 1642.

From the Collr.
of North Arcot.

Sir,

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With reference to Boards Circular dated 25th Ultimo No. 1283, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction

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Sanction of the Board for supplying for the use of my Office a copy of the Madras Almanac and the Army List for the Current year.-

North Arcot,....
Collector's Cutcherry,...
Chittoor.....

2d May 1857.-

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Order thereon,

Ordered to lie over

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Sd/ C. Whittinghame
Collector.



Fort Saint George, 22d May 1857.

No. 58.

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

(1010)

Sir,

I have the honor to request

Bd's No. 1657.
From the Clg. Collr of Masulipatam.-
Requesting to obtain sanction of Govern: ment for the sum of Rupees 506-13-11 incurred on account of Salt Cotaurs, and proposing that the 6 Cotaur Peons referred to, be kept till the close of the Current Fasly out of the remaining amount sanctioned for them for the collection of Revenue for Fasly 1266.-
For 2d Accts from 1st July 1856 to 11th January 1857 } 506-13-11.

the Board of Revenue will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Govern: ment for the sum of Rupees 536-13-11- on account of the Salt Cotaurs incurred under the following Circumstances.-

On the 10th May 1856 the

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Government determined to abolish one Cotaur in this District and to remove the cost of the other.- The Collector proposed to give effect to this order from the 1st July 1856 as reported in his letter to Commissioner 12th of that month and consequently omitted the cost of Cotaurs in the Establishment for the Salt Estimate of additional Establishment for Fasly 1266, submitted on the 30th June 1856

Fort Saint George, 22d May 1857.

Vide Board's Proceedings 24th December 1856 No 24405-

1856-But the orders of the Board on the Acting Collector's letter of the 12th July were received only at the end of December and arrangements were made for bringing the revised Establishment into effect from 12th January 1857-From the Commencement of the Fasly hitherto up to the 12th January the usual Establishments at both the Cotaurs had been kept up- The usual number of Peons at Pondrave was 56- The number sanctioned in the Revision was 40

+ 20 Permanently sanctioned
20 Sanctions renewed from year to year as part of the additional Establishment-
16 Temporary
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the remaining 16 were not intended to be kept on permanently, were found necessary till nearly the close of the current Fasly-

3. In the additional Establishment for Fasly 1266 Government sanctioned on account of Peons

20th January 1857-



Fort Saint George, 22d May 1857.

Peons for Collection of Revenue, Rupees 3,222, but of which only Rupees 2432 will be actually spent, thus effecting a saving of Rupees 790- I propose that the 16 Peons above mentioned be paid out of this saving, thus obviating the necessity of further sanction of Government-

4- In the Suggestion contained in the preceding para is approved the sanction of Government will be required only for Rupees 506-13-11-

5- The 7 extra Peons sanctioned for the Innogoodoor Cotaur till all the salt there was sold, were dismissed on the 15th March 1857-

Vide end of para 5 Board's Proceedings 24th December 1856 No 24405

Masulipatam, Collector's Cutcherry, 2d May 1857.

(Signed) T. I. Pruce, Acting Collector

The

Fort Saint George, 22d May 1857.

B. R. No 1714
Proceedings

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thereon- The Board deem it objectionable to pay any portion of the Salt Establishment from savings out of an amount sanctioned for a Collection of Revenue- The Acting Collector therefore is requested to include any expenditure on account of the 16 Temporary peons alluded to in Para 2 in his application for Special Sanction-

2- At the same time the Board Request to be furnished with a fuller explanation of the Charges for which Special Sanction is Required, as they are unable to understand the facts of the case from the present letter-

3- The Charge Sanctioned for extra Establishment at 2 Cotaurs, under the old system, appears to have been 301-14- per Annum- The Acting Collector states that the usual Establishment was maintained till the 12th January 1857, deducting 148 the permanent Charge per Annum Sanctioned



Fort Saint George, 22d May 1857-

Sanctioned from the 1st July 1856- from the above sum the difference is 53-11 which for 6 months, or to the 12th July, would be 323-4 and not 506-13-11, for which sanction is said to be Requisite in Para 4- This apparent discrepancy should be explained-

4- The Acting Collector is also Requested to Submit a Statement shewing what has been actually expended for the 16 extra peons when they were entertained and when they were discharged-

5- He will also explain more fully the circumstances which Rendered their Retention necessary-

No. 134-

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

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Sir,

3d Dn. 1610- From the Collector of Sea Customs Madras

I have the honor to Request, with Reference to Extract Proceedings

8326 Fort Saint George 22d May 1857.

Proceedings Board of Revenue of 25th April 1857 No. 1283, that you will be pleased to supply this depart: ment with an Army List—

Sea Customs House, Madras, 4th May 1857

Signed W. E. Underwood, Collector Sea Customs.

No. 69.

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

Sir,

(1013)

Bd No. 1672
From the Actg Collr of Tanjore—

With reference to the sanction of Government Conveyed in an Extract from your Board's Proceedings dated 25th Ultimo, I have the honor to Request I may be supplied with a Copy of Pharoah's Almanac and one of his Army Lists for the last quarter of the Current year for the use of this office—

Tanjore, Collector's office, 4th May 1857.

(Signed) J. D. Phillips, Acting Collector.

8327 Fort Saint George, 22d May 1857.

No. 61

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

(1014)

Bd No. 1695
From the Acting Collr of Malabar—
No. 250.

Sir,

With Reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date 16th April 1857, I have the honor to Request you will be good enough to furnish me, for the use of this office, with a Copy of each of the books advertised to in your Circular Letter under date the 25th Ultimo No. 1283—

Madras Almanac and Army List

(Signed) W. Robinson, Acting Collr.

Calicut, 4th May 1857.

No. 50.

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

(1015)

Bd No. 1703—
From the Collr of Rajahmundry

Sir,

I have the honor, with reference to the Extract from the Proceedings

8328

Fort Saint George, 22d May 1857.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 25th Ultimo, to Request that I may be supplied with a Copy of an Almanac and of an Army List for use in this office—

Rajahmundry District,
Collector's office,
Rundamoorlunkah,
4th May 1857 ——

(Signed) A. Purvis,
Collector.

No. 65

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

(1016)

Sir,

Bd No. 1697.
From the Collector
of Salem ——

With Reference to an Esctract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 25th April 1857, No. 1283, Conveying Minutes of Consultation of the 16th idem, No. 350, authorizing the Board of Revenue to supply each year an Almanac and an Army List to such Collectors as might apply for them, I have the

8329

Fort St George, 22nd May 1857.

Sir

I have the honor to request the Board will be pleased to supply my office with an Almanac for this year and an Army List corrected up to the end of June next when published.—

2. The value of these books will be remitted by a bill on my being informed what the cost amounts to.—

Salem,
Collector's office,
On Circuit,
Arumacottah,
3rd May 1857.

(Signed) H. A. Brett,
Collector.

No. 148.

(1017)

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

Bd No. 1705.
From the Collector
of Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to Esctract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

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Fort St George, 22d May 1857.

Revenue dated the 25th April 1857 Com-
=municating Extract from the Minutes
of Consultation, under date 16th Idem,
which accords to the Board the sanction
of Government, to supply at their discre-
=tion, each year, an Almanac, and an
Army List, to such Collectors as may
apply for them. I have the honor to request
that the Board will be pleased to furnish
this Office with an Almanac, and Army
List for the current year, and also that
they may be supplied annually in future.

I am very &c
5th May 1857.

(Signed) J. Silver,
Collector.

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No 11.

1018

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

Bd No 1709.
From the Collector of Bellary

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of the Board's Proceedings
dated

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Fort St George, 22d May 1857.

dated 25th Ultimo No 1283, communicating
the orders of Government, dated 16th Idem,
authorizing the Board to supply annu-
=ally a copy of the Madras Almanac
and an Army List to those Collectors
who may apply for them, the cost thereof
being included in the contingent
Bills of the respective Collectorates.
I beg to request that the Board will be
pleased to supply this office annually
with a copy of the Madras Almanac,
and Quarterly with that of an army list,
the cost of which will be included in
my Contingent Bill.

Bellary Collector's Office,
Raymundroog, 5th May 1857.

(Signed) C. Pelly,
Collector.

Ordered to lie over

Order thereon.
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No 62.

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

Bd No 1731.
From the Ag Collr of Canara

Sir,

Adverting to Mr Forbes'
letter

8332 Fort St George, 22d May 1857.

letter of the 31st May 1856, No 1666, I have the honor to request that early measures may be taken for supplying me with the broad cloth therein alluded to, as the belts of the Peons in this District are considerably worn out from having been in use for upwards of 3 years.-

Calicut, 5th May 1857. } (Signed) W. Robinson,
Acting Collector.

Bd No 1724.

Proceedings thereon. The Acting Collector is informed that the Rules for the supply of cloth for Peons' Belts will be shortly submitted to Government, and that as soon as they have received its approval and sanction, the Indent alluded to, in the foregoing letter, will be passed without further delay.

No 52.

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To, James Duncan Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St George.

Bd No 1739.

From the Collector of Rajahmundry } Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that

8333 Fort St George, 22d May 1857.

× 15th April 1857. that I have felt it my duty to suspend Mohamed Abdool Raikman, Head of Police of Rajahmundry from his Office, pending full enquiry into gross neglect of duty, to say the least, exhibited by him through which certain parties for whose apprehension on a charge of forgery instructions had been issued by the Sessions Court at Rajahmundry were allowed to elude apprehension-

(Signed) A. Purvis,
Collector.

Rajahmundry District Collector's Office, Bundamoorlunka, 6th May 1857.

Order thereon.- Ordered to be recorded.-

No 96.

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

Bd No 1748.

From the officiating Agent to the Governor of Fort St George } Sir,
at Turnoor.

According to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23d April 1857 No.

8334. Fort St. George, 22nd May 1857.

No. 1283. which accompanied an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 16th April 1857, No. 350, I have the honor to request I may be supplied with a Madras Almanac, and an Army List for the Current year 1857, for the use of the Cutcherry.—

Kurnool District.
Govt Agents Office,
Cu Circuit, Yerrachalma,
7th May 1857.

[signed] J. G. Russell,
Officiating Agent
to the Governor

Order thereon.— Ordered to be over.—

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No. 83.

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

(1926)

Bd No. 1711
From the Collector
of South Arcot

Sir,

In reference to Extract
from the Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue No. 1389, of the 4th Instant,

I

8335. Fort St. George, 22nd May 1857.

I have the honor to submit
a Register, in the prescribed
form, for the Amount of
Drawback paid in the
District in June 1264.—

South Arcot,
Collectors Cutcherry,
Cuddalore, 8th May 1857.

[signed] Arthur Hall,
Collector.

8337. Fort St George, 22nd May 1857.

Bd No 1722.
Proceedings thereon.-
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Under the authority of Govern=
=ment, dated 10th June 1843, the Board of
Revenue sanction the Drawback paid by
the Collector of South Arcot in July 1854
amounting to Rupees 142-3-1/ One
hundred and forty-two, and three annas, as
particularized in the Statement which
accompanies the foregoing letter.-

No 38.

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

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Bd No 1768.
From the Acting Collr
of Canara-

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Cir=
=cular, No 1283, dated 25th Ultimo, I have the
honor to request that under the discretion=
=ary authority granted to them by Govern=
=ment, the Board of Revenue will be
pleased to supply, for the use of this Office,
a Copy of the Madras Almanac, and an Army
List for the current year. Their absence
has

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Fort St George 22nd May 1857.

No 1.

Return showing the amount of Drawback Certificates from 1st to 31st July 1854, on account of Arrack Exported from the District of South Arcot.

| No of Certificate | Month in which the certificate was granted. | Name of the Party to whom the certificate was granted. | Quantity for which Certificate issued. | Rate of Duty | Amount of Duty | Amount of Drawback allowed |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | July | Chinnaya | 3 | 5 | 15 | 12-8 |
| 2 | Do | Ramasawmy | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| 3 | Do | Doraisawmy | 3 | 5 | 15 | 12-8 |
| 4 | Do | Ramasawmy | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| 5 | Do | Ramasawmy | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| 6 | Do | Ramasawmy | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| 7 | Do | Ramasawmy | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| 8 | Do | Ramasawmy | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| 9 | Do | Ramasawmy | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| 10 | Do | Ramasawmy | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| 11 | Do | Ramasawmy | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| 12 | August | Ole Aro= =kal | Brin= =jal | 5 | Duc= =ory | Clerk |

Cuddalore, 8th May 1857.

(Signed) A. Hall,
Collector.

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has often been felt, and I need scarcely observe that their supply will considerably facilitate the despatch of business.-

Collectors Cutchery,
Mangalore, 8th May 1857. } signed J. D. Robinson,
Ag. Collector.

Order thereon.- Ordered to lie over

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No 39.

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

(1030)
Bd No 1793.
From the Ag Collr of Canara } Sir,

With reference to Board's Circular under date the 26th January last, No 308. communicating the Resolution of the Supreme Government, that security should be taken from the Subordinate Shroffs on such cases in which they are directly answerable to Government, and that in cases in which the Head Cashier alone is the party responsible to Government, it may be left to him to require security from

8339 Fort St George, 22nd May 1857.

from the subordinate Shroffs, or from the subordinate Shroffs, as he may think advisable, they not, as he may think advisable, they to observe, that in this District, the Treasury Servants from the Cashier down to the Collar, are held severally responsible to Government and are required to furnish security before they can be entertained in the Department.

This distribution of

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the responsibility appears to have worked beneficially, and the Cashier does not deem willing to relieve the Servants under him from their respective responsibilities, although he admits that he is, in a general sense, responsible for the money under his charge.-

3. The very requirement of

8340. Fort St George, 22nd May 1857.

of security probably fills these Treasury posts with a more respectable class of men than might otherwise be found, and I am therefore inclined to think that the present practice should be left undisturbed.—

Collectors Cutchery, Mangalore, 8th May 1857.

Signed / S. D. Robinson, Ag. Collector.

Bd No. 1715.

Proceedings thereon.— The Board concur with the Acting Collector that no change is necessary in the present system of taking security from the Treasury Shroffs in Canara.—

(1030-31)

To

8341 Fort Saint George 22nd May 1857

No. 94

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

(1032)

Bd No. 1767

From the Collector of South Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be so kind as to obtain the sanction of the Board for the distribution of half of the amount realized by the sale of the confiscated goods specified in the annexed Statement* among the informer and the Officers who effected the seizure, agreeably to section LXII Act VI of 1844.

For the information of the Board I beg to submit copy of a letter dated 21st April 1857 from my Assistant Mr Hindersley who was deputed by me to hold an enquiry into the circumstances which led to the confiscation of the goods under clause XXXI Act VI of 1844.

* Rupees 68-12-0

South Arcot Collectors Cutcherry Cuddalore 12th May 1857

Signed / A. Hall
Collector

Statement

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No. 1

Statement of the value of goods confiscated under the provisions of Section XXXI of Act VI of 1844 in the District of South Arcot in the Month of April 1857-

| Number | Description of Goods | Value realized | Share to be granted to the Informer | Share to be granted to the Officer who made the Seizure |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Pas | Pas | Pas |
| 1 | Pepper | 50 4 u | | |
| 2 | Black Gram | 8 8 u | 17 3 u | 17 3 u |
| 3 | Raft | 10 u u | | |
| | Rupees | 68 12 u | 17 3 u | 17 3 u |

South Arcot
Collector's Cutcherry
Cuddalore
12th May 1857

(Signed) A. Hall
Collector

8343 | Fort Saint George 22d May 1857

No. 2

To
A. Hall Esqre
Collector of South Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have held personal enquiry to the charge against the Tindal and crew of the Dhoney "Aulwarpooravy", for having between 12 and 1 Oclock on the night of the 9th Instant, clandestinely landed some goods at Aunathoray, about 1 Mile to the north of the legal landing place, in contravention to Section XXXI Act VI of 1844.

It appears, from the evidence of the witnesses and also from the statements of the defendants themselves, that the said goods were clandestinely landed by 3 of the Crews, but they state that they did so by order of the Tindil, and it is proved that the Tindil was on the shore at the time of the goods being landed.

It also appears that the Manifest of the Dhoney only mentions 1 Tin Box of medicines as being shipped for Porto Novo - the real

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of the goods of the same description as those clandestinely landed having been shipped for Pondicherry; and according to the signature of the Captain of the Port there, having been disembarked there — The Tindil, however, accounts for this by saying that the gram and pepper landed here, was some that had escaped from the bags shipped at Madras for Pondicherry, and which had been collected by the crew, and was to be divided amongst them, and that it was not brought here for sale. The crew also give statements to the same effect.—

The goods clandestinely landed do not appear to have been liable to duty, as they were goods transported from one port to another of the Company's territories the duty on such goods having been abolished by Act VI of 1848.

The owner of the Dhoney does not appear to have had any share in the act, for although some of the goods were found in his house, yet it appears that they brought there while he was asleep.—

It



It therefore appears that the Tindil is the chief party to blame, as the illegal landing of the goods took place by his order and the crew of the Dhoney merely obeyed him. I would therefore submit that the goods and raft should be confiscated under Section ~~XXII~~ Act VI of 1844 and that the Tindil should be fined to a small amount as a warning to others.—

I beg to forward 11 depositions taken from the parties in this matter, a copy of the manifest of the Dhoney, and a letter from the Merchants who shipped the goods in Madras for Pondicherry, stating that the goods were deficient in quantity when delivered at the latter place. I also beg to return the letter from the Superintendent of Sea Customs at Porto Novo, which you forwarded to me

/Signed/ F. Pn. Hindersley
Asst. Collector

Porto Novo
21st April 1857

/True Copy/
/Signed/ A. Hall
Collector

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Under the circumstances stated in the Assistant Collector Mr Hindersley's letter, dated 21st March 1857

P. No. 1723
Proceedings thereon.

1857, the Board of Revenue authorize the confiscation of the goods alluded to in the foregoing communication, and the payment, to the Informer and Officer who effected the seizure of a moiety of the sale proceeds, in the proportion recommended by the Collector - the remainder being carried to the credit of Government -

(1034)

No 65

To

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

Rd No 1856

From the Actg Collr of Malabar

Sir,

I have the honor to report on the result of the Revenue administration of this District during the past Official year, ending the 30th April 1857

Land Revenue 2

The year was unfavorable almost entire failure of the latter Rains affected the crops seriously Prices ranged high, but large expenditure within the District prevented distress. The

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| Railway abt | Rupees 76 3000 |
| Public Works | " 13 7600 |
| Military | " " 755,000 |
| General | " " 78 7000 |
| Total | Rupees 24 4 2600 |



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The collection on account of Land tax during the year under review amounts to Rd 1726975 and exceeding the average of 10 years by Rupees 65347 — compared with the result of previous year, there is a deficit of Rupees 16794, but it is only apparent and is owing to an alteration in the Demand Fisttundy which was made in 1855-56, and affected the accounts of that year to the extent of 2 lacks of Rupees.—

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|---|---|---|
| Current - 1686,938 | | |
| Arrears - 40037 | | |
| 1846-47 | Rd | 1657,722 |
| 1847-48 | " | 1636183 |
| 1848-49 | " | 1653907 |
| 1849-50 | " | 16,36,410 |
| 1850-51 | " | 1637332 |
| 1851-52 | " | 1633304 |
| 1852 53 | " | 1628,448 |
| 1853-54 | " | 1611914 |
| 1854 55 | " | 1629293 |
| 1855-56 | " | 1891769 |
| Average | " | 1661628 |
| 1856-57 | " | 1726975 |
| Increase in 1856-57 | " | 65347 |

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Nothing materially affecting this branch of administration has occurred during the year Recent legislation &ca as to the realization of arrears of Land tax, cannot fail to produce legal questions of importance in this District.—

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The item of Rupees 40037 on account of arrears realized, comprizes the sum of Rupees 32,572 on account of arrears due by the Beebee of Cannanore. The administration of the four Laccadive Islands under

under management during the year was successful, and within 5 or 6 years the arrears will be liquidated. The question as to the nature of the changes to be introduced when the Islands are given up, with a view to the amelioration of the Fiscal System existing and condition of the people, is still unarranged

Customs 6 Continue to exhibit a very favorable state of trade, and the steady increase in the Revenue which has already taken place has been maintained during the year. The amount realized has been 82029 Rs in excess of that of 1855-56, but Rupees 88314 must be considered more or less exceptionable being the duty on Rails (58260) and Rupees 30054 duty on Salt introduced for private trade. The present Salt Revenue has lost more than this increase of the customs restored

| | Import | Export | Tangasherry and Extra Revenue | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1848-49 | 7427 | 19901 | 814 | 28142 | |
| 49-50 | 11117 | 19165 | 457 | 30733 | |
| 50-51 | 10338 | 21316 | 446 | 32100 | |
| 51-52 | 9829 | 24657 | 487 | 34967 | |
| 52-53 | 10625 | 29408 | 437 | 40470 | |
| 53 54 | 24746 | 37379 | 794 | 62919 | |
| 54-55 | 28002 | 41969 | 437 | 70408 | |
| 55-56 | 29998 | 48748 | 437 | 79183 | |
| Average | 16570 | 30317 | 538 | 47365 | |
| 1856-57 | 118364 | 42411 | 437 | 161212 | |
| Excess in 1856-57 | | | | 113847 | |

Vide Para. 11



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Coffee, the growth of Malabar exported during the following years:—

| | |
|---|---|
| 1846-47 | 814 Cwt |
| 47-48 | 5293 " |
| 48-49 | 9573 " |
| 49-50 | 6904 " |
| 50-51 | 13300 " |
| 51-52 | 10797 " |
| 52-53 | 15389 " |
| 53-54 | 20929 " |
| 54-55 | 19926 " |
| 55-56 | 31273 " |
| Average | 13520 " |
| 1856-57 | 32656 " |
| Excess over average | 19136 " |

Coffee Exportations have increased in a very remarkable degree, showing a great advance in the cultivation of this important product. The tariff value (Rs 150 per Candy of 500 lbs) on which duty (of 3 p/c) is levied, falls short of the declared value of the article (100 Rs) by 100 p/c and is very advantageous to the Exporter.

8. The Port of Cochin stands pre-eminent in every point of view, having launched during 1856, 8 3/4 lacks of Rupees worth of square-rigged shipping from its own ship-building yards.

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|---|---|
| Value of Exports | 19,45,770 |
| " of Imports | 26,17,185 |
| No. of vessels arrived | 1993 |
| Tonnage | 82024 |
| Duty on Exports Rs. | 30,146 |
| " on Imports " | 24,185 |
| Tonnage Duty " | 2,572 |
| Total Rupees | 56,903 |

Exports and Imports have been large as shewn in the margin. The introduction of the Bonding system will be of great advantage.

9. The French Port of Mahé bids fair to monopolize the entire export trade from Malabar and Canara to France. The certificate de

de Provenance, which secures a favorable rate of import duty in European French Ports, attracts large quantity of British produce thither, and as no frontier duty is levied between Mahe and Malabar, the export affects seriously our Revenue

Stamps. 10. This source of Revenue is progressively and steadily increasing. The augmentation is attributable not only to an increased litigation, but to the great increase of Commercial and conveyance business which by Law must be transacted on Stamp Instrumenents. It is indicative of Commercial and Domestic prosperity.

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|---|---|---|
| 1846-47 | Rupees | 40155 |
| 47-48 | " | 40,843 |
| 48-49 | " | 48,419 |
| 49-50 | " | 50,275 |
| 50-51 | " | 64,053 |
| 51-52 | " | 65,541 |
| 52-53 | " | 67,994 |
| 53-54 | " | 82,313 |
| 54-55 | " | 93,803 |
| 55-56 | " | 108032. |
| Average Rupees | | 66743 |
| 1856-57 | " | 111,346 |
| Excess in 1856-57 | | 44603 |

Salt. 11. The Salt transactions of 10 years are exhibited in the margin. A Deficit of Rupees 82,823 appears against the current year as compared with 1855-56 of this deficit Rupees 30,054 were brought to account under the head of Sea Customs, being duty on Salt introduced for private sale. (See Para 6.) The real deficit of the year therefore amounts to Rupees 52,769. But 1855-56 was a year of abnormal activity in this trade. Compared with the average Revenue of 10 years that

| Gross Sales. | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1846-47 | Rupees. | 330089 |
| 47-48 | " | 353580 |
| 48-49 | " | 350284 |
| 49-50 | " | 353771 |
| 50-51 | " | 342633 |
| 51-52 | " | 306933 |
| 52-53 | " | 333399 |
| 53-54 | " | 330190 |
| 54-55 | " | 340931 |
| 55-56 | " | 450264 |
| Average Rupees | | 349207 |
| 1856-57 | " | 867441 |
| Excess over average | " | 182734 |



that of the year under review still exhibits an excess of Rupees 18,234.—

12. The Home Consumption fell off by 16⅛ per %, while the inland sale suffered to the extent of 39 per %. The 31,347 Indian Maunds introduced for private sale relieved this pressure in some measure, still a heavy falling off to the extent of 84,280 Indian Maunds could not fail to be felt by the people, and has checked the advance of Revenue.—

| Sales for | 1855/56. | 1856/57. | Decrease | Per Centage of the Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | I. Mds. | I. Mds. | I. Mds. | I. Mds. |
| Home Consumption — | 267934 | 224797 | 43137 | 16⅛ |
| Inland Consumption — | 193593 | 118943 | 75190 | 39. |

13. The deficit is to be attributed 1st to the enhancement of the price which took effect in October 1856, and consequent increase of smuggling from the Cochin Frontier - and 2ndly to the introduction of weighment, instead of measurement, by which the Consumer is further a looser of about 15 to 20 per % - the Indian Maund of 2,960 Cubic Inches measurement exceeding to that extent the proper Indian Maund of 82⅔ lbs weight. - The introduction of weighment of Salt has been successful and must put an end to many of the fraudulent tricks which disgrace this Department. The first year's experiment for

for the revival of the indigenous manufacture of salt has given confidence that success will follow the peoples endeavours Salt Pans have been formed in 5 or 6 different localities and the Bombay system has been introduced.—

Meohturpha.

14. The Deficit under this head is apparent only, from the same cause which affected the Land Revenue, as explained in Para 2.—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gross Collections in 1855/56 | Rupees | 1,22,225 | |
| Do. Do. | in 1856/57 | " | 1,03,545 |
| Decrease | Rupees | | 18,680 |

Alkanry.

15. The foregoing Remark applies also to this item of Revenue, which exhibits this year a decrease of Rupees 4,189.

Frontier Duty Collected round Mahé.

16. Too trifling to need remark. The establishment of a frontier duty between Mahé and Malabar alone will arrest the loss of Revenue noticed under the Head of Sea Customs.—

Seray Summ: Mahé Increase Rupees 3170.—

17. The Gross Receipts during the year amounted to Rupees 34,096. of which Rupees 23,446 on account of the Betutnaad Rajah's escheated property the sale of which has been prosecuted satisfactorily. During the three years ending with 30th April 1856, 1588 Acres of Land, of various descriptions had been sold and 75,495 Rupees were realized after deducting all dues thereon during the year under review 506 acres have



have been disposed of and realized Rupees 23,446.—

Grand Total.—

18. The Gross Collections of 1856-57 amount to ——— Rupees 25,73,317
—— of 1855-56 do ——— " —— 27,55,173
Net Decrease Rupees —— 1,81,856.

The deficit is apparent only, consequent on the change of account noticed in Paras 2, 14, and 17.—

Political.

19. Under the Head of "Customs" was noticed the export of Produce under Certificate de Provenance from the French Settlement of Mahé to the great detriment of our Revenues.—

20. The extensive recruiting throughout Malabar of Coolies for emigration to the French Settlement of the "L'Isle de Reunion" has been the subject of correspondence and has been met by vigorous and represssive measures.—

21. The extensive smuggling of the monopolized Pepper and Cardamom from the states of Travancore and Cochin thro' the British Ports of Cochin, Anjengo and Tangasherry, gives rise to bitter, but fruitless remonstrances, and its attempted represssion continues to lead to measures of great danger and severity on the part of the preventive Establishment of the latter of these States. Suffua Tobacco is imported at all these ports for the Consumption of the subjects of these states and is proving a very lucrative contraband trade to our Subjects.—

The

Meiscellaneous Population.

22. The first quinquennial Census taken under the orders of Government dated 22d September 1849 was completed this year and shows an aggregate population of 16,02,914 inhabitants, giving an increase of 6 per % - The area of the District is 6262 square miles giving 256 inhabitants per square mile. Of the total population 11,96,251 may be clased as agriculturists and the residue 4,06,663 as mercantile and non-agricultural. —

| | |
|---|---|
| * Heindoos | 11,53,174 |
| Mussulmans | 4,14,126 |
| Christians | 23,614 |
| | 16,02,914 |
| According to the Census taken in 1850/51 | 15,14,909 |

Agriculture. —

23. No accurate agricultural statistic can be furnished from this District. None are kept by the Village or Revenue Establishment. —

Forests and Conservancy.

24. The appointment of a Conservator of Forests for Malabar will lead to a careful enquiry after any Government Forest that excists the result of escheats &c., but it seems doubtful whether there is any very large extent of these in this Propriatary District. The fine young Teak Plantation formed by Mr. Conolly at Nellamboor containing upwards of 10 lacks of Teak Plants are transferred in a healthy condition.

Mining. —

25. The Gold diggings of Wynaad are in an unsatisfactory state. Specimens of the rocks &c. from the diggings are about to be forwarded to the Coal and Mineral viewer to the Honorable East India Company's



Electric Telegraph.

* 28th September 1856 Cannanore Calicut Total No. of Messages Public and Private - 2120. Total receipt on account of Govt. Rs. 6481.

26. Two Electric Telegraph stations have been established as per margin, to the great convenience of the Mercantile Community. The extention to Cochin and down the Coast is likely shortly to follow, and is loudly called for. —

Railway —

27. The valuation &c. of the land taken up for the Railway has been vigorously prosecuted. Five Districts of the line, 13 to 17, measuring about 115 miles are within this District. The valuations of 2/3 of the whole have been completed. The Statement in the margin shews the extent &c. valued, and the probable Cost Viz. 82,000 Rupees. Of this amount Rupees 48,000 have been disbursed, and within the current month the whole will be settled. —

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 310 Acres of Nunjah or Wet Land &c. | — | 22,100 |
| 83 — &c. — of Bonjah or Dry — &c. | — " — | 1,200 |
| 236 — &c. — of Gardens | — " — | 39,996 |
| Miscellaneous Compensation | — " — | 18,803 |
| Total Compensation Rupees | | 82,099. |

28. The Statement called for in the Boards Circular dated 20th March last will be forwarded in 3 or 4 days —

Calicut &c. &c.
13th May 1857

Signed J. W. Robinson
Acting Collector
Comparative

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Jor A. Saint

George 22nd May 1857.

Enclosure

No 1.

# Comparative Statement of Collections for the Official years 1855/56 and 1856/57.

| Sources of Revenue | Collections in 1855/56. | | | Collections in 1856/57. | | | Comparison | | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | On account of Current Demand | On account of arrears | Total | On account of Current Demand | On account of arrears | Total | Increase | Decrease | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Land Revenue | 18,8,110 | 83,659 | 18,91,769 | 16,86,938 | 40,037 | 17,26,975 | " | 164,794 | The difference between the Items entered in Columns 2 and 3 of this Statement and Columns 5 and 6. of last years statement is owing to certain items formerly appertaining to the respective Heads of Farms and Licences and Sevoy Summa having been credited under the Head of Land Revenue. |
| Sea Customs | 78,746 | 437 | 79,183 | 1,12,12 | " | 1,12,12 | 82,029 | " | |
| Stamps | 1,08,032 | " | 1,08,032 | 1,11,346 | " | 1,11,346 | 3,314 | " | |
| Salt | 4,50,264 | " | 4,50,264 | 3,67,441 | " | 3,67,441 | " | 82,823 | |
| Meoturpha | 117,852 | 4,373 | 122,225 | 102,795 | 750 | 103,545 | " | 18,680 | |
| Akarry | 68,477 | 4,281 | 72,758 | 66,595 | 1,974 | 68,569 | " | 4,189 | |
| Frontier Duty | 16 | " | 16 | 133 | " | 133 | 117 | " | |
| Total | 26,31,497 | 92,750 | 27,24,247 | 24,96,460 | 42,761 | 25,39,221 | 85,460 | 2,70,486 | |
| Sevoy Summa Land | 25,321 | " | 25,321 | 26,074 | " | 26,074 | 753 | " | |
| Extra Sources | 5,603 | " | 5,603 | 8,022 | " | 8,022 | 2,417 | " | |
| Total | 30,926 | " | 30,926 | 34,096 | " | 34,096 | 3,170 | " | |
| Grand Total | 26,62,423 | 92,750 | 27,55,173 | 25,30,556 | 42,761 | 25,73,317 | 88,630 | 2,70,486 | |
| | | | | A.A Decrease | | | | 1,81,856 | |

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/Signed/ W. Robinson
Acting Collector

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No. 60

1035

To

J. P. Sim Esqr.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

B. No. 1783
From the Acting
Collector of Madras

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Circular of the 25th April last No. 1283, I have the honor to report for the information of the Board of Revenue, that an Almanac and an Army List are required annually, for the use of this Office - But the Almanac for the current year having been already purchased from the Asylum Press, I request you will be so good as to furnish me with an Army List for this year.—

Madras,
14th May 1857.

/Signed/ W. E. Cochrane
Acting Collector

1035-36

Order thereon — Ordered to lie over.—

To

8358

Fort St. George 22d May 1857.

No. 74.

1037

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

B. No. 1865
From the Acting
Collector of
Guntoor

Sir,

Adverting to the Board's Circular No. 1206 of the 20th Ultimo, I have the honor to state for their information that the practice alluded to, of forwarding documents to the Superintendent of Stamps for the purpose of being correctly stamped so as to be recognized by Civil Courts does not obtain in this District and the instructions conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 7th Idem do not seem applicable here.—

2 Any document required in the Courts of Adalut is at once filed, the penalty prescribed by the Regulations in cases of unstamped or insufficiently stamped documents being recovered from the party without the intervention of the Collector or the Superintendent

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Superintendent of Stamps.—

Guntoor, District
Collector's Office
Condaveed
16th May 1857.—

/Signed/ H. Newill
Acting Collector

1037-38
Order thereon.— Ordered to be recorded

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No. 63

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

B. No. 1860
From the Acting Collector of Madras — Sir,

1039

Adverting to the Board's Circular of the 20th February last, calling for a report upon the Revenue of this Collectorate for the Official year ending 30th Ultimo, I have the honor to subjoin a Statement shewing, at one view, the gross Collections from different branches of Revenue for the period under review, in comparison with those of the last year.—

Numbers

CB.

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Statement of Collections from 1855/56 to 1856/57 Inclusive Decrease

| Numbers | Heads | 1855/56 | 1856/57 | Increase | Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Land Revenue Rupees | 53,132 | 19,125 | " | 34,007 |
| | Arrears | 18,028 | 17,541 | " | 487 |
| | Total | 71,160 | 36,667 | 5994 | 487 |
| | Extra Sources | | | | |
| 2 | Abkary | 586,115 | 1,52,644 | 30,559 | " |
| 3 | Sale | 410,905 | 559,050 | " | 51,847 |
| 4 | Stamps | 9,433 | 12,520 | 3,087 | " |
| | Total | 1,206,454 | 11,94,253 | 39,646 | 51,847 |
| | Extra Revenue | | | | |
| 5 | Land Revenue | 3,570 | 5,291 | 1,622 | " |
| 6 | Abkary | 370 | 381 | 11 | " |
| 7 | Sale | 281 | 132 | " | 149 |
| 18 | Cayer sale proceeds of Old ma: | " | 201 | 201 | " |
| | : torials | | | | |
| | Total | 4321 | 5005 | 1833 | 149 |
| | Grand Total | 12,81,035 | 12,46,025 | 47,443 | 52,483 |

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2 From the above, it will be seen that there is an increase under each head of Revenue, with the exception of Salt, resulting in a net decrease of Rupees 5,010 ascribable chiefly to the less opportunation of that commodity by Sea.

| Indian Rounds | |
|---|---|
| 1855/56 | 6,76,445 |
| 1856/57 | 3,34,515 |
| Decrease | 3,41,930 |

3 The season was most unfavorable, there was no rain at the proper time; and consequently the people in general suffered great hardships.

4 As reported last year, the operations of the Survey were extended to the Noongumbaukt, Egmore, and Triplicane Divisions, the Survey has, with some exceptions, been finished in the first two Divisions, while in the latter the work is in progress. The enquiry into the subject of lands being enjoyed without title is going on as speedily as practicable, depending as it does on the parties interested attending on the enquiry in question.

5 Referring to para 2 of the Board's Circular under reply, I beg to observe that the peculiar nature of the mode in which the Assessment has been introduced



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introduced into this Collectorate was detailed in a letter from this Office, dated 31st August 1855 and there does not appear to have taken place any such permanent changes as require the particular attention of the Board.

6 It may be proper to state briefly that the amount of Quit Rent within the walls of Black Town having been fixed upon the value of the property, it always fluctuates, as a matter of course, according to the existing circumstances, whenever parties apply for fresh Certificates on improvements made by them to their buildings.

As for the Quit Rent collected from the Villages which are lying beyond Black Town walls no permanent reductions are allowed to be made without the sanction of the Board. From the Records, it appears that in 1852 a reduction of Quit Rent from Rupees 5-4 to

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to Rupees 1-12-11 was made on the land held under several Certificates by Ramiah Pullado and Chinniatumby Naidoo Thus, as well as the reduction from Rupees 10 8.-11 to 7 on each Lime Kiln, which was ordered by the Board in 1855, are together with certain other items entered in the accompanying Statement prepared according to the form annexed to the Board's Circular of the 20th March last.

7- There are still certain reductions or modifications made in some other branches as hereinafter mentioned, but these, I think, are from their nature not required to be blended with those in the above Statement

8- The reductions referred to are 1st in the scale of fees





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† Boards Proceedings 7th month 56 minutes of Consn 3d Idem

fees in the Registration Department

* minutes of Consn 30th August 1853

2d do in the rates of fees levied for stamping Weights and Measures.

@ Minutes of Consn 15th January 1855

and 3d do in the modification of the

Boards Proceedings 22d January 1855

Revenues from Cochrane's Canal by abolishing the practise of levying the Toll on goods imported and exported and introducing the system of collecting the same on the Tonnage of Boats plying on the Canal. In introducing the changes in the first two branches, the Government it is clear, have not attached any importance to their deriving any gain from these sources but only looked to the encouragement of the people resorting to them, and with regard to Cochrane's Canal no remarks are called for from me, as it has been transferred to the management of another Officer

Madras
19th May 1857

/Signed/ W. E. Cochrane
Acting Collector

8365 | Fort St. George 22d May 1857.

Statement shewing the permanent relief from taxation afforded to the people in the Collectorate of Madras during the last 15 years.-

| Name of Tax | Nature of Item | year of abolition or reduction | Amount | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | | Rs a p | |
| Land Revenue | Quit Rent | 1852 | 57-8-4 | Reduced from Rs. 5-4-a to Rs. 1-12- per Cawny cs gs ps on 16-10-65 belonging to Ramanah Cuttoodoo and Chinnatiumby Naick under orders of the Board 11th March 1852 |
| | Ground rent | 1855 | 756 | Reduced on 18 Chunam Kilns from Rs. 10-8-- to Rupees 7 for each Kiln per month under orders of the Board 23d August 1855. |
| | License fee | 1855 | 72-- | Abolished under the orders of Government 7th August |
| Land Customs Sayer | | 1844 | 58,496 3-- | Abolished under orders of the Board 28th March 1844. |
| | Frontier | 1853. | 199-- | Do under orders of Government 31st May conveyed in Board's Proceedings 16th June 1853.- |

Madras . . . 19th May 1857 } Signed W. E. Cochrane

Order thereon Ordered to lie over

Resolved

(1039-40)

8366 | Fort St. George 22d May 1857

Resolved that the following letters be sent.-

(1041)

To The Acting Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit herewith the Broken set of their Proceedings for the month of April 1857 for transmission to the Honorable the Court of Directors.-

To the Acting Secretary to Government Revenue Department

Revenue Board Office Fort St. George 22d May 1857 . . . } Signed J. D. Sim Acting Secretary

(1042)

To The Acting Collector of Madura

Sir,

With reference to the concluding part of my letter dated 31st March last

No

Fort St. George 22d May 1857

No 991, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that a careful search has been under among the Records of this Office, but the papers specified in the margin have not been found.

Minutes of Lord Hobart 24th March 1799 General letter 10th June 1795 para 155 a 58
" — 5th June 1799 Paras 4 a 8

Revenue Bd Office
Fort St. George
22d. May 1857

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Ag. Secretary

Received the under mentioned Miscellaneous Letters and Statements

1043
Mr. No. 1114
From the Acting Collector of Ganjam ... } Statement of the value of Gold and Silver Bullion and specie exported by sea in april 1857

From





Bd. No. 1115.
From the Acting Collector of Ganjam } Statement of the value of Gold and Silver Bullion and specie imported by sea in April 1857.
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1045

Mr. No. 1117.
From the Acting Collector of Nellore } Statement of the value of Gold and Silver Bullion and specie imported by sea in April 1857.
1046

Mr. No. 1116
From the Acting Collector of Canara } Reports that the Return of Bullion exported in last Month is Blank.

1047
Mr. No. 1112
From the Collector of Madura } Average Bazar Prices.

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Prices of Grain for the Month of

April 1857.

Mr. No. 1113

1048

From the Collector of Coimbatore } Average Bazar Prices of Grain for the Month of

1049

April 1857.

Mr. No. 1114

From the Acting Collector of Madura } Register of Petitions in

1050

April 1857.

Mr. No. 1120

From the Collector of South Arcot } Account Current of Salt for April 1857.

1051

Mr. No. 1119

From the Acting Collector of Malabar } Account Current of Salt for April 1857.

Proceedings



Fort St. George 23d May 1857.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Saturday the 23d May 1857.—

Read the following Papers.—

1052

B. After No. 1905 From the Sec. to Govt.

1052-53

B. No. 1756.

Order thereon.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 20th May 1857.—

Authorizing the defence of an action instituted by O. S. No. 125 of 1856 instituted by Custalah Silrazoo alias Suvanah in the Civil Court of Masulipm against the Sub Collector of the District.— See No. 4479 in separate Volume P. 502

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector with copy of the Board's Proceedings and revised answer.—

No. 6.

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

Sir

B. No. 571. From the Actg Collr of Malabar

Submitting with reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 13th March and Board's remarks No. 3675 the explanation called for on the Statement of actual charges.—

1053

Para 1. With reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 130 and Board's remarks No. 3675 on the Statement of actual charges I have the honor to observe that the Goomastah therein referred to in 2nd Para had Batta disbursed to him because he was deputed on circuit instead of one on the Establishment whose services could not be dispensed with at the Huzzoor.—

This indulgence was also extended to the Peristedars of Calicut and Coroombranaad for such period only as they remained in the Betutnaad Talook on the business of the escheated Estate of the Betutnaad Rajah and that in accordance with the Sanction of Government under date 1st December 1854.

Veeraraypetah Coy.

3. Batta was granted to the Peons of the Head Assistant Collector in whose division Gunnothe Va. are situated in accordance with the late Mr. Connolly's wishes. The duty of the Head Assistant in overlooking the Public Works on the Perambady line of road renders the visit of this Officer to those parts indispensable and the late Collector considered that the jungly and very unhealthy nature of these places to

8371. Fort St. George 23d. May 1857.

so much like Wynaad (Veerarypetta is precisely the same) and the difficulty of obtaining provisions there justified the payment of Batta which ceased the moment the servants returned to the open country. I trust that this will be sanctioned as well now as for the future. The Head Assistants trip thither within the last two months laid that Officer up as well as several of his Establishment.—

4. The last two items commented upon in Para 5 of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation were disbursed previous to the receipt of the Board's proceedings under date the 24th. October 1855 and will I trust now be passed.—

Charges under Estimate for Fusly 1264.—

5 With reference to the 2d. para of the Board's remarks No. 3675. I have the honor to inform you that the particulars therein alluded to, were entered in the "Accounts Particular" because they had received the sanction of Government in an Estimate for Sadderwared Charges under date the 8th. March 1853.—

Calpetta ....
27th. January 1857

/Signed/ W. Robinson
Acting Collector.

F.G.B.

8372 Fort St. George 23d. May 1857

B. No. 1738.

Resolution thereon.— Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 13th December 1856 No. 1310.—

(1057-55)

2. The Acting Collector explains that batta was paid to the stamp Goomastah in consequence of his having been deputed on circuit duty in lieu of a Goomastah whose service could not be dispenced with at the Hoozoor.—

3. The Sheristadars referred to drew batta during the time they were engaged in the Settlement of the Betutnaid Pajahs property, in accordance with the sanction of Government conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation 1st December 1854 No. 1571.—

In Dt. Cons. 4th. Jany. 1855.

He further states that Batta was granted in Fusly 1264 to the Peons Yeas of the Head Assistant Collector for the period occupied in travelling from Gumathe to Veerajahs pett stock again and from Gumathe to Peria in accordance with the wishes of the

the late Collector Mr. Conolly, who consi-
=dered that the jungly and very unhealthy
nature of these places, which are so much
like Wynaad, and the difficulty of ob-
obtaining provisions there, justified the
payment of Batta to such Servants.-

4 Under this explanation the Board
recommend that sanction be granted for
the charges incurred on account of Batta
paid to the Servants in the Revenue and
Rev. Dept. Rs. 2270-13-6 Magistrates Departments in Fusly 1264,
Magt. Dept. " 249-13-6
Rs. 2520-11-" Amounting to Rupees 2520-11-".-

5. With regard to the Extra Establish-
=ment employed in Fusly 1264 for ascer-
=taining the damages sustained by the
crops in the Kootanaad Talook and for
assisting the special Assistant Collector's
Establishment as well as for translating
into Malayalum the Hindoovee Koolwar
Chittahs, the Acting Collector states that
the charges on this account were
disbursed before the receipt of the
24th October 1855- Board's orders pointing out that such
No. 2815. items should not have been incurred
without



without the previous submission of an
Estimate. The Board therefore support
the Acting Collector's recommendation
that the charges (Rs. 88-14-11) in question
may receive the sanction of Government.-

6. The Board take this opportu-
From Govt. 7th In Cons. 17th Nov. 1853 No. 1227.- =nity of stating that the Report required
by Government relative to the Koolwar
accounts has not as yet been received,
but the Acting Collector has been request-
=ed to furnish it with as little delay
as possible.-

7. It is drewed that the charges
for bindings books and for the pay of
sweepers employed at the Anjengo and
Pungasherry Ameen's Cutcherries are
not of a Saderwared nature and
should not therefore have been entered
in the Saderwared Estimate sanctioned
In Cons. 17th March 1853. on the 8th March 1853 - These charges
will be excluded from the revised Estimate
of Saderwared allowances called for by
In Cons. 27th Feby 1857. Government on the 24th January 1857 No. 96

R. D.

8375. Fort St. George 23d May 1857

Read again Return from the Collector of Cuddapah dated 30th January and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 7th February 1857, of persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822.

Read also again Return from the Collector of Cuddapah dated 30th January and entered in Miscellaneous Consultations 7th February 1857 of Village Officers referred to in Section VII Regulation VI of 1831.—

(1056)

P. No 1747.

Proceedings thereon.—1. The Charges 8 in Number appearing in the first of these Returns comprize Extra and unauthorized Collection, Embezzlement and mis-appropriation of Government money, fraudulent omission of Cultivation, and falsification of accounts.—

2. Eight Curnums belonging to Custa Cumbum are the Defendants in these cases, and they have in every instance been convicted on all the counts.—

Fines

8370 Fort St. George 23d May 1857.

| Number | Sum adjudged under Clause 1st Section V. | Fine under Clause 4th Section V | Total | Period of imprisonment in default |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rs A P | Rs A P | Rs A P | |
| 12 | 63 10 6 | 500 " " | 563 10 6 | 12 months |
| 13 | 689 6 " | 500 " " | 1189 6 " | 12 Do |
| 14 | 30 " 5 | 50 " " | 80 " 5 | 2 Do 1st Deft |
| | 50 " 6 | 200 " " | 250 " 6 | 6 Do 2 Do |
| 15 | 59 13 7 | 50 " " | 109 13 7 | 2 Do |
| 16 | 11 8 5 | 50 " " | 61 8 5 | 2 Do |
| 17 | " " " | 20 " " | 20 " " | 1 Do |
| 18 | " " " | 50 " " | 50 " " | 2 Do |
| 19 | 63 14 9 | 50 " " | 113 14 9 | 2 Do |
| | 963 6 2 | 1470 " " | 2438 6 2 | |

3 Fines (including refund of sums embezzled) ranging from Rupees 20 to Rupees 1189-6- have been adjudged and all the parties have been dismissed.—

4 The Board regard with much concern the prevalence of dishonest practices among the Village Revenue Officers, and they are led to infer that, if in a single Village Eight Curnums are found to have been guilty of Malversation - and that to a very considerable extent - a very lax supervision must be exercised by the Talook authorities, especially by those whose more immediate duty consists in the suppression of fraud

fraud in the Villages under their charge.—

5. The Board are not satisfied that the Peshgar has not been more or less directly cognizant of, and possibly implicated in, these malpractices. They desire to know what explanation he has to offer in the matter, and whether he was forward in the Endeavour to elicit information when the Charges were first preferred.—

6 The Board had occasion in a late Review* to remark upon the inadequacy of the punishments awarded in certain cases of Malversation, and they presume that it is in consequence of this expression of their views that the sentences in the present Return appear somewhat severe.

7 500 Rs. The Board observe, is a heavy fine, and one which considering the means and resources generally possessed by persons in the position of Curnum could seldom be made good. The Charges, however, in these cases are of a very serious nature and afford

* 26th Feby 1856.



afford so glaring an instance of Corruption throughout the whole Revenue administration of this Village that the Board agree in thinking it necessary to put down such practices by stringent measures.—

8. Referring to Nos 17 and 18, it is observed that, although the Principal, doing duty by deputy was not criminally liable, unless proved to have been cognizant of the frauds practised by his Goomastah, he was personally accountable for all sums embezzled.—And it does not appear that the Principals referred to have been removed from their posts.—

9 It seems to the Board idle to expect that the duties of the Office will be efficiently or honestly performed, so long as the Curnum can shift the responsibility on the shoulders of one who is not a paid servant of Government and whose removal in no wise affects his interests. The Collector will be pleased to furnish information on this point.— The

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10. The Defendants, as was the case on the occasion above adverted to, are all in receipt of ample allowances and cannot therefore plead insufficiency of remuneration as a palliation of their guilt.—

11. The Board are desirous that advantage should be taken of opportunities such as the present for checking these malpractions which it is to be feared are by no means uncommon, by the introduction of a better class of Curnums.—

12. It is not, they would remark, imperative on a Collector to appoint, to a Village Office vacated by misconduct, the nearest heir of the dismissed party.

13 Efficiency is the first consideration, and if in any instance this would not be secured by a recognition of hereditary claims, or if the parties proposed to be nominated stand in such relation to those dismissed as would render the change a merely nominal one without any guarantee for the more faithful performance of the duties of the Office, it will be for the Collector to appoint the nearest heir to whom such objections do



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do not attach.—

14. The Collector will be pleased to report what arrangements he has made for filling up these vacant posts, specifying the degree in which the new Officers are related to those whome they succeed.—

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1057

B. No 1029.
From the Collector of North Arcot

No 61.

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

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 7th Instant No 64, to state on what terms the unassessed land is held by Ramasawmy Moodely in the Village of Mailairy in the Tirvettoor Talook.—

2. I beg to state in reply that the land in question was not given on cowle, but was granted to Ramasawmy Moodely and others for cultivation, on the understanding that they would be liable to pay the assessment which

which might be imposed on it, with reference to the assessment of the adjoining lands, according to the usual practice when unassessed land is brought under cultivation, and that if they failed to cultivate it, the land would be made over to other ryots who might apply for it.—

3 This is the usual practice when unassessed land is taken up for cultivation and considerable time is spent at each Summabundy in so assessing hitherto unassessed land newly brought under cultivation.—

4 The Thasildar reports that about 32 Cawnies of the unassessed Poramboke land has been cultivated, and that the remainder of the land is being prepared for cultivation.—

North Arcot
Collector's Cutcherry
Wundawash 11th March
1857

B. 1728.
Proceedings thereon.—

(1057-58)

/ Signed / C. Whittingham
Collector

In the Collector's letters of the



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the 30th October last it was stated, that the unassessed land referred to in the Endorsement of the Board of Revenue dated 15th Instant had been given for cultivation and would be assessed when cultivated according to the rates of the nearest assessed land; and from the letter now recorded it appears that no Cowle or written agreement was executed, but that the grant was made on a simple understanding that the Grantees would be liable to pay the assessment which might be fixed, and to be turned out if they failed to cultivate.—

2. The Board are of opinion that this mode of making over waste land is objectionable in so far as there is no specification as to the time within which the land must be paid for whether cultivated or not. and no written agreement. Time is of course required to reclaim waste, and it is not desirable to exact revenue from a Ryot before it is practicable for

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for him to derive any profit. It is from these considerations that the Cowle Rules were established, and the Board must prefer their being followed, to land being given on indefinite and unrecorded arrangements:-

3 In the present case it is stated that 32 Cawnies of the unassessed Perumbokie land has been cultivated and the remainder prepared. The levy of a tax will therefore be no longer deferred and further orders seem unnecessary.-

4. It may not be superfluous however to remind Mr. Whittingham that under the orders of the Court of Directors the Villagers should have the first option of land within their limits, and to express the Board's opinion that no perumpoke land should be granted for cultivation, unless there is sufficient pasture without it for the Village Cattle.-



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No 46

(105-9)

To

The Secretary
to the Court of Wards
Fort St. George

B. No. 1381

From The Acting Collector of Ganjam

Sir

I have the honor to report that the Minor Zemindar of Badagodah who has a short time more to complete his Minority proposed to the Zemindar of Vizianagrum to wed his second Sister and has obtained his consent to the alliance. He states that his Palace is in need of repair in some places and requests that he may be allowed Rupees 2,500 for the expenses of the preliminaries during the negotiation and for the repairs of his habitation. I am satisfied that these expenses must be incurred though probably not to the full amount applied for, the young man is now very nearly of age and I would beg leave to reiterate my former proposition that the Estate be made over to him under the supervision of his Uncle

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Uncle the Zemindar of Shivighur who is to mak
him his heir.

Ganjam District
Collr Circuit Office
Chicacole 6th April
Br No 1738 1857

/ Signed / W. Knox
Acting Collector

Proceedings thereon.

(1059-60)

Before sanctioning the disbursement pro-
posed by the Acting Collector for the expences attending
the Marriage of the Minor Zemindar and for the
repair of the Palace, the Court of Wards desire to be
informed of the financial position of the Estate.
The age of the Minor should also be given.

2. With regard to the proposition at the
close of this letter, the Court refer the Acting
Collector to section ~~IV~~ V Regulation V of 1804
which forbids the transfer of an Estate to a
minor and provides that the duration of
of Minority shall continue until the
completion of the 18 year.

8380 Fort Saint George 23d May 1857.

No. 80.

(1061)

To,

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

Br No. 1533.

From the Collector of South Arcot

Affording information regarding certain Cavil Fees or House and Shop Taxes in South Arcot.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge your letter of the 17th Instant No. 1155 calling
for information regarding certain Cavil Fees or
House and shop taxes, alluded to by Mr Ashton
in his letter of the 28th December 1836.

2. I have to apologise for not ha-
ving forwarded this information long before this
time in obedience to Extract from the Minutes
of Consultation under date 28th May 1856, But
I was desirous of obtaining further particulars
regarding the possession of the Cavil Enam lands
referred to in the same Extract before doing so,
which I have not yet collected.

3. From the enquiries I have now
held it appear that the amount of Rupees 24-1-9
entered by Mr Ashton is incorrect, the real fees
which were originally paid, coming to only
Rs As P
6-6-8 levied on Houses and Looms at 1 anna
for the former and 1-10 Rs P for the latter.

&c.

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4. As regards the Looms, this tax has not been paid for many years but has been kept in the accounts as a mere nominal entry.—

5. It has however been usual to collect the House and Shop fees amounting to only a few annas each year, as noted in the margin, and bring them to the credit of Government.—

| Fusly | Annas | Rice |
|---|---|---|
| 1255 | 12 | " |
| 1256 | 12 | " |
| 1259 | 10 | " |
| 1260 | 8 | 10 |
| 1261 | 10 | " |
| 1262 | 10 | " |
| 1263 | 9 | " |
| 1264 | 7 | 9 |
| 1265 | 5 | " |

6. This course appears to have been adopted in consequence of the Cavilgar not having made any application for the money.—

7. I have issued the necessary orders prohibiting the Collection of these fees for the future and the entry in the accounts of those on Looms.—

8. The nature or origin of the Fees in question do not appear to require any explanation.—

South Arcot
Collector's Cutcherry
Cuddalore
28th April 1857

/Signed/ Arthur Hall
Collector.

P.S.

8388 Fort St George 23d May 1857.

Bd No 1739

Resolution thereon

1061-62

In Corr 12th June /56

Rs As P
5-4-7

1063

Bd No 1045

From the Chief Engineer—

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government with reference to Para 7 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 28th May 1856 Revenue Department 548.

It will be seen that the Cavil fees in question were levied at the rate of 1 Anna on each house and 1-10 on each loom and that the Collections which originally amounted to Rupees 6-6-8 per Annum and not 24-1-9 as stated by Mr Ashton have since fusly 1255 varied from 5- to 12 Annas a year. The amount levied from Fusly 1255 to 1265 has been credited to Government, the party entitled to receive the money having made no application for it. The fees however, have now been abolished, a similar tax on looms had long since ceased to be collected and its nominal entry in the accounts has also now been discontinued.—

No 97

To The Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

With reference to your

Acting

Ft St George 23rd May 1857.

Acting Secretary's letter No 336 of the 27th January 1857, I have the honor to forward for your information copy of a letter No 88 of the 31st March 1857 from the additional Sub Collector of North Arcot to the Collr of that District.

2. In this letter Mr Banbury details the proposals made in communication with the Acting District Engineers of North Arcot and Chingleput, for regulating the supply of water to the Villages below the Cortelair Ancut recently erected at the entrance of the Bungaroo Channel.

3. The Ancut in question was designed by Captain Colleer the late Civil Engineer of the 4th Division, and provision was made for an Ancut for carrying the water of the Angarian Pookal to the 5 Villages dependant upon it, and an ample sluice way was left in the Ancut for the supply of the 8 Villages watered by the Manoor Channel, which was entitled to the spring water and to the low freshes it is said of the River.

4. The Bungaroo Channel (called in Mr Banbury's letter Placed Channel) had

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2. belonging to the Cavetnugger Zemindar.
2. to Chingleput
1. to Porkaud



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had its sole originally on a level with the deep bed of River, and there moreover existed an Ancut built with stone in Chunam but of very low section diagonally across the River. This is now almost obliterated since its destruction Coorumboor have been run up to divert the water into the Channel. The Bungaroo Channel was filled up with Silt to a depth of 5 feet and in the year 1852/53 was re-opened, its sole being cut to a level of the deep bed of the River Cortelair.

5. I am therefore of opinion that the Chumbrumbaukum Tank and several others which are supplied from the Channel before it reaches that reservoir are entitled to a share of the low freshes. And the existence of the ruined Ancut and the custom of building a Coorumboor strengthen the opinion.

6. Being of this opinion I should have objected to the arrangements proposed by these Gentlemen as too favorable to the interests of the Cavetnugger Zemindar a light in which even the Zemindar's own Vakeel looks upon it, were it not that

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It was Captain Colleys intention very materially to widen the Bungaroo Channel, and were this to take place which it eventually assuredly will be the interests of the Zemindary would without such an arrangement be damaged.-

7. All the circumstances of the case taken into consideration I approve of the decision come to, under the limitations in the above Para.-

Central Office
of P. Works
Fort St George
5th May 1857

/ Signed / C. E. Fabér Capt.
Chief Engineer.

Enclosure Nos

No 66

To /

C. Whittingham Esqr.
Collector of North Arcot.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that in compliance with the instructions received from the Board of Revenue with your letter of the 18th instant, Lieutenant Mayne and myself met the acting District Engineer of Chingleput at the Cortlair Anicut on



Tuesday last, and after enquiring into the various local usages, and inspecting the works in question, we came to the following conclusions, and made the undermentioned proposal for arranging satisfactorily the present existing difficulties.-

2. About a mile & a half above the newly erected Anicut there is a Spring head which supplies a channel in the River bed called the Anjaroo Vaikal, this as its names implies irrigates 5 Villages, 2 belonging to the Cavertnuggur Zemindary, 2 to Chingleput and 1 North Arcot-just it below the Anicut is the Manoor Channel supplied by the remaining Spring Water in the River bed and from the local Rains this Channel irrigates 8 Villages in the Cavertnuggur Samasthanum, and turns from the River bed to the Villages which it supplies about 3/4 of a mile below the Anicut.-

3. A Channel called Olaee Kalway has long existed, by means of which during greater water was carried from the Cortlair to the Chembrumbaukum Tank, it was also customary to erect early in the season a Corumboo or temporary

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Jo A St George 23rd May 1857.

kind of Anicut to catch the freshes, and from enquiries at the spot we ascertained that when the freshes in the River come down as deep as 2, 2½ or 3 feet, water would flow along the Place Kalway to the Chinglepet District - When however the Palaur and Poiney Anicuts are completed, the supply of water in the Cawvery Pauk and Makindra vandy Tanks will be rendered more ample and more certain than heretofore, consequently the surplus of these reservoirs flowing as it does into the Cortalair river, will make the freshes more frequent and, extensive. The case therefore appears to stand thus, the supply from the Anjooran Kalway should flow uninterruptedly as hitherto to the 5 Villages dependant upon it and the rest of the spring water in the river bed, and small freshes caused by the local rains should similarly be carried to the 8 Villages watered by the Manoor Channel but that Government by the right of previous usage and its outlay on the abovementioned works is entitled to a fair share of the larger freshes caused by the surplus in the Cawvery Pauk and Makindravady Tanks.-

In



Jo A St George 23rd May 1857.-

4. In order not to cut off in any way the usual supply afforded to the Manoor and Anjooran Channels, the District Engineer of Chinglepet last year placed an inverted arch in one of the sluices of the Anicut, thus allowing the water to pass freely, but during the subsequent freshes this was carried away, and the project disapproved of in consequence, two sluices with granite upright pillars are now placed in the Anicut, and a small temporary earthen bund being placed across the mouth of the Place Kalway, the spring water flows over the Anicut uninterruptedly in its usual course. In fixing all the above circumstances into consideration we determined that the Place Kalway had no claim, either to the spring water or to the small freshes caused by the local rains &c. consequently that a brick and Chunam wall, one foot higher than the level of the floor of the Anicut should be erected across the mouth of the Place Kalway thus permitting the spring water to flow freely through the Anicut Sluices which are to remain open until the water in time of freshes exceeds one foot over the

floor

* 9 Arches each 15 ft J.O.M.

* Sluices 15 ft J.A.M.

Retaining Wall J.O.M.

floor of the Anicut Sluices when one set of Sluices is to be closed, thus saying the Place Kalway, and either of the sluices left open are at a guess both 30 feet broad, 60 square feet of water would flow through the Sluices left open, and 30 square feet down the Place Channel, and the Sluice left open being 1 foot lower level than the Channel mouth. finally when the fresh exceeds 2 feet, 5 of the Sluices in the remaining set should be left open, and the others closed. by this means the object in view, namely, giving the Zemindar the Spring water and the smaller freshes, and at the same time allowing Government its due, that is a share of all water in the River above 1 foot and the larger proportion in extensive freshes appears to have been attained.—

o 27 feet waterway in each pd J.O. M.

5. The Pillagers appeared to approve of this arrangement, but objected on one ground, stating that they had in dry seasons to clear out the Anjooran Channel as much as 2 yards deep, into the River bed, and the water would consequently be opposed by the Anicut and their



their supply become diminished as a large pool (Takam) would form in front of the Anicut owing to the flooring being higher than the level of the Channel when cleared. Lieutenant Mayne however took the levels between the Spring head and the Anicut, and found that there was a fall of 9½ feet, so that saying the Spring head should be cleared out to the depth of 6 feet there is still a fall of 3½ feet in the mile, and a half between the head and the Anicut which is sufficient, and from our enquiries it did not appear that the Pillagers had ever dug out the Kaikal nearly so deep as they assert, this objection appears therefore groundless.—

6. The Zemindar could not meet us personally owing to the celebration of his brothers marriage, then taking place, but sent his Vakeel who seems to appreciate the favorable mode of settlement, I have written to the Zemindar communicating to him the proposed arrangement, and his answer shall be made known to you, a small rough sketch of the locality visited, and a copy of the letter from the Collector of Chingleput re-

garding

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garding his concurrence in the arrangements we might have been pleased to have forwarded.

I should the course we have proposed be adopted it would be necessary to have a Monigar appointed to see that the interests of Government do not suffer in anyway, and that a fair supply of water agreeably to the terms of the arrangement be furnished to the Chembrambaukum Tank, also one of the Zemindars Village Monigars should be made responsible for carrying out the measure fairly in conjunction with servant nominated by Government.

I have requested Lieutenants Mayne and Moberly to read and countersign this letter, adding any remarks or explanations they may think proper before sending it to your Office.-

[Signed] S. O. Mayne
Ag. Dy. Engineer N. Arcot

[Signed] G. Banbury
Ag. additional Sub Collr.
North Arcot

North Arcot Dy. Engrs. Office
Camp Arcot 4th April 1857

(True Copy)

[Signed] S. O. Mayne Lieut.
Acting Dy. Engr. of N. Arcot

(True Copy)

[Signed] C. C. Taber Colonel
Chief Engineer.

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Bd No. 1732

Orders thereon

(1063-64)

Ordered that a copy of the above letter be forwarded to the Collector of North Arcot, who will take care to explain to the Zemindar that the favorable arrangement now sanctioned is intended also as compensation for measures which may hereafter be adopted to widen the Bungaroo Channel, whereby his interests may to a certain extent be prejudiced.-

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No. 98

To

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

(1065)

Sir

Bd No. 1677

From the Collr. of North Arcot

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant No. 1422 requesting me to inform the Board whether there is any truth in the reports current at the Presidency that crime is at present very prevalent in my District, and the followers and baggage of some Regiments have recently been attacked and plundered on several occasions.

On

Fort St George 23rd May 1857.

2. On the 20th January last, 14 bandies containing property belonging to the 43rd Queen's Regiment, and some Commissariat Stores were passing at 2 o'clock in the Morning between Arcot and Sirovellur under an escort of 4 unarmed Europeans, and when at a distance of 2 or 3 miles from Ranepet, were attacked and robbed by a large gang of robbers, who were supposed to have learnt by communication with confederates at Amoor, the then Railway terminus, that 2 of these bandies contained valuable property.

3. On the evening of the 20th March last, the bandies of the 39th Regiment N. I. were attacked by robbers in the limits of the Bungalow Pollieu on the high road from Bangalore to Arcot. The escort of Sepoys does not appear to have been sufficiently alert, for before they could come up, the women in one of the bandies were robbed of jewels and cloths of the value of Rs 22-14-, when the guard came up, they fired on the robbers, on which they disappeared.

These



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4. These are the only attacks that have been made on the Followers and baggage of Regiments. on the night of the 29th March, one of the bandies of the same Regiment which had halted at Daraparadavadoo, was robbed of property of the value of Rs 65-14-. This was a case of secret theft, not of open robbery.

5. The further information called for by the Board will be furnished without delay, but I have deemed it proper at once to show how much truth there is in the report that attacks of the nature in question have recently occurred on several occasions in this District.

North Arcot Collrs Cutchery Chittoor 7th May 1857

/Signed/ C. Whittingham
Collector.

Dr No 1729
Proceedings thereon

1065-66

The Collector has not stated what steps were taken to discover and apprehend the persons concerned in the robberies mentioned and what degree of success attended the measures adopted.

2. This information the Collector will supply with the further report promised in Para 5 of his present communication.

No

8401 Fort St George 23rd May 1857.

No. 151

To

J. D. Sim Esqr

Actg Secretary Board of Revenue

1067

Bd No. 1783

From the Collr of Sea Customs

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Indent for weights &c. required by this Department, which has been sanctioned by the Board of Revenue and only passed for issue by the Inspector General of Ordnance, with the exception of the 50 Iron Weights of 56 lbs each.

The Scales and Triangles are of no use without weights, and as it appears they cannot be supplied by the Arsenal I respect. fully solicit authority for their purchase. The weights will cost Rupees 250 as per Margin. They are urgently required. —

† 50 No. 56 lbs Weight at 5 each Rs 250.

Sea Custom House
Madras 15th May 1857

/ Signed / W. C. Underwood
Collector Sea Customs

1067-68

Bd No. 1734

Proceedings thereon

The Board of Revenue authorize the Collector to purchase the Weights alluded to in the foregoing letter, and to charge their cost in the Monthly Contingent Bill, quoting these proceedings in support of the same.

8402 Fort St George 23rd May 1857.

No. 15

To

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

1069

Bd No. 1894

From the Collector of Cuddapah

Sir

As directed in the Board's Circular dated 20th March last, I have the honor to forward herewith the Statement therein called for prepared in the form which accompanied it.

2. The information contained in this Statement is for the last 25 years as directed in Para 1 and closed upto 30th April 1856. but I have reckoned it from Fusly 1240. instead of the "year" 1840 as mentioned in the 2d Para. which latter will only be for 15 instead of 25 years —

Cuddapah District —

Collectors Office on Circuit
Poolevendalah 16th May 1857

/ Signed / M. Murray
Collector

8404

Fort St. George, 23d. May 1857.

No. 92.

To,

J. D. Sim, Esqr.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue,

Fort St. George.

1070

B. No. 1900.

From the Acting Coll. of Madura

Sir,

With reference to Extract Proceedings 30th April last, I have the honor to forward a statement shewing the average monthly disbursement of each Taluk Treasury together with the Establishment of Sheriffs at each.

Madura,
Kodaikanel
16th May 1857.

I have &c.
(Signed) R. J. Sullivan,
Acting Collector.

Statement.

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Fort St. George 23d May 1857.

No. 1.

Statement Shewing the Permanent Establishments granted to the Revenue Boards on the Districts of Cuddalore for the 25 years

| No. | Name of Taluk | Nature of Establishment | Year of abolition or reduction | amount | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| 1 | Land Custom | Duty Levied on all articles | In July 1854 | 19979 | 8 |
| | | of Consumption | on 1854 | | |
| 2 | Small Farms | 8 per Cent | Ditto 1858 | 14 | " |
| | Ditto | Ditto | Ditto 1852 | 10 | 10 |
| 3 | Extra Revenue | Fees on the execution of Pagodas | Ditto 1854 | 3200 | " |
| 4 | Land Revenue | Reduction on assignments | Ditto 1865 | 1597 | " |
| 5 | Cuddalore District Collectors Office on Establishment 1st May 1857 | | | 23396 | 8 6 |
| | | (Signed) M. Murray Collector. | | | |

8406 Fort St. George, 23d May 1857.

No. 114.

To,

J. D. Sim, Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue,

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor, with refer-

ence to Extract Proceedings Board of

Revenue dated 24th March 1857 No 909, to

forward for the information of the Board

the accompanying Copy of a letter from

the Sub Collector, M. Sullivan, this day

received giving the information required

on the right of ownership in date and

Palmyra trees as far as his 5 Talooks

are concerned.

2. The rights of ownerships are

precisely similar in the three Talooks

of Cannerepank, Salghur, and Sirvellum

which forms the Head Assistant's

Division, and which make up with

those under M. Sullivans charge, and

those lately under M. Banbury the

entire

B. No. 1884.
From the Collr of
North Arcot
1071

Fort St. George, 23d May 1857.

Statement shewing the average Annual Number of Palmyra trees and Tabors in the Taluks in the Collectorate of Madura.

| Districts. | Taluks. | Number of Villages. | Average Annual Number of Palmyra trees. | Ditto Annually Taxable. | Total Number of Palmyra trees and Tabors. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Madura | Madura | 89 | 33,719 | 12 | 31,605 | Collected by Revenue Servants. |
| | Kemmaramalum | 31 | 30,370 | 5 | 32,323 | |
| | Kerpoor | 30 | 32,323 | 13 | 30,517 | |
| | Kanderamanoor | 30 | 30,517 | 12 | 31,130 | |
| | Sempully | 31 | 31,130 | 14 | 45,538 | |
| | Pallamcotta | 45 | 45,538 | 15 | 176804 | |
| | Pamgherry | 176 | 176804 | 9 | | |

Madura Assistant, 10th May 1857. (Signed) W. J. Sullivan, Acting Collector.

(1070 1857) Certified Mistake.

Rupees A. D. Rupees A. D.

Establishment of Sub Office.

Assistant Collector's Servants

Rupees 22911 " " "

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entire District.

3. No mention is made of this question in the Board's Collection from the Collectors.

North Arcot,
Collector's Cutcherry,
Chittoor, 18th May 1857.

Signed C. Whittingham,
Collector.

To

No. 90.
En. 1.

C. Whittingham, Esqr.
Collector of North Arcot.

Sir,

With reference to your Official Memo. of the 27th March last, No. 180, giving Cover to Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 24th March 1857, No. 909, I have the honor to state that from further enquiry since the receipt of the above communication the right of ownership to Palmyra and Date trees on Putta lands would appear to be exercised by the occupants of such lands in the Talooks of the Sub-Division in the same manner as reported by Mr. Bamber in



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in his Talooks and noticed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under reference.

North Arcot,
Sub Collector's Cutcherry,
Mail pundue, 16th
May 1857.

Signed A. H. Sullivan,
Sub Collector.

True Copy
Signed C. Whittingham,
Collector.

Order thereon (1071-72) Ordered to lie over.

No. 74.

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

(1073)

B. No. 1878.
From the Collr. of Nellore.
20th March 1857
4th April 1857.

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Circulars noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit herewith a Statement shewing the permanent relief from taxation afforded to the people of this District during the last 15 years. The aggregate amount is Rupees 2,36,926-9-10.

Nellore,
Collector's Office,
19th May 1857.

Signed G. W. Taylor,
Acting Collector.

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Statement shewing the relief from taxation afforded to the people during the last 15 years.-

| Name of Tax. | Nature of item. | Year of abolition or reduction. | Amount. | | | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Rs | A | P | |
| Malurpha— | Goldsmiths ashes | Abolished in the year 1853 | 178 | 10 | - | The amount exhibited is what was collected in July 1263.- |
| Land Customs | Inland duty— | Ditto— 1814 | 107,108 | 14 | 9 | Inland duty was levied upto the Month of March 1814 of July 1253 - The Amount Collected in July 1252 is now inserted.- |
| Land Revenue— | Involom and Saribo Bagayet. | Reduction in the year 1853. | | | | The reduction of the rates of assessment in Involom Saribo & Bagayet and in surveyed Bagayet |
| | | Reduction in the year 1853 | 59,717 | 15 | - | land. took effect in the years 1853. & Fuslies 1264-65 under orders of different dates, Viz.t, B.d. Pro.s January 1853, Min Consultation 19 April 1853 No 457.) |
| | Bagayet Surveyed Villages— | Ditto 1853. | | | | |
| | Dry land assessment | Reduction in dry land assessment in the years. 1853— | 65,920 | 9 | - | The reduction of the assessment took effect under the orders of Government dated 24 July 1853, No 893, Para 23.- |
| | | | 2,3,6926 | 9 | 10 | |

Nellore, Collector's Office, 19 May 1857.

E.E. No 1 Signed G.R. Taylor, Acting Collector

To,

8410 Fort St. George, 23d May 1857

No. 117.

(1074)

To,

J. D. Sim, Esqr.

Actg. Secretary to the

Board of Revenue,

Fort St. George.

B. No. 1874.

From the Collector of North Arcot.

Sir,

I have the honor, with reference to Extract Proceedings of Board of Revenue, dated 14 May 1857 No. 1575, to forward a Statement shewing the amount of remissions granted in 1853/56 and 1856/57 in anticipation of the revision of assessment now in progress.

2. The amount shewn for 1856/57 is only an Estimate as the actual cannot be ascertained till the close of the Cummalamdy settlement for this

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the current fasly. The Estimate is calculated on the total cultivation and therefore shews an increase as compared with the previous year.

3. The information required in para 2, I am unable to communicate as the reports of five Tahsildars are still wanting. I hope however to submit it by the end of this week.

4. A fortnight will, I fear, elapse before I am in a position to forward the statements required in para 3 — The total extent of cultivation alone is at present procurable and a statement of the extent of land cultivated with Cotton, Sugarcane, and Indigo, must be obtained from the Cummums.

North Arcot, Collector's Cutcherry, Chittoor, 20 May 1857.

I Signed C. Whittinghame,

Collector

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Resolved that the follow-
ing letters be despatched -

To

(1075)

The Acting Secretary to
Government
Revenue Department

B. No. 1740.

To the Acting Secretary to Government. } Paral.

Sir,

With reference to
Extract Minutes in consultation dated
8th March and 3d
October 1856, No. 275
and 1803, 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 from the
several Collectors,
the Register of
Adalut and the
Sudr and Foujdaree
Chief Engineer, transmitting the Returns
called for of the number and description
of

Extract Minutes

Ganjam 18th Jn cont. 29th July 1856 No. 2840
Vizagapatam 12th Jn cont. 19th April " No. 2281
Rajahmundry 26th May Jn cont. 1st June " No. 1945.
Masulipatam 22d " " " No. 1952
Guntoor 21st April Jn cont. 1st July " No. 2366.
Nellore 29th — Jn cont. 5th May — No. 1157.
Cuddapah 12th May in cont. 2d June — No. 1714
Bellary 29th April 8th May — No. 1529
Kurnool 11th April in cont. 18th June — No. 1262
Chingleput 30th in cont. 5th April — No. 1116
North Arcot 12th in cont. 16th May — No. 1657
South Arcot 12th in cont. 15th April — No. 1231
Tanjore 16th April in cont. 5th July — No. 1267
Trichinopoly 5th in cont. 10th April — No. 1170
Madura 27th May in cont. 3d June No. 1918
Tinnevelly 29th April in cont. 7th May No. 1801
Coimbatore 25th April in cont. 5th May No. 1150
Salem 11th in cont. 20th August " No. 3217
Canara 15th May in cont. 12th August — No. 1751
Malabar 25th April in cont. 15th July No. 1169
Madras 27th June in cont. 1st July — No. 2400
Sea Customs 18th in cont. 21st April — " 12.88
Sudr Adalut 2d July in cont. 30th April — No. 2486
Chief Engineer 25th Dec. in cont. 10th Feb. — No. 4332.

Jn cont. 1st Dec. 1856
" 8th March "
" 3d October 1856

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Statement showing the amount of remissions granted in 1855/56 and 1856/57 in the Districts of the Board of Revenue.—

Remarks

Amount of remissions granted in 1855/56 in the Districts of the Board of Revenue.

12½ per Cent of the Land Revenue of the Districts.

Excess of the former over the latter.

Fasly.

1265 Actual

1266 Estimate

Total

Fasly.

1

2

Fine.
Land Revenue
Salem 12.

Lab.

5

95,199 1,03,224

1,13,024 1,25,656

2,08,223 2,29,00

1,09,31 58,0 25.

1,20,382 73,0

2,43,713 131,0

Fort St. George, 23rd May 1857.

To the Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Statement showing the amount of remissions granted in 1855/56 and 1856/57 in the Districts of the Board of Revenue.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant,
(Signed) W. Whittingham,
Collector.

Collector's Cutcherry,
Chittoor, 20th May 1857.

of Peons in the Revenue Judicial and Public Works Departments to be supplied with cloth Belts.-

2. It will be seen from the accompanying Statement that the total number of Peons of the superior classes who should be furnished with cloth Belts is 2363. This number does not include the 9 Talook Peons entered in the Canara Return, the 21 Talook Duffadars and Naigues included in that of Rajahmundry & the Shippers in the Judicial Department who need not the Board think be furnished with cloth Belts. No Statement has been submitted of the Peons on the Establishments of the Civil Architect at the Presidency, and the Garrison Engineer of Fort St. George, but the Chief Engineer will be requested to supply the deficiency.-

3. The Collectors of Rajahmundry, Cuddapah and Chingleput report that the Delayets on their Establishments are at present furnished with cheeta skin Belts, which are well suited to the purpose and that there is therefore no necessity for the issue of cloth Belts. The Collector of Rajahmundry has however submitted a



a Return of the number required in case it should be decided that cloth Belts shall be worn. The Collector of Sea Customs at Madras also reports that the Peons of his office wear leather belts which are supplied by themselves.-

4. In Bellary and South Arcot only the Sennedars and Duffadars have hitherto been furnished with cloth Belts. The Collector of Bellary however recommends that 36 Delayets be now supplied with cloth Belts, because the demand for cheeta skins is much greater than formerly, and the animal is becoming scarce. The Collector of South Arcot considers it unnecessary to make any change in the present arrangements.-

5. The Board are of opinion that for the sake of uniformity the Delayets of these Districts as well as the Peons of the Sea Customs Department should be supplied with cloth Belts.

6. If the Government approve of this proposition, the Board will call upon the several Collectors to furnish a Statement of the number of Belts that will be required.-

Excepting

Cuddapah
Chingleput
South Arcot
Sea Customs

7. Excepting the 32 Peons attached to the Huzzoor and the Registers Department, the Board concur with the Collector of Madura that the remainder 274 in number should be provided with leather instead of as hitherto with cloth Belts.

8. In nearly the whole of the districts cloth can be procured for Belts, but its price varies in each district as does also the charge for making a Belt. All the authorities to whom the Board have referred the question agree with them in thinking that cloth Belts need not be renewed oftener than once in 2 years.

9. Excepting in Canara where the Talook Peons wear Belts made of braod cotton web the inferior classes of Peons in the several districts and Courts and under the subordinate officers of the Public Works Department are furnished either with cheeta or Tiger skin or leather belts, which are for the most part provided at their own expense —

The



10 The Judges of the Sudr Adalut recommended that the lower classes of Peons attached to the Courts on the Western Coast be supplied with cloth Belts as the dampness of the climate destroys leather ones but the Board think they may have the same description of belts given them as the Talook Peons wear viz. a cotton web.—

11. As suggested by the Military Board in their Secretarys letter dated 4th December 1855, and approved by Government in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 13th December 1855 No. 1351 R. D. the Board of Revenue consider that the best and cheapest plan to be adopted for the supply of cloth Belts for Peons is to have them made up by Contract. Should the Government sanction the measure the Board would recommend that the Superintendent of Army clothing be authorized to obtain from England annually on their requisition such quantity of cloth as may be required for the purpose.—

Exct. in F. Government 8th in Cons. 19th March 1856 No. 275. R. D.

As

12. As this system (if sanctioned) cannot be carried out immediately, the Board request authority to publish in the Fort St. George Gazette — a Notice inviting Tenders for supplying the number of Belts at present wanted. The cost of making cloth Belts for the Duffadars and Deloyets on the Boards Establishment is as follows—

Jemedar or Duffadar.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Blue cloth 3 feet 7 inches long & 4 inches broad @ 3½ Rs. per yard | — | 2-10-" |
| Scarlet cloth for edging | — | "-4-9 |
| Silver lace for Do | — | 6-6-" |
| Hire for making | — | "-7-3 |
| Rs | — | 9-12-" |

Deloyets.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Blue cloth as above @ Rs. 2 per yard | — | 10-9 |
| Scarlet for edging | — | "-4-9 |
| Hire for making | — | "-"-6 |
| Rupee 1 | — | "-" |

Calculated



13. Calculated at these rates the total triennial expenditure for cloth Belts for the Peons of the Revenue Judicial and Public Works Departments exclusive of those required for the Peons attached to the Civil architect and Garrison Engineer at the Presidency, and those entered in para 6 will in case exceed Rupees 3509-4-" If the Work be given on contract as proposed, and the cloth be procured from England it is very probable that the cost of the Belts will be somewhat below the above prices.—

14. It will be observed from a statement prepared in the Boards office that the number of Deloyets to be supplied with cloth Belts in different Districts varies very much. This is to be accounted for by some Collectors having given in their Returns the full number of Deloyets on their Establishments, while others have only given the number of those they wish to be furnished with cloth Belts. Before however passing the Indents of Collectors, the Board will see that none but Deloyets of the superior classes are

furnished

furnished with cloth belts.-

15. The Board recommend that a uniform design for Peons badge be adopted for each Department and brought into use as it becomes necessary to replace the old ones- Four designs which the Board propose for adoption accompany this Report.- The Jemedars and Duffadars Badges it is proposed should be made of Silver and those of the Delayets and Peons of brass.-

16. With these observations the Board direct me to submit for the approval of Government the following Rules for the future issue of cloth Belts for Peons

Rules

1 Cloth Belts shall be supplied only to Peons in the Revenue Judicial and Public Works Departments of the superior classes such as Jemedars, Duffadars and Delayets who may be attached to Collectors and their Assistants, District, Executive and Assistant Engineers, Civil and Sessions and subordinate Judges, the Chief Engineer the Sudr and Foujdaree Adalut and the Board of Revenue.-

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2. The Belts of the Delayets of the Revenue Department shall be made of ordinary dark blue cloth with red edging; those of the Judicial Department of Green cloth with red edging; and those of the Public Works Department of green cloth with black edging.-

3. The Belts of Jemedars and Duffadars shall be made of superfine scarlet with silver lace edging; those of the Jemedars having two crossed stripes ✕ and those of the Duffadars one as a distinction-

4. The length of each Belt shall be 5 feet and 7 inches and the breadth 4 inches- the edging of the Delayets Belts being 3/4 inches broad.-

5. Cloth Belts shall not be renewed oftener than once in two years.-

6. Talook Peons shall be supplied with Leather or cheeta Skin Belts.-

7. All Peons shall be numbered.-

8. In Canara the Revenue and Judicial Peons of the lower class shall be supplied with belts of broad cotton web

9. Applications for Belts shall be submitted in the following form and a return will

will be furnished biennially by all collectors the Chief Engineer, and the Sudr and Foujdy Adalut of the number of Belts supplied to Peons of their own officers as well as to those of their subordinate officers.—

Statement shewing the number and description of Peons requiring Belts in the District of—

| District or Department | Description of Peons | Price No. of last year | No. of Belts required | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|

10. The Board of Revenue shall submit to Government a biennial Statement shewing the Departments supplied with cloth and leather Belts for Peons, the number of Belts, the amount of each Department and the total amount compared with that of the preceding two years—

11. No change shall be made in the description of belt to be supplied to the various grades of Peons without the sanction of the controlling authorities—

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
23d. May 1857.

Signed J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Statement



No. 1. Statement shewing the number and description of Peons furnished with cloth Belts in the Revenue Judicial and Public Works Departments.—

| District and Departments. | Serreedars | Dissadars | Deloyets | Peons | Dissfordars | Sargues | Sailors | Bodes & Lies | Total. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ganjam | " | " | 44 | " | " | " | " | " | 44 | |
| Vizagapatam | " | " | 88 | " | " | " | " | " | 88 | |
| Rajahmundry | 1 | 2 | 48 | " | " | " | " | " | 51 | |
| Masulipatam | 4 | 10 | 6 | " | " | " | " | " | 20 | |
| Guntoor | 3 | 1 | 34 | " | 1 | " | " | " | 39 | |
| Nellore | 1 | 2 | 23 | 5 | " | " | " | " | 31 | |
| Cuddapah | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | |
| Bellary | " | 4 | 36 | " | " | " | " | " | 40 | |
| Kurnool | " | " | 33 | " | " | " | " | " | 33 | |
| Chingleput | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | |
| North Arcot | " | " | 51 | " | " | " | " | " | 51 | |
| South Arcot | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | |
| Tanjore | " | " | 96 | " | " | " | " | " | 96 | |
| Trichinopoly | 1 | 2 | 29 | " | " | " | " | " | 32 | |
| Madura | " | 5 | 83 | " | " | " | " | " | 88 | |
| Tinnevelly | " | " | 70 | " | " | " | " | " | 70 | |
| Coimbatore | " | 11 | 90 | 42 | " | 1 | " | " | 144 | |
| Salem | 1 | 4 | 69 | " | " | " | " | " | 74 | |
| Canara | 3 | 4 | 44 | 52 | " | " | " | " | 103 | |
| Malabar | 2 | *7 | 26 | 161 | " | " | " | " | 196 | |
| Madras | " | " | ^32 | " | " | " | " | " | 32 | |
| Sea Customs | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | |
| Total | 16 | 52 | 902 | 260 | 1 | 1 | " | " | 1232 | |
| Judicial Department | 10 | 49 | 164 | 317 | " | 10 | 1 | 4 | 555 | |
| Public Works | " | " | 480 | " | " | " | " | " | 480 | |
| Revenue Board | " | 2 | 35 | " | " | " | " | " | 37 | |
| Sudr & Foujdy Adalut | 1 | 1 | 32 | " | " | " | " | " | 34 | |
| Chief Engineer | " | " | 25 | " | " | " | " | " | 25 | |
| Grand Total | 27 | 104 | 1638 | 577 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 2363 | |

° Employed under the Jt. magistrate at Ootacamund.
the Central and European
x Cutcherry
2 In this Treasury Gollahs are included.
* or Hauldars.
^ 8 Head Peons or Duffadars and included in this number.

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No. 2. Statement shewing the number of Deloyets on the Establishments of the several Districts taken from the Mogenjabitah of Fasly 1263—

| Districts | Tahsildars | Dufftadars | Deloyets | Peons | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Ganjam | 3 | 2 | 68 | " | " |
| 2 Vizagapatam | 2 | 6 | 140 | " | " |
| 3 Rajahmundry | 1 | 3 | 83 | " | " |
| 4 Masulipatam | 2 | 8 | 21 | " | . |
| 5 Guntoor | 3 | " | 34 | " | 72 |
| 6 Nellore | 1 | 3 | 111 | " | " |
| 7 Cuddapah | " | 4 | 68 | 2 | " |
| 8 Bellary | " | 4 | 86 | " | " |
| 9 Kurnool | " | 2 | 31 | " | " |
| 10 Chingleput | 1 | 3 | 40 | " | " |
| 11 North Arcot | " | 3 | 58 | " | " |
| 12 South Arcot | " | 5 | 85 | " | " |
| 13 Tanjore | 1 | 3 | 92 | " | " |
| 14 Trichinopoly | 1 | 2 | 29 | " | " |
| 15 Madura | 1 | 4 | 83 | " | " |
| 16 Tinnevelly | 1 | " | 77 | " | " |
| 17 Coimbatore | 1 | 6 | 90 | " | " |
| 18 Salem | 1 | 4 | 72 | " | " |
| 19 Canara | 1 | 2 | 40 | " | 32 |
| 20 Malabar | 1 | 3 | 24 | " | 32 |
| 21 Madras | " | 2 | 6 | " | 190 |
| 22 Sea Customs | 1 | 4 | " | " | 66 |

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Fort St. George,
23d May 1857.

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

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13d No. 1737
To the Ag.
Coll. of Madura
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To
The Acting Collector of
Madura

Sir,

With reference to the
Correspondence noted in the Margin
I am directed to forward to you the
accompanying draft prepared by the
Government Pleader of an answer
to O.S. No. 10 of 1856 on behalf of
the Guardian of the Minor Zemindar
of Shevagunga and to request
that you will acknowledge its
receipt.—

2. An answer on behalf
of yourself is nearly Completed
and will be transmitted as
soon as received.—

I have &c
(Signed) J. D. Sim
Ag. Secretary

From Ltr. in Cl. 14th Jan. 1857
To Ltr. 14th January 57
To C. 3d Feby 1857
From Cl. 19th Jany in Cl. 4th Feby
Pet. 4th Feby 1857
To C. 13th Feby "
From C. 10 in Cons 23 Feby 57
To C. 28th Feby "
From C. 21st Feby in Cl. 11th March 1857

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
23d May 1857.

In the Civil Court of Madura
In O.S. No. 10 of 1856.—wherein

Coolanda poory alias Ivyar Daughter of Mootha Veria Regoonatha Gavory Tulla va Perea Codia Tavar a late Zemindar of Shevagunga is the Plaintiff

and

1st Nainer Guardian to the Minor Zemindar of Shevagunga and 2d W. S. Sullivan Esqr Agent to the Court of Wards are the Defendants

The

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The Answer of Ramier Guard
to Swamiar Rajah Mood
Vizia Bhagananadha Bda
Gorevsowmy Pareja Odaya
Javer the Minor Zemindar of
Shevagunga and one of the
Defendants above named
to the Plaint preferred
by the said Plaintiff and
presented on his behalf
by Vakeel.—

I. This Defendant not Confessing
or acknowledging all or any of
the matters or things to be true
as in and by the said Plaint
are mentioned and set forth
and reserving to himself and
the said Minor all Rights of
Exception to the said Plaint
saith as follows.—

II. This Defendant submits
to the Judgment of this Honora-
Court that the said Plaint shall
be taken off the files of the
Court as being in Contravention

of

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of the Regulations and Rules
by which the Procedure in your
Honorable Court is governed and
because as this Defendant Sub-
-mits such Plaint contains matter
that is impertinent and argumen-
-tative and this Defendant further
submits for such Judgment
whether he is bound to answer
the same in its present form.—

III. We further submits to
the Judgment of your Honorable
Court that the proceedings in this
Suit are wrongly instituted in
as much as if instituted at all
the said Minor should have
been a Party Defendant to the
Suit jointly with this Defen-
-dant as his guardian This
Defendant refers your Honorable
Court to Regulation V of 1804 Section
23 Cl. 1st.—

IV. If however your Honora-
-able Court should be of
opinion

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opinion that the said Plaint should be retained on the files in the present from and that this Defendant should answer the same Wr for answer thereto saith as follows - That he further submits to the like Judgment that under the provision Contained in Regulation II of 1802 Section 18 Clause the 4th your Honorable Court is prohibited from hearing trying or determining the merits of the Plaintiffs Suit against the said minor Zemindar or this Defendant as his guardian in as much as the Cause of action if there be any vested in the Plaintiff had arisen more than 12 years before this Suit was Commenced on account of the Plaintiffs father Rajah Gowry Vullabha Tever having died in or about the Month of June 1829 and this Defendant avers that none of the exceptions reserved by that Clause have arisen to the Plaintiff

V. This Defendant further submits to the like Judgment that the



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the Decree passed by your Honorable Court under date the 17th day of December 1847 in O.S. No. 2 of 1845 wherein the late Rama Ungamoottoo Nachiar but now deceased was Plaintiff and Mottoovzia Raghanada Gowry Vullabha Perea Codia Tever and Namasseray Tever were Defendants is Conclusive in Establishing the rights of the said Mottoovzia Raghanada Gowry Vullabha Perea Codia Tever to the Zemindary of Shivagunga and is final as against, and binds the Plaintiffs and all Claiming as Defendants to or through the Female line of Gowry Vullabha Tever.

VI The said Minor is the Son of the said Mottoovzia Raghanada Gowry Vullabha Perea Codia Tever and is now in possession of the said Zemindary under that Decree as heir of his said Father.

VII. Moreover this Defendant avers that in O.S. No. 7 of 1849 in which the said Ungamoottoo

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Nanchear was Appellant and the said Minor Zemindar by his then Guardian was Respondent and to which suit the present Plaintiff has been admitted as a Supplimental Appellant on the death of the said Ungamoottoo Nanchear the Court of Sudr Adalut under date the 21st day of October 1850 passed an order or Judgment on (amongst others) 2 petitions presented to that Court by or on behalf of the present Plaintiff and which were numbered 49 and 57 of 1850. and in such order or Judgment the said Court of Sudr Adalut directed that that Appeal suit No 7 of 1849 should be removed from their file, but observed that such direction would form no bar to the institution by any of the parties in those motions of a new action for the recognition of their alleged claims



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claims provided the same were instituted on or before the 30th day of April 1857 at the expiration of that period the said Decree of the Civil Judge would be considered final. —

VIII. That previous of that order the present Plaintiff petitioned on which the Appeal suit No 7 of 1849 was restored by an order of the Sudr Adalut under date the 1st day of May 1857 but ultimately by an Order or Judgement of the Sudr Adalut passed in the said Appeal suit under date the 19th day of April 1852 — that Court was pleased to reverse the said order of the 1st day of may 1857, and declared that the said Supplemental Appellants (including the present Plaintiff) must pursue their rights in the Court of Original Jurisdiction in the first instance and that that Court must be guided

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in the admission and hearing of their claims by the Regulation in force and the said Court Sudr Adalut further declared that it thereby affirmed in principle the previous order of the 21st October 1850 and order the said Appeal suit to be struck off the files of that Court.—

IX. On the 30th June 1852 a petition was presented to the Sudr Adalut on behalf of the said Minor praying that Court to review the said Judgment passed by them under date the 19th April 1852 and either to reverse or annul the 9th para thereof as declared that the parties therein referred to including the present Plaintiff, could pursue their rights in the Court of Original Jurisdiction in the first instance and that that Court must be guided in the admission and hearing of



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of their claims by the Regulation in force so as to explain and modify the same as to preclude any inference being drawn therefrom that the Court of Sudr Adalut had decided in favor of or given sanction to the claim of any or either of the parties including the present Plaintiff, who as appeal had been dismissed to bring another Original Suit for the recovery of the said Zemindary whereupon the Court of Sudr Adalut was pleased to pass an order under date the 16th day of September 1852, wherein they observed that it was not intended by their order of 19th April 1852 to convey any recognition or sanction of the claim of any of the parties including the present Plaintiff to file a fresh suit for the Establishment of the Title in litigation in Appeal Suit of 1849 but to point out that the only means open to them for

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for prosecuting any claim they might respectively consider themselves to prefer to the Zemindary was to have recourse to the Court of Original Jurisdiction which Court it was expressly added would be "guided as to the admission or hearing of their claims by the Regulations in force in the Sudr Adalut further that that portion of the order of the 19th April 1852 was sufficient to preclude the inference that any expression of opinion in favor of the admission of any such claim to a hearing before the Court of Original Jurisdiction much less that any authoritative Sanction for the adoption of that Course was intended to be conveyed and the Court therefore deemed it unnecessary to Vary or modify that portion of the order of the 19th April 1852.

X. No other Appeal has been



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been preferred against the said Decree of this Honorable Court dated the 17th day of December 1847 nor against the said order or Judgment of the 19th day of April 1852 which affirmed the order of the 21st October 1850 limiting the time for preferring a new action to the 30th day of April 1851 and which declared that at the expiration of that period the said Decree of this Honorable Court dated the 17th day of December 1847 would be final.—

XI. This Defendant submits for the Judgment of your Honorable Court, that the Plaintiff has no right or title to the said Zemindary because that Respondent supposing that it had been decided that the said Zemindary should have descended from Gowry Vallabha Tever to his Widow the said Ramee Ungammottoo Nanchear the said

Said Zemindary on her death
child less would devolve on
nearest kinsman Sapinda al-
by funeral oblations and the
Defendant submits that un-
that law the said minor wou-
ld be the rightful Heir to the Sd
Zemindary.

XII. This Defendant further
submits that the Plaintiff ha-
s no right or Title to the said Ze-
mindary because that even if
it had been decided that the
said Zemindary should have
descended from Gowry Yullabh-
a Dawer to his Widows in succes-
sion and then in and through his
descendants of the Female sex
there are Descendants of the
said Gowry Yullabha Dawer by
Senior Wives.—

XIII. This Defendant admi-
ts that the Plaintiffs Brother
and his Elder Brother name-
d

Dyah

d Commit read the word which should come in here it looks like allied.—





Dyah Dawer made a Division of their
property prior to the year 1801 or at
all or that they lived separately
as is in the Plaint untruly alleged

XIV. This Defendant however admits
that during the life of the said Gowry
Yullabha Dawer he enjoyed the said
Zemindary without any participation
in the rents thereof by his said
Elder Brother Sc being as this Defen-
dant submits the Law that an ancient
Zemindary is possessed by one member
of a Family at a time and that
the profits thereof are not enjoyed
by the Family in Common as is
the case with other Family property

XV. This Defendant submits
himself to the Judgment of your
Honorable Court for a Construction of
the terms upon which the Government
placed the said Gowry Yullabha
Dawer in possession of the Zemindary
when the Instrument or Instruments
under which the said Gowry
Yullabha Dawer was so placed
in possession shall be produced
to your Honorable Court.—

XVI. This Defendants sub-
mits that the Para No. 2 in
the Plaint Contains matter
that

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that is impertinent and irrele-
and which under the Regulat-
should not have been introdu-
into the Pleadings and that
this Defendant is not bound
to Answer it further than it
is answered in paras 17-18-19
and 20 of this his answer.

XVII Previously to Goury Vul-
-labha Dass obtaining pos-
-session of the Zemindary his
said Elder Brother and him-
-self and their immediate
ancestors were the Poligars
of the Padmattoor Villages
and after the said Goury
Vullabha Dass to obtained
possession of the Zemindary the
Padmattoor Villages remained
with his said Elder Bro-
-ther and afterwards with his
sons and Descendants to
the present time.—

XVIII



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XVIII. This Defendant submits that
a Statement in the Plaint of any circumstances
of disagreement between the late Zemindar
and his Nephews regarding the Padmattoor Villages
must be irrelevant to the subject matter which
the Plaintiff is desirous of bringing into contro-
-versy between herself and the said Minor re-
-garding the right to the possession of the said
Zemindary.

XIX. And he further submits that State-
-ments regarding the contents of the pleadings
in N° 4 of 1823 are impertinent and if those
pleadings are Evidence in this present Suit
they will speak for themselves when produced.

XX. If the Puzzeenamah mentioned
in the said Para N° 2 is evidence in this Suit
and is adduced as such this Defendant submits
himself to the Judgment of this Hon'ble Court
as to the proper construction to be put upon it
and its effect.

XXI. This Defendant submits that a
large proportion of the Statements contained
in the Para N° 3 are impertinent and
irrelevant.

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XXII. He admits that the Plaintiffs Father died in 1829 and that he left lawful Wives and Daughters and that Moottoovadoogi Tauer entered the Palace, and that the Government and authorities did recognise his right to succeed to the Zemindary as lawful and just. He also admits that 3 Suits were instituted as in the said plaint mentioned. As to the contents of the Pleadings in those Suits the opinions of the Pundits and the Decrees the Defendant craves leave to refer thereto if and when the same shall be produced.

XXIII. He denies that the said Moottoovadoogi Tauer entered the Palace by force or that he forged a Will as is in the said plaint untruly alleged. This Defendant believes the Police Authorities did make some Official reports on the death of the said Goury Vullabha Tauer. This Defendant does not know whether the females who composed the family of the deceased Zemindar were ignorant, but judging from their acts at that time and subsequently he



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he believes they were not so, although some of them certainly did eventually put forward claims which were decided to be untenable. This Defendant however believes that those proceedings did not arise from ignorance; but that those females were actuated by ill advisers, and evil disposed and litigious people.

XXIV. This Defendant admits that an Appeal was preferred to Her Majesty in Council by Sirmut Moottoo Vijia Raghanada Goury Vullabha Perria Oodia Tauer against the Decree passed by the Court of Sudr Udalut under date the 17th day of April 1837 in A.S. No 13 of 1835 in which the Sudr Udalut had reversed the Decree passed by the Provincial Court for the Southern Division in A.S. No 3 of 1833. and he says that the said Decree of the Sudr Udalut was reversed by Her Majesty in Council but leave was given to the Respondent to bring a new Suit notwithstanding the Decree of the Provincial Court at any time within a period of 3 years after the Decree of Her Majesty in Council should be received in India and disclosed to the Parties.

This

XXV. This Defendant admits that in making such order the Members of the judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy council intimated that although they could make no order on that subject it would be exceedingly desirable that it should be known to all those who were interested in the Zemindary that the question of fact as to division or no division appeared to be the only point on which the main question of Title to the Zemindary would ultimately depend.

XXVI. This Defendant submits that the leave which was so granted to the said Ranee Unga Mootoo Nachiar by Her Majesty in Council to bring a new Suit notwithstanding the Decree of the Provincial Court within 3 years was so granted because "she had unfortunately lost her way" and because "on that mistake and misapprehension" Her Majesty's Privy Councillors thought it would be going too far finally to dispose of the case at that time and therefore it was so granted as a personal boon and favor to the said Ranee Unga Mootoo Nachiar and to her alone



alone, and this Defendant submits that the present Plaintiff could not have been allowed to avail herself of such permission even if the time limited had not long since expired.

XXVII. The Defendant admits that Unigamootoo Nachiar within the time so limited did institute the O.S. No 2 of 1845 and that a Decree therein was passed as mentioned in Para V. of this answer and was adverse to her, moreover that she appealed therefrom to the Court of Sudr Udalut in A.S. No 79 of 1849. That she subsequently died and that the present Plaintiff was admitted (with others) as a supplemental Appellant. This Defendant denies that the Court of Sudr Udalut finally or at all ordered that this present Plaintiff should put in a fresh action in the lower Court as is in the said Plaint untruly alleged but says that the said Court of Sudr Udalut passed the several Orders or Judgments in that suit as are mentioned in paras VII and VIII of this answer.

XXVIII. This Defendant denies that Unigamootoo Nachiar was heir or ever entitled to the Zemindary or that the present

present Plaintiff is the nept heir to the Zemindary or that the Zemindary has been acquired by the Plaintiffs Father in the sense in which the term "self acquired property" is used and understood by Hindoo Law for this Defendant says that the said Zemindary first came into the Plaintiffs and Minors Family about the year 1730 on the Marriage of Valcottah Vodia otherwise called Shashavurna Tauer on his Marriage with A Kulandeswari a Daughter of Modoo Ragoonada Sethooputy otherwise called Kuttoo Tauer the Rammad Chief of whose Zemindary the Shevagunga Zemindary previously formed part. This Defendant therefore submits that the said Shashavurna was the first acquirer of the said Zemindary. The Shevagunga Zemindary on the death of the said Valcottah Vodia otherwise called Shashavurna Tauer descended to his son Valcottah Vudaganada Tauer who was killed at Calicoil in or about the year 1771 He did not leave a son but left a Widow named Valoo Nauchear and after his death his said Wife gave birth to a Daughter who was named Vella



Vella Nauchear. This Vella Nauchear was married to one Vengum Piria Vodiar Tauer and died in or about the year 1789/90 in giving birth to her only Child a Daughter who was named Colunda Nauchyar otherwise Poodaka Nauchear and who died shortly after her birth. Upon the death of the said Valcottah Vudaganada Tauer the said Zemindary was taken possession of and was held by his Widow Valoo Nauchyar until or shortly before her death; which happened some time about the year 1797 or 1798 or until the same was usurped by the Rebels Murdoo. On the death of the said Nauchyar the possession of the said Zemindary was retained by those Rebels Murdoo, but on her death childless the Minors great grand father & co & co Padmatoor Vroodia Otherwise called Veerja Tauer and the Plaintiffs Father were the nearest Heirs to the said Valcottah Vodia otherwise called Shashavurna Tauer and as such were entitled to inherit the said Zemindary; and from circumstances the Plaintiffs Father although the younger Brother

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Brother obtained the first possession thereof in preference to his Elder Brother.

XXIX. The Plaintiffs' Mother predeceased her husband; and this Defendant denies the allegations made by the Plaintiff regarding the state of her sisters' families are correct.

XXX. This Defendant submits that the Para No 7 should be expunged from the Plaint it is wholly argumentative - and the arguments are founded on an assumption of state of facts which this Defendant denies to be correct.

XXXI. The first part of the Para is open to the same objection.

XXXII. The remainder of that Para contains statements of certain proof that the Plaintiff purposes to adduce in this suit and this Defendant submits should be also expunged, as being in contravention of the rules before alluded to; and this Defendant feels it difficult to answer that portion of the Para without equally transgressing those rules. This Defendant however submits that (if it be true that the acts



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Acts there stated have been committed) the doing a wrongful Act does not impart to the party guilty thereof any Superior Title or advantage. The Defendant does not admit the inference which he presumes it is wished should be drawn from the loose Statements contained in that Para and submits himself to the Judgment of your Honorable Court as to the effect of the documents to which the Plaintiff refers, if and when the same shall be produced; and of the law upon such state of facts as may be proved in the Suit, if the same be permitted to continue

XXXIII. And the Defendant submits that there is not any other matter in the said Plaint contained material or necessary for him to make answer unto and not herein well and sufficiently answered or denied. And he prays that the said Suit may be dismissed out of your Honorable Court with Costs.

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Received the undermentioned

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Miscellaneous Letters and Statements.

My Nos.
1121.

From the Collector of Tanjore. Average Bazar

Prices of Grain for April 1857.

1122.

From the Coll.r of Chingleput. Statement of Charg

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proposed to be incurred on ac

count of additional Establishm

for July 1267.-

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Monday the 25th May 1857.-

Bd. No. 1531
From the Ag. Secretary
to Government.

Read the following Papers

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Revenue Department Dated 28th April 1857.-

Forwarding a letter (with its Enclosure) from the Honorable Daniel Elliot Esqr. relative to a Bill to amend the law regarding the provision of carriage and supplies for troops and travellers, and to punish unlawful impressment and requesting the Board to report the actual practice obtaining in the District in regard to the above respect and whether any improvement has taken place since Sir T. Munro's minute of 1821. . . . . (See No. 384 in Separate Volume P. 503)

Ordered that the following Circular be sent.

Circular

Bd. No. 1751
Circular. . . .
To the Collectors &c.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will report as soon as possible the existing practice in your District in regard to the provision of Supplies for Troops Marching and also for Travellers at the different Bungalows and

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and halting places within your limits

2. You will also state whether there has been any material improvements in this respect since 1821 when the evils attending the provision of supplies by the authoritative intervention of the Collrs and Magistrates and their Establishments were so forcibly expressed by Sir T. Munro.

3. Your opinion is also briefly sought as to the probability in your District of Troops and Travellers being able to procure all necessary supplies at reasonable prices and in sufficient quantities by purchase from the people without any direct assistance from the Civil power.—

4. The Board request that you will also inform them in general terms whether requisitions for the impressment of carriage for Troops are of frequent occurrence in your district whether the arrangements adopted bear too much heavily on convenience to the people whether the rates of hire exceed those ordinarily paid by private parties and whether any allowance for detention return, hire &c is made.—

The



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5 The Board desire me to request a reply at your earliest convenience.—

Revenue Bd. Office
Fort St. George
25th May 1857

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Acting Collector

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Bd. No. 1752
To the Ag. Secretary to Government

Ordered also that the following Official Memorandum be sent.—

Official Memorandum.—

The Acting Secretary Board of Revenue requests that a Copy of Sir T. Munro's Minute of 1821 referred to in Extract Minutes Consultation In Cons. 25th May 57 28th Ultimo Revenue Department No. 384, may be furnished for the Board's information.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
25th May 1857

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Bd. No. 1634
From the Ag. Secretary to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department dated 4th May 1857

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Communicating a letter from the Government of India with a Despatch from the Honorable Court complaining of the tardy Submission of the annual comparative Returns from the three Presidencies

See No. 412 in Separate Volume P. 504

Ordered

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Bd's No. 1543 of 1857

1082-88 Orders thereon

Ordered to be Communicated to

Bd's No. 1691 Collector of Madura

Chairman &c Secretary

to Commissioners &c.

1084 Public Works Department

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Commissioners &c.

Commissioners the Proposed extension of the Limits of the Buckingham Canal Commissioners of Works to include the Choultry Ground and to include the Choultry Ground and Choultry Ground

Bd's No. 1053 of 1857

Thomas Collector of Madura

Ordered to be Communicated to the Board of Revenue

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Collector of Trichinopoly

Bd's No. 1542 of 1857

Ordered thereon

Ordered that the Proceedings of

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Bd's No. 1053 of 1857

Thomas Collector of Madura

Public Department

Ordered that the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Collector of Trichinopoly

Bd's No. 1542 of 1857

Ordered thereon

Ordered that the Proceedings of

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Bd's No. 1053 of 1857

Thomas Collector of Madura

Public Department

Ordered that the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Collector of Trichinopoly

Bd's No. 1542 of 1857

Ordered thereon

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No. 1

Return of Work performed for the months of October November and December 1856

| Main Circuits | Village Circuits | Minor Circuits for Jungle or Cultivation | No. of Villages measured by Amins | Total area of Villages measured by owners | No. of Villages plotted | No. of Villages plotted | No. of Villages proved | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| " | " | " | 22 | cs 13230 a — p | 59 | 85 | 90 | Chellumbrum Taluk |

(Signed) H. J. B. Priestley

Superintendent Revenue Survey

True Copy (Signed) A. Hall

Collector

Return

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No. 51 / 1857

(1088)

To,

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

Bd. No. 1524

From the Ag. Collr. of Malabar...

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the Trinity Hermy in Cotteyam Talook of this District which had been let up to Fusly 1265 for Rupees 2575. 3, was put up for sale on the 7th June 1856. for 5 years together, and was Knocked down to one Saban Cotty on account of Kotale Copy for 4740 Rupees per Annum, or total for 5 years 23,700 Rupees saban Coolty, making a deposit of Rupees 237-

2. Kotale Copy failed to ratify Saban Coollys bid, and at saban Coollys request the Head Assistant Mr. Thomas, without reference to the Huzzoor, had the farm put up again, when the farm was bid for by one Kakote Hamod at the same rate, Viz. Rupees 23,700 and a deposit of 1400 Rupees was made being the Value of 3 Kists This proved a Collusive Sale, for Hamod was a man of straw put forward by saban Coolty and Kotale Copy

* Kotale Copy did not certify his acceptance nor had written authority to accept Saban Coolty's offer been filed

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Return of Works performed in the 1st Month (Ct) of Fasly 1267 corresponding with the Month of February 1857 and since the date of last Return.

| Nature of Work | Where situated | No. of Persons employed | No. of Days employed | Total amount of Labor | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Main Grounds | Villages | No. of Coolies employed for Amelioration | No. of Villages Completed | No. of Villages Commenced | Remarks |
| Grounds | Cheruvil | Cultivation | Allotted | Proved | |
| " | " | 41 | 8 | 50 | Cultivation by persons Allotted 12,850 Proved |

Memorandum Talook
The Professional Head Assistant employed preparing plans &c. of the Fort St. George works.

Signed J. B. Priestley
Superintendent Pounnaveeram

Signed J. A. Hall
Collector
Conducive to the Improvement

Camp Pulicat Talook
1st March 1857

(1086-87) Order thereon

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Oopy to get rid of the responsibility of a long concern for 5 years at the Cost of the deposit The deposit was no doubt saban Coatty's and Hotale Oopy's money. On a reference to the Collector, Mr. Thomas censured the Head Assistant for disturbing the 1st Sale, but ratified the 2d as there was no appl- lofs and a deposit had been made of 3 Hotale according to the rules, and Hamod was placed in possession on trial, as the deposit was availa- to be confiscated in the event of the failure, t probability of which was foreseen.

3. Hamod failed to fulfil the contract providing Bonds or Security, in Short the broke down as was intended, and it becam to conduct the business on Rumany.

4 In this condition I found the matter on taking Charge, with a large lofs accruing fro Rumany Management. It became necessary t to re-sell the ferry and this was done on 10th November when it was knocked down t Arunda Ramachandra Chetty for 5 years for 18000 Rupees being a lofs of 5700 Rupees for the 5 years or Rupees 1140 per annum.

The



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The Management of the Ferry is therefore well provided for and is progressing favorably.

5. The offer is in excefs of what had been the rental of former years. and 24 Rs. 13 a above that of the preceding Fasly.

6. The object of the present addrefs is to obtain the Board's Sanction to this new arrangement and to Solicit their orders on the Subject of the lofs amounting to 4,300 Rupees on the 1st & 2d offers. An undue competition raised the bidding quite above what was likely to be realized from the ferry and it became the study of the astute Moplas into whose hands it fell to get rid of it Hotale Oopy and Saban Coatty are men of Substance and most able men.

7 The order which Mr. Thomas was induced to give to put the farm up again was clearly irregular, and these Moplas well knew would not be ratified by the Collector unlefs the new arrangement were made to appear void of objec- tion. A tool of theirs a mere man of Straw was therefore brought forward to take it again and

and at the same high rate and taking advantage of the option to deposit 3 Kists, they on his account and in his name, deposited 1422 Rupees. The 2d sale was therefore ratified. The contractor failed as he was placed in charge and a 3d Sale became necessary after the ferry had been 3 Months in Arrears. The deposit is of Course a forfeit and pays the Kists due up to the date of the 3d Sale on the rental of the 1st Sale, but if we are to take the loss on the 5 years, being the difference between the 2d & 3d Sales there is still a balance of Rupees 4,300 to be made good This Year is irrecoverable under the circumstances Hamad is a man of Straw, has given no security and has no property and I cannot see that Malabar Coopy and Salsam Cootty can be reached if should they sue us in the Court for Seizing their property I think that we should be defeated as the proof of the Collusion would not be forthcoming with legal certainty :-

8 The offer we have is as good a one as we have a right to expect, I therefore do request



request the orders of the Board, that this may be written off the 3d and last sale confirmed and that I may be authorized to return to Saban Coolty Rupees 237 being his deposit on the 1st Sale, his relinquishment of which had been authorized by the Collector

Malabar
Collectors Office
On Circuit
Betut poodiangaddy
the 21st April 1857

Signed W. Robinson
Acting Collector

Bd No 1749
Proceedings thereon

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Under the circumstances represented by the Acting Collector, the Board confirm the sale of the Ferry for the unexpired portion of the original lease of 5 years

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to a Ramachendra Chetty for Rupees 18,000 on his furnishing adequate Security.

2. They also authorize the return to the original purchaser of the sum of Rupees 237 deposited by them.

3. The resale of the lease by Lt. Thomas without the previous orders of the Collector was clearly irregular and beyond his authority.

To

CB



Fort St. George, 25th May 1857

No. 256.

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

B. No. 1534.
From the Civil Architect, P. D.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration of the Board, the accompanying petition forwarded to me by the Government Chunam Contractors, and in doing so, I beg to state as follows. That during the years 1853, 1854 and 1855 there was a very great scarcity in procuring Chunam for the public works owing to the drying up of Cochrane's Canal and the Government were obliged to pay 9,500 Rupees as compensation for procuring it, the fact of which having been made known to me through the Military Board permission was obtained on my recommendation to rent the Chunam Quarries at Chunamboo-colum, Ellawoor and Poorenithity to the Contractors-the parties in question for Rupees (800) Eight hundred, in consideration of which they were bound by

* Copy herewith forwarded

by an agreement, dated 2d July 1855, executed in the presence of the Collector of Chingleput to supply Chunam to this Department during all seasons at the rate of 19 Parahs per 3/2 Rupees inclusive of Cart hire / in itself a great advantage to the state as the price fell to 15 Parahs / and to enable them to keep to their agreement Government through me advanced 8,000 Rupees, for which they were to collect shells at the Cochranes' Basin. The Contractors have adhered strictly to the terms of their engagement and have now collected about 367 Garce of Shells mostly on the ground for which they pay tax and to continue doing so they have no objection, but the Collector of Madras, they state, demands from them rent for the additional ground occupied by the shell heaps which in my opinion is not reasonable, as the shells are bonafide Government property. I would therefore solicit the Board's orders for exempting this portion of ground from tax or if so it will only terminate in affording the

x where their Kilns are erected



men a pretext for failure in their engagement and thereby cause a serious loss to the state.-

2. It certainly does seem rather hard that the Government should be virtually taxed by their own Officers for the ground on which stands their own property or for which the large sum of 8,000 Rupees had been advanced - nearly 2 years, and for which the interest for that time has been lost. Independent of which the public works were stopped for nearly a whole week x from this cause, Viz., the Chunam sellers being debarred from sending in any of this or any other Chunam.-

x during this Month.

Civil Architects' Office,
Fort St. George.
29th April 1857.

/Signed/ W. H. Atkinson,
Lieut. Col, Civil architect P.D.

No. 1.

Madras 2d July 1855.

We, the undersigned, V. Venkatachella Moodely, A. Venkatachella Naick, V. Ramiapah Moodelly, C. Sabapathy Moodely, and

and A. Loganada Moodely, Chunam suppliers (under the general supplier Meer Mahomed Hoossain Sahib) to the Public Works in charge of the Superintending Engineer, P. D., do by these presents jointly and severally bind ourselves to the Superintending Engineer P. D. on behalf of Government (for and in consideration of the Chunam Quarries at Chunamboo Coolum and Elavoor having been made over to us by the Collector of Chingleput for the period of 3 years on our engaging to rent the same for the sum of Company's Rupees Eight hundred per annum, commencing from this date) to supply to the said Superintending Engineer P. D. for the execution of all public works, Chunam at all seasons of the year at the rate of 19 Pagodahs Pr. 3/2 Rupees for the said works within the Madras range, inclusive of Cart hire.

Should we jointly, or any one of us, fail to accomplish the above terms of this our engagement with the Superintending Engineer P. D. or should any of the public works



works be put to the slightest inconvenience thro' our mismanagement in the supply of Chunam, it shall be lawful for the said Superintending Engineer P. D. to cause our contract deed with the Collector of Chingleput to be cancelled and to take over into his (the Superintending Engineer's) own hands the said Chunam Quarries at the Chunamboo Coolum and Elavoor - as also to cause to be seized by the Collector of Chingleput all the stock of shells that may be collected by us at the above said places or at Cochrane's Canal Basin or elsewhere and deal with the seized stock of shells as may seem fit by the Superintending Engineer P. D. for the benefit of Government. Further it shall be lawful for the said Superintending Engineer P. D. to charge us with all the losses that Government might be put to thro' the above-mentioned mismanagement in the supply of Chunam by us.—

We further bind ourselves to keep always on hand at the Cochrane's Basin a large stock of shells for the purpose of manufacturing Chunam by which

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which to guard against the drying up of the Canal when it has always been found impossible for boats laden with shell to convey to the Depôt at the Basin, which stock the Superintending Engineer's Department may inspect from time to time and should it be found that we have failed this clause of our engagement, it shall be lawful for the Superintending Engineer P. D. to cause by means at his command that a stock of shells be collected at the Basin from the above quarries of Chunambo coolum, Elavoor the expense of which we jointly and severally bind ourselves to pay on demand.-

Witnesses.

/Signed/ I. C. Fitzgerald.

" E. C. Ramalingum.

/Signed in Tamil

"——in——Do.

"——in——Do.

"——in——Do.

"——in——Do.

(A True Copy)

/Signed/ W. H. Atkinson,

Lieut. Col., Civil Architect



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No. 303.

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To,

The Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

After Bd. No. 1842.

From the Civil Architect.

Sir,

In forwarding the accompanying Copy of a letter to my address from the Collector of Madras, dated 16th Instant, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to favor me with an early reply to my letter, No. 256, dated 29th Ultimo

Civil Architect's Office,
Fort St. George,
18th May 1857.

/Signed/ W. H. Atkinson,
Lieut Col., Civil Architect, P.D.

To,

W. H. Atkinson,

Civil Architect, P.D.

Sir,

Adverting to my letter of the 23d Ultimo, I have the honor to state that the arrears against the Chunam Contractors, up to the end of the above month, amount to Rupees 1,047-12-2 and request that you will have the goodness to inform me whether it is in your power to make arrangements for its immediate discharge, otherwise I shall be obliged

to

to enforce the provisions of the Act to realize the same.

Madras,
18th May 1857. } /Signed/ W. E. Cochrane,
Acting Collector.

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ W. H. Atkinson,
Lieut.t Col.l, Civil Architect.

B. No. 1748
To the Civil —
Architect P. D.
(1090-92)

To,
The Civil Architect P. D.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters, dated 29th Ultimo and 16th Instant, requesting the Board to exempt four Chunam Contractors from Assessment on certain ground occupied by them near the Canal.

2. The Board regret that they are unable to accede to your request. The proprietors of Chunam Kilns have hitherto been liable to a monthly charge for ground rent of Rupees 10½ for 10 Months in each year, and a License fee of 4 Rupees. The former has now been reduced to 7 Rupees and the latter wholly abolished. At the same time the proprietors have been

10½ × 10 = 105
Fee - - - - 4
109.
7 × 12 = 84.
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been required, like all other parties holding lands liable to ground rent, to pay the reduced tax throughout the year and to the justice of this arrangement the Board do not see that any objection can be raised seeing that the parties may turn the land to any use they please and that Government are debarred from deriving any revenue from it by their continued occupation — Government have approved of the new rates and the Board consider them reasonable when compared with the tax on lands occupied for other similar purposes in Madras and unlikely, from their amount, to affect the Chunam trade in any sensible degree.

3. It seems to the Board also that your Contractors, when occupying additional land for storing their shells, are justly required to pay for it, particularly as it would appear from the Petition addressed to you by them on the 5th January last

that

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that the land was required for a Kulla by other persons willing to pay the usual rent.-

4. On referring to the Copy of the agreement forwarded with your letter under reply, the Board do not find in it any stipulation regarding or even any mention of any expectation of exemption from the Customary ground-rent of the existence of which the Contractors must have been well aware and the Board do not see therefore that they can urge that demand as a justification of any breach of their agreement.-

5. For the reasons stated above the Board are unable to meet your wishes but they are ready to direct the Acting Collector to suspend the demand if you desire to submit the matter for the decision of Government.-

6. I am directed to supply you with a copy of the Board's letter to the Acting Collector, dated 18th ultimo, and to request that you will inform them as soon as possible whether you intend submitting the case to Government.

Revl Bd Office,
Fort St. George,
25th May 1857.-

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



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No. 143.

To,

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

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Bl No. 1630.

From the Collector of Tinnevelly.

Sir,

In forwarding a Tabular Report in the prescribed form on 2 Cases of lapsed Yeomiahs for 1857, I have the honor to inform you that the Sayer Yeomiahdars Laulsha and Syed Peer Mohomed therein referred to, and standing entered in Nos 8 and 30 in Mr Cotton's Register of Sayer Yeomiahs in this District, died on the 4th November and 29th December last, respectively.- Of whom the former was drawing an allowance of Rupees 109 and the latter Rupees 95-7-11- per annum for performing the prescribed service of lighting lamps in the Mosques at Petta and Palamcottah, respectively. On the receipt of the Tahsildars' report on the occurrence of the lapse in each of the two cases abovementioned, the 2 Individuals named in the margin, who are the eldest sons of the deceased yeomiahdars having been found

Kyrauth Shah 1
Cawzy Syed Moideen 2

found capable of performing the prescribed duties were recognized as successors and registered accordingly the 1st on the 12th February, and the 2d on the 18th March last under the authority conveyed in the Board's Proceedings of the 20th January 1848 which say that when the allowance of yeomiah is not in the name of any individual but in that of the Institution, the death of the Superintendent cannot affect it, and that the Collector has the power of disbursing it to any party who may be recognized as the successor of the deceased—

2. But before finally disposing of the Cases by issuing the usual orders to the Head Sheristadar and Tahsildar, regarding the continuance of the allowance in each of the 2 Cases in question, in the names of the above named persons, recognized as successors of the deceased the Circular Order of the Board of Revenue No. 755 dated 12th March last, prohibiting the practice of continuing, without the special sanction of Government, ready money allowance on



on the occurrence of lapses, on the ground of the grants being of a hereditary nature, I have postponed the issue of the above orders on the subject pending a reference to the Board, and request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for continuing the allowances in the two Cases under report in the names of Tyrauthshah and Cauzy Syed Moideen referred to in the 1st Para of this letter, and to favor me with the instructions of the Board for my future guidance, as to whether in the case of lapses of service yeomiahs similar to those under report the, the allowance can be continued by the Collector himself under the orders of the Board of Revenue dated the 20th January 1848 above referred to, or should be stopped pending the special sanction of Government, as required in the recent Circular of the Board of Revenue dated the 12th March last.—

Tinnevelly, 30th April 1857.

(Signed) J. Silver
Collector

Tabular

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| at Palamcottah under an | |
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| with 9th August 1756 and | |
| that one syed Peer Ma: | |
| =homed was than manager | |
| of the Institution. - | |
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| Pahoodeen | Institutions and authorize |
| 3d. son of | the Collector to disburse the |
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| =ported that | the successor of the deceased: |
| these Indi: | But as the Circular order |
| =viduals | of the Board of Revenue |
| possess Cir | dated 12th March 1857 pro: |
| other means of | =hibits the continuance of |
| subsistence | ready money allowances |
| besides the | without the special sanction |
| yeomiah - | of Government the Collector |
| | begs to recommend that these |
| | allowance ordered to be continued in |
| | the names of the first sons of the deceased |
| | Incumbents referred to in Column 7 who are reported |
| | to be fit to perform the prescribed service. - |
| | The deceased Incumbents in Nos. 8 and 30 have received |
| | their allowances the former up to 30th June and the latter |
| | up to 30th September 1856. - |

Tinnevelly 30th April 1857 -

(Signed) J. Silver.
Collector -

Remarks

Fort St. George 25 May 1857.

B. No. 1753.

Remarks

From Govt. 17th December 1802. R. O. No. Inlows: 10th February 1803. (1093-94)

Inlows: 5th March 1846.

thereon - These grants are of old dates as having been continued from the period when the Country first came under British Rule and are included in the annual allowances disbursed to the Mosques under the sanction of Government bearing date 21st February 1846. No. 228 Revenue Depart= ment. As the service annexed to these Grants continues to be duly performed the Board concur in the Collector's recommendation that the allowances Viz. 109 and Rupees 95-7-11- per annum be re= =newed in favor of the eldest sons of the two deceased incumbents respectively, in arrear from the 1st July and 1st October 1856-

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No. 95.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George

(1095)

B. No. 1696.

Sir,

From the Collector of North Arcot

As act XXIII of 1856 limits Collectors in the recovery of Ryotwar arrears to Regulation XXVIII of



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of 1802 to the exclusion of Regulation XXVII of the same year and enacts that all past arrears of such revenue shall be collected according to its provisions, I have the honor to solicit the in= instructions of the Board as to whether the batta due to the peons who were deputed to serve Notices on defaulters and the interest which accrued on arrears of Revenue in ac= =cordance with Regulation XXVII of 1802 while that Regulation was in force for the recovery of land revenue can now be realized to= =gether with the arrears.-

2. Since the receipt of act XXIII of 1856 no interest has been charged on arrears which have subsequently accrued, as in ac= accordance with section 8 of the Regula= =tion now declared to be available for the recovery of arrears of Land Revenue in attachment and sale of the defaulters' personal property is directed to be

held

had recourse to, immediately the arrears fall due.

North Arcot,
Coll.rs Cutcherry.
Chittoor 6th May
1095-96 1857.

(Signed) C: Whittingham.
Collector.

B/ No. 1756.

Proceedings thereon. 1. The Board observe that Interest at the rate of 1 per cent monthly was leviable in all "arrears" under Regulation XXVII of 1802. So long therefore as that Enactment continued in force, the demand of Interest as appears to the Board perfectly legal and as should be incorporated with the principal and levied according to Regulation XXVIII of 1802 as for which course section II Act XXIII of 1856 affords sufficient warrant.

2. Under Regulation XXVIII of 1802 the procedure is more rapid. Any kist or portion of a kist withheld beyond the day on which it falls due (and not as under Regulation XXVII of 1802 beyond the



the 1st of the following month) becomes at once an "arrear" and may be realized as quickly by distraint of personal property if the demand is promptly made by the Village Officers and the other preliminary measures are adopted with due celerity. The Regulation therefore does not provide for the recovery of interest at this stage of the proceedings but only for the arrear and the escpenses of sale and attachment should the defaulters personal property however not be sufficient to cover these demands.

Interest

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Interest is recoverable under clauses 5 and 6 Section XXXIV.—

3. As regards batta for the Peons the Board think this charge, unless incurred under Section XIII Regulation XXVII of 1802, had better be waived.—

4- The Board remark that act XXIII of 1856 only came into force at the close of the year and there was thus ample time to realize all arrears of the preceding Fusly and they presume the present reference applies only to the arrears of the current Fusly.—

To,

C.B.

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No. 69.

To,

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

(1097)

B/ No. 1730.
From the Collector of Coimbatore } Sir,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, dated 12th March 1857, No. 770, accompanied by the Minutes of ce 1857, No. 770, accompanied by the Minutes of ce Consultation dated 6th Idem, and in reply beg to state for their information that the Poliputs of Samalpur and Kotampatty in this District have been delivered over to their Proprietor Sookharoya Vanava Roya Goundan, together with the whole amount of ready money and jewels, as therein sanction- ed.

2. Adverting to para 2. of the Minutes above referred to, a reference has been made to the records of this Office— It appears that the old Gold and Silver Coins therein referred to were authorized by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings dated 10 for back as 12th January 1813, Para 2, to be invested in the Government Loan, but nothing appears

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Bd. No. 1741.

Resolution thereon. 1 Resolved that

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the above letter be laid before

Government with reference to

para 2, Extract Minutes &

R. D. Vol 234 Consultation 6 March last.

In Con. 12 March 1857.

2. Mr. Thomas states &

that he is unable to ascertain

why the large sum of

Rupees 47,678 was not &

invested in Government

Securities according to the

instructions issued by the

Board in 1843— the Brother

of the Minor is supposed

to

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appears from the records to have been done on the subject in this Office by my Predecessor. I believe however that the mother of the present Poligar, Agaiten Ammanl, did not consent to the arrangement as was the case in respect to the surplus Funds of the Estate vide correspondence noted in the Margin &

3 My endeavours to induce the Poligar to invest now the funds in question as directed, have proved unsuccessful. he argues that as the Coins are his ancestral ancient property he wishes to have them back in his immediate possession as they are. The general surplus in his hands he assumes me, and I believe truly, he intends to invest carefully and advantageously in land; a safe and perhaps a advisable arrangement as its surveillance and management will afford the young Poligar honorable and national occupation

Combaticore,
Collector's Office,
Odiacammund
7th May 1857.

/Signed/ E. B. Thomas,
Collector.

Resolved/

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to have raised objections to the investiment, but the matter should have been specially reported to the Board.

3. The Polygar regards the loans as ancestral property and is unwilling to invest them in the Government loans. His surplus monies he intends laying out in lands.

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I.

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(1099)

No. 61

To,

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

B. No. 1796

From the Acting Collr of Madras.

Sir,

The two Abkarry Renters, M. Chellapa Granny and Devaseeannany Granny who had been recommended by Mr. Cunliffe to have their names registered by the Superintendent of Police at the Mount in order that they might open Toddy shops at the Mount and Sydapet, but that Officer having declined to do so, having petitioned me stating that they have suffered greatly from a delay of 10 months having elapsed since their first requisition. I have the honor to request the Board of Revenue will be pleased to issue such orders as they may deem proper for my guidance with reference to the correspondence that has taken place between the Board and Mr. Cunliffe on the subject, and respectfully solicit an early compliance to my request.

To Superintendent of Police Saint Thomas Mount 26 June 1856. ——— From ——— Dr ——— 30th ——— Dr ——— To ——— Dr ——— 3d ——— July — 1856 — From ——— Dr ——— 7th ——— Dr — To ——— Dr ——— 8th ——— Dr — From ——— Dr ——— 12th ——— Dr — To Board Dr ——— 22d ——— Dr — From ——— Dr ——— 16 September 56 To ——— Dr ——— 18 ——— Dr — From ——— Dr ——— 8 December 1856 To Superintendent of Police Saint Thomas Mount 11 December 1856 ——— From ——— Dr ——— 23 ——— Dr — To Board 9 January 1857. —.

Madras. 15th May 1857.

(Signed) W. C. Cochrane,
Acting Collector.

B. No. 1750.

Proceedings thereon—

(1099-1100)

The Board have submitted the question

Fort St. George, 25th May 1857.

question of the abkarry Rents at the Mount for the decision of Government whose order will be communicated to the Acting Collector as soon as they are received.-

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No. 93

To.

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

B. No. 1922.

From the Acting Collector of Madura — Sir.

Report on the Revenue administration of the District of Madura for the Official year 1856/57.-

1- I have the honor to submit my report on the Revenue administration of the District of Madura for the Official year 1856/57.

2- The year commenced favorably good Rain fell in May and June 1856 in consequence Dry cultivation was undertaken to a considerable extent- July 1856 was dry, but the rains in August, September and October 1856 were of great advantage particularly in Maylow Taloork. The weather from November 1856 to March 1857 was completely dry, in consequence there was a great falling off in the main crops and it may be expected that there will be remissions to the amount of Rs. 2,5,000 when the accounts are settled.-

| Descriptions. | 1855/56 excluding that portion of Ramagherry Taloork lapsed to Trichinopoly | | 1856/57. | | Increase. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cawnies | Rs | As. | Rs | As. | Rs. |
| Dry | 2,94,946 | 5,74,279 | 32,585 | 5,66,841 | 30,239 | 52,562 |
| Garden | 1,573 | 83,844 | 16,130 | 67,295 | 391 | " |
| Wet | 83,958 | 5,02,843 | 86,529 | 5,12,549 | 2,570 | 9,706 |
| | 3,94,643 | 11,09,916 | 4,27,844 | 11,46,685 | 33,200 | 62,268. |
| Deduct decrease in the assessment of Garden | | | | | | 16,549 |
| Net increase | | | | | | 45,719 |

Jee.



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4- The Decrease under the head of Garden was occasioned by reduction of assessment sanctioned by Government in Minutes of Consultation dated 21st April 1856

5- The average produce was not good- prices in both 1856 and 1857 were high.

6- The total land Revenue of the year including Pishcush will, when fully adjusted, probably amount to 19,40,000. The statement subjoined will shew the Collection under each branch of the Revenue for the period embraced by this report.

| Items- | Collections in 1855/56 | Collections in 1856/57. | Increase | Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rupees | Rupees | Rupees | Rupees |
| Land Revenue | 19,05,279 | 19,24,144 | 19,065 | " |
| Abkarry | 64,390 | 70,965 | 6,575 | " |
| Salt | 3,96,264 | 4,07,563 | 11,299 | " |
| Sea Customs | 19,917 | 18,728 | " | 1,189 |
| Sayer | 573 | 302 | " | 271 |
| Stamps | 49,097 | 53,161 | 4,064 | " |
| Miscellaneous | 11,839 | 14,135 | 2,296 | " |
| | 24,47,159 | 24,88,999 | 43,299 | 1,460. |
| | | | Net 41,840 | |

7- The collection of arrears of land revenue were 1,19,355. being 257 in excess of last years.-

8- Of the current Revenue the Collections are Rs. 18,04,790. being Rs. 18,509 in excess of the year preceding attributable to the increased cultivation at the beginning of the year.

9- The increase in Abkarry is caused by the Collection of 4,680 arrears and 1897 on Current.-

10- The Salt Revenue is steadily improving. The sales were 11,292 in excess of last years.-

11- The decrease in Sea Customs is to be attributed

attributed to the falling off in the import of Betel and export of Rice. Less Betel-nut was imported from Travancore through the single Sayer Chowkey of Cumbum in this year than in 1855/56.

12. The increase in Stamp Revenue is owing to the sale of 3 Stamp papers each of the value of 2,000 Rupees.

13. The population of the District, according to the census taken in the year under report, was 1,907,496 being 150,705 in excess of the last census giving 202 souls to the square mile.

14. The Emigration to Ceylon amounted to 985 in the course of the year. Paras 10 & 13 of Mr. Parkers' report of the 15th May 1856 contains full information concerning the agricultural Forests, Mining Survey, &c, of the District, and I have no further information to give on those heads.

15. The number of Children re-vaccinated in the District in the year 1856/57 were 24,763 being 2,341 below 1853/56.

16. The appointment of a Conservator of Forests will enable that Officer to frame some rules for the preservation of the Timber in this District which is now rapidly disappearing.

17. The Maramut was transferred to the Engineers' Department on the 1st Instant and the increased means both in Money and superintendence, placed at the disposal of the executive Officer, will benefit the roads and the District generally.

Madura, 20th May 1857. } I Signed R. J. Sullivan, Acting Collector.

Order thereon.

1101-1102 Ordered to lie over. D.



No. 96

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

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Bo. No. 1923
From the A. Collector of Madura

Sir

With reference to the Boards Circular, No. 1222 of the 21st April 1856, requiring a report on the working of the Government Press. I have the honor to submit 3 Statements in the form appended thereto exhibiting the charges in comparison with the funds available & the work done and its value at the established rates of charge, and how the cost of the work done has been met.

2 Agreeably to the order of Government the Printing Press at Madura was established on the 1st July 1856 and it will be seen by Statement No. 3 what reduction in the Establishment of the Collector has been made by the amount of funds available to meet the cost of printing for the Cutcherry. The printable work in English chiefly consists

Rs. 754-4--

consists of Forms of periodical Statements, letters of an invariable nature and envelopes, and in the Tamil Department all Istyars, Circular Takeeds Pro-clamations Summonses &c.

3. In regard to the Civil and Subordinate courts no reduction within their jurisdiction has been effected - at the same time all work done at the Press for the several Courts in the District has been done for payment according to the rates of charge furnished by the Board of Revenue under date the 10th September 1856 and the amount received from time to time reserved as a fund.

4 As regards the extent of work done for the Courts in question the Board will perceive from Statement No 2 that in all about 1000 Copies as shewn in the Margin were printed, but it is to be observed on the other hand that the receipts from the other Departments, though not great are likely to increase year by year, as the advantage of the Press

2 Forms of Fools-cap size Tabular Statement @ 2½ per form



Press increases which would be a benefit to the Press Office.-

5. In the Department of Public Works it will be seen that work to a trifling extent only has been done as yet, but it is probably owing to the proposed Offices not having been determined upon when the Press was established - It is however to be hoped that the demand will increase in consequence of the change or transfer of the charge to the District Engineer from the 1st of May.-

5 As required in Circular No 703 of the 7th March 1857, I beg to submit a List of the quantity of printing stock supplied by the Board and that procured here - There being no Types for ornamental Printing &c I beg to enclose an Indent for certain description of Types much required, which I request may be supplied.-

Madura. - - -
20th May 1857 -

(Signed) R. J. Sullivan
Acting Collector

Account

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No 1. Account Current of the operations of the Printing Office at Madura 1856-57.-

| | Rs | a | p |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the following amount of Receipts available to meet the following Charges.- | | | |
| Amount of reduction in the Collectors Establish-ment | 754 | 4 | - |
| Cash received from the Civil Court of Madura for actual work done | 4 | - | - |
| Do from Book Society at Madura for Do | 4 | 2 | - |
| Do from the District Post Office Department for Do | 5 | 4 | - |
| Do from the Deputy Post Master Ramnad for Do | - | 12 | - |
| Do from the District Engineers Office Madura for Do | 11 | 10 | - |
| Do from the Village Moonsiffs Madura for Do | 34 | 6 | - |
| Do from the Zillah School Madura for Do | - | 8 | - |
| Do from the Committee of the Madura agri-cultural Exhibition for Do | 425 | - | - |
| Do from Private Parties Madura for Do | 1 | - | - |
| Total | 858 | 3 | - |

Madura 20th May 1857-

| | | | | Rs | a | p |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By amount expended on account of Establishment viz- | | | | | | |
| Pay of Head Compositor from 1st July 1856 to 30th April 1857 @ 25 Rupees per Month | | | | 250 | - | - |
| Do of assistant Do from Do to Do @ 10-8-- for Do | | | | 105 | - | - |
| Do of 3 Do Do from 10th July to 15th October 1856 @ 6-4 per Do | | 19-15-3 | | | | |
| Do Do from 16th October 1856 to 30th April 1857 @ 8---- per Do | | 52-2-1 | | 72 | 1 | 4 |
| Do of 4 Do Do from 16th October 1856 to 30th April 1857 @ 7---- per Do | | | | 45 | 9 | 10 |
| Do of a Pressman from 16th July to 15th October 1856 @ 8---- per Do | | 25-8-9 | | | | |
| Do of Do from 16th October 1856 to 30th April 1857 @ 9---- per Do | | 58-10-4 | | 84 | 3 | 1 |
| Do of a Boller from 10th July 1856 to 30th April 1857 @ 7---- per Do | | | | 67 | 15 | 6 |
| Do of an assistant Do from 16th October 1856 to 30th April 1857 @ 6---- per Do | | | | 39 | 1 | 7 |
| | | | | 663 | 15 | 4 |
| By Contingent Charges | | | | | | |
| Value of 9 lbs of printing Ink @ 2 Rs per Pound | | 18---- | | | | |
| Repairing Press furniture | | 12-11-10 | | | | |
| Repairing Press &c | | 3-1-- | | | | |
| Sundry Articles | | 24-3-11 | | 58 | - | 9 |
| | | | | 722 | - | 1 |
| By balance in favor of the Press | | | | 136 | 2 | 11 |
| Total | | | | 858 | 3 | - |

(Signed) R. J. Sullivan
Ag Collector

Memorandum

## No 2 Memorandum of Work done in the Press Office during the year 1856-57-

| Months | Total No of Copies | Total No of Forms | | Rs | a | p | Rs | a | p |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | To the Collector's Cutchery | | | | | | |
| 1856 July | 4,003 | 20 | Form of ¼ Foolscap size plain matter @ Annas 14 per form | 17 | 8 | - | | | |
| | 36 | 1 | Do ½ Do Do Do | 1 | - | - | | | |
| | 101 | 1 | Do ½ Do Tabular Statement | - | 12 | - | | | |
| | | | | 19 | 4 | - | | | |
| August | 9,263 | 29 | Form of ¼ Do Plain matter @ Rupees 1-2- per form | 32 | 10 | - | | | |
| | 150 | 2 | Do ¼ Do Tabular Statement @ annas 10 per form | 1 | 4 | - | | | |
| | 1500 | 2 | Do ½ Do Plain matter @ Rs 2-3 per Do | 4 | 6 | - | | | |
| | 224 | 2 | Do ½ Do Tabular Statement @ 1-7- per form | 2 | 14 | - | | | |
| | 210 | 1 | Do Foolscap size Do | 2 | - | - | | | |
| | | | | 43 | 2 | - | | | |
| Sept | 938 | 20 | Forms of ¼ Foolscap size Plain matter @ Annas 10 per form | 12 | 8 | - | | | |
| | 1084 | 8 | Do of ½ Do Do @ Rs 1-6 per Do | 11 | - | - | | | |
| | 246 | 4 | Do of ½ Do Tabular Statement @ Rs 1-3 per Do | 4 | 12 | - | | | |
| | 1918 | 6 | Do Foolscap Do @ Rs 2-2-- per Do | 12 | 12 | - | | | |
| | 1364 | 2 | Do Do Plain ruled @ Rs 13 per Do | 26 | - | - | | | |
| | | | | 64 | - | - | | | |
| October | 2,102 | 23 | Do of Do Tabular Statement @ Rs 1-12 per Do | 40 | 4 | - | | | |
| | 7000 | 1 | Do ½ Do Do (Kutchat) | 14 | - | - | | | |
| | | | | 54 | 4 | - | | | |
| Nov | 2300 | 4 | Forms of ¼ Do Tabular Statement @ Rs 1-11- per form | 6 | 12 | - | | | |



| Months | Total No of Copies | Total No of Forms | | Rs | a | p | Rs | a | p |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nov | 9,512 | 1 | Form of ¼ Foolscap size Tabular Statement @ Rs 1-11 per form (Ravana) | 23 | 12 | - | | | |
| | 224 | 5 | Do ½ Do Plain matter @ 1-2 per form | 5 | 10 | - | | | |
| | 1600 | 2 | Do ½ Do Tabular Statement @ 22 per Do | 4 | 4 | - | | | |
| | 398 | 4 | Do Foolscap size Do @ 2 Rs per Do | 8 | - | - | | | |
| | 90,018 | 1 | Do ¼ Do Do (Kutchat) for Fusly 1266 | 180 | - | - | | | |
| | | | | 228 | 6 | - | | | |
| Dec | 680 | 5 | Forms of ¼ foolscap Plain matter @ Rs 1 per form | 5 | - | - | | | |
| | 3,000 | 1 | Do ½ Do Tabular Statement | 7 | 8 | - | | | |
| | 4972 | 9 | Do Foolscap size Do @ Rs 2-12- per form | 24 | 12 | - | | | |
| | | | | 37 | 4 | - | | | |
| 1857 Jany | 90 | 2 | Do of ¼ Do Plain matter @ Re 1- per form | 2 | - | - | | | |
| | 936 | 1 | Do ½ Do — Do | 2 | 8 | - | | | |
| | | | | 4 | 8 | - | | | |
| Feby | 3000 | 2 | Forms of ¼ Do Tabular Statement @ Rs 3-4-7 per form | 6 | 8 | - | | | |
| | 800 | 1 | Do ½ Do Plain matter | 2 | 2 | - | | | |
| | 3000 | 1 | Do ½ Do Tabular Statement | 6 | - | - | | | |
| | 3403 | 5 | Do Foolscap size Do @ Rs 2-4 per form | 11 | 4 | - | | | |
| | | | | 25 | 14 | - | | | |
| March | 800 | 3 | Forms of ¼ Do Plain matter @ Rs 1-2- per form | 3 | 6 | - | | | |
| | 382412 | 2 | Do ½ Do Tabular Puttah for Fusly 1266 | 153 | - | - | | | |
| | | | | 156 | 6 | - | | | |
| April | 62830 | 2 | Forms of ½ Do Tabular (Puttah) for Fusly 1266 | 251 | - | - | | | |
| | 42 | 2 | Do Foolscap size Do Statement @ Rs 3 per form | 6 | - | - | | | |
| | | | | 257 | - | - | | | |
| | | | Total | | | | 893 | - | - |

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| Month Total Nos of Copies | Total Nos of Forms | | Rs a p | Rs a p |
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| | | For the Civil Court | | |
| 1000 | 2 | Forms of Foolscap size Tabular Statement @ Rs 2 per form | 4 - - | 4 - - |
| | | For Madura Book Society | | |
| 200 | 1 | Form of ½ Dº Plain Matter | - 12 - | |
| 50 | 1 | Dº Foolscap size Tabular Statement | 1 8 - | |
| 50 | 1 | Dº ½ Dº Plain Matter | 1 14 - | 4 2 - |
| | | For District Post Office | | |
| 943 | 2 | Forms of ¼ Dº Tabular Statement @ Rs 1-4- per form | 2 8 - | |
| 918 | 2 | Dº ¼ Dº Plain matter @ Rs 1-6 per Dº | 2 12 - | 5 4 - |
| | | For Deputy Post Master of Ramnad | | |
| 200 | 1 | Form of ¼ foolscap Tabular Statement | - 12 - | - 12 - |
| | | For Engineer's Department | | |
| 1760 | 10 | Forms of ½ Dº Tabular Statement | 11 10 - | 11 10 - |
| | | For Village Moonsiffs | | |
| 3296 | 16 | Forms Foolscap size Plain matter @ 2-2-4½ per form | 34 6 - | 34 6 - |
| | | Government School at Madura | | |
| 50 | 1 | Form of ¼ Dº Plain matter | - 8 - | - 8 - |
| | | Madura Agricultural Exhibition for 1857 | | |
| 7600 | 4 | Forms Foolscap size Plain matter @ Rs 10-9-3 per form | 42 5 - | 42 5 - |
| | | For Private Parties | | |
| 100 | 1 | Form of ¼ Dº Plain matter | 1 - - | 1 - - |
| | | Total | - - - | 996 15 - |

Madura - - -
20th May 1857.

(Signed) R. J. Sullivan
acting Collector

Statement

84 [illegible]

Fort St George 25th May 1857

No 3 Statement shewing the Work done & Charges in the Mgrs Office in Madura

| Departments | Amount of work done | Amount of funds available for the — &c — | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 3 754 4 = | * By reduction in the Collection Establishments. |
| Collectors Cutcherry | 2 893 - - | | |
| Civil Court Madura | 4 - - | 4 - - | |
| Book Society Madura | 4 2 - | 4 2 - | |
| District Post Offices | 5 4 - | 5 4 - | |
| Deputy Post Masters Office Ramnad | 12 - | - 12 - | |
| District Engineers Office Madura | 11 10 - | 11 10 - | Received in Cash. |
| Village Moonsiffs | 34 6 - | 34 6 - | |
| Tillah School Madura | - 8 - | - 8 - | |
| Madura Agricultural Exhibition | 42 5 - | 42 5 - | |
| Private Parties Madura | 1 - - | 1 - - | |
| Total | 996 15 - | 858 3 - | |

(Signed) R. J. Sullivan
acting Collector

Madura, 20th May 1857.

2 List

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No 4. List of Prefs Articles and Types &c received from Madras and that procured at Madura.

lbs

Received from Madras

1 Iron Washington prefs
2 Do Do Keys
2 Prefs Cuts
1 Wooden Prefs
1 Do Key
1 Do Prefs Cut
1 Oil Prefs
6 Prefs Pins
2 Wooden Hammers
1 Do Ink Hammer
1 Small hand Roller
1 Brafs Roller mould
3 Roller Stocks
1 Do Frame
1 Ink Table
228 1/16 Small Pica Roman
18 1/16 Do Italic
37 1/2 Do Quadrates
19 15/16 Leaders
16 1/8 Two line Small Pica
15 10/16 Long Primer Quadrates
15 1/16 Do Leaders
19 3/4 Leads
203 14/16 Quotations
5 1/2 Flowers
5 1/2 Cheques
1 Pair chases Foolscap
1 Do Do 1/2 Do
1 Chase singa page
2 Brafs composing sticks
4 Pair letter cases

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lbs

1 Saw
1 Block
6 Bodkins with handles
1 Rule Cutter
1 Dozen Brafs Rules 8 to Pica
1 Do Do 6 to Do
20 15/16 Long Primer Tamil Types
50 1/4 Do Quadrates
1 Wooden case with partitions for Tamil Types
5 Stands
4 Beaches
6 Wooden composing Sticks
10 Do Boards for spreading the types after being composed
800 Do Regulators
72 Side Sticks
250 Wooden Pegs
1 Turn Screw
5 Books of Specimens
1 Stone for Spreading of Types
1 Do Stand
2 Wooden Planes.
14 Wooden Boards or prefs furniture
4 Type Boards

"Articles procured in Madura"

1 Pair of Scifsors.
2 Large Wooden Boards for spreading types after being composed
2 Spinners
2 Wooden Stands
1 Ruler to measure
3 Files
2 Hammers.
4 Yards of Flannel
1 Bottle of Linseed Oil
4 Large Side Sticks
2 Ball Stocks

Madura
20th May 1857

(Signed) R J Sullivan
Acting Collector

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No 5 List of English and Tamil Types required for the Press at Madura

| No. of lbs | Description of Types | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Long Primer | Letter S. | Tamil |
| 3 | Do. | Do. n | Do. |
| 1½ | Do. | Do. n | Do. |
| 3 | Do. | Do. t | Do. |
| 2 | Do. | Do. l | Do. |
| 2 | Do. | Do. ooo | Do. |
| 3 | Do. | Do. s | Do. |
| 1½ | Do. | Do. oo | |
| 1 | Do. | Do. u | |
| 1 | Do. | Full Point | |
| 1½ | Do. | Comma | |
| 1½ | Do. | Semicolon | |
| ½ | Do. | Colon | |
| 4 | Long Primer | Em Quadrates | |
| 2 | Do. | n Do. | |
| 2 | Thick Space | | |
| 1 | Thin space | | |
| Total 31½ lbs | | | |

To Steward Letters English 50 lbs
Great Primer English 30 lbs
1 Casting Press complete

Madura
20th May 1857

Signed R J Sullivan
Acting Collector

Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

(1103-4)

To

8499 Fort St. George, 25th May 1857.

No. 69.

From

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

To

The Collector
of Salem

Sir,

(1105)

B. No. 1885.

From the Collector of Salem

Reporting on the Revenue administration of the Salem District for the Official year 1856/57.—

With reference to the standing Circular Order of the Board of Revenue dated the 24th December 1853, No. 3468, calling for a brief report on the result of the Revenue administration of each District for every official year, I have the honor to forward my report of the Salem District for the Official year ending 30th April 1857.

2. Two statements are forwarded with this letter, No. 1 exhibiting the collection under each item of Revenue during the official years 1853/56 and 1856/57 with increase and decrease; and No. 2, showing the extent of cultivation in the same years, with increase and decrease, under the general heads of Nunjay, Punjay, and Garden.

3. This latter statement shows the

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the extent of Cultivation only in the Amany portion of the District—The extent under Cultivation in the settled portion and Enam Villages is estimated as in last year at A 4,78,697-27-10.

4- The population of the District stands, according to the census of Fasly 1261, at 190,264. persons. the same as last year. the quinquennial statements for Fasly 1266 being as yet under preparation.

5- The aggregate Revenue collected up to the 30th April 1857 amounted, as shown in Statement No. 1, to Rupees 20,38,195— The aggregate demand on the entire District for Fasly 1265. including land, Moturpha, Stamp, and Abkary Revenue, amounted to Rupees 20,24,950. 1—1.-

6- Of the aggregate land Revenue Rupees 13,53,437-9-9 was the demand on the Amany portion of the District, and 4,58,216-3-9 was the demand on the Jaeery portion, making a total of Rupees 18,13,653-13-6

7- In the year under report the Government conceded under date the 10th November 1856 a temporary remission of 12½ per Cent on all Poonjay lands in



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in the Salaghat Taluks, assessed at 1-5-3 per acre and upwards, in continuation of the same indulgence granted last Fasly in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated the 19th February 1856, also a large reduction was made on all well garden lands commencing from Fasly 1265, as sanctioned by Government under date the 20th December 1855 No. 1372.

Remissions on Poonjah lands Rupees—56,038.
Reductions on well Garden lands—18,309

8- The total decrease of revenue under these two heads in Fasly 1265 amounted to Rupees 74,348; but notwithstanding this sacrifice, the net increase in the land revenue for Fasly 1265, amounted to Rupees 3,911.

9- As the settlement accounts for Fasly 1266 are still under preparation, it cannot as yet be ascertained what the remissions on Poonjah lands amount to for this year— There is however reason to expect a further net increase in the aggregate revenue. The increase in the extent of land cultivation as

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as Garden during the past Official year was 14¼ per Cent:-

10. A general revision of assessment on all descriptions of land is contemplated, and the necessary accounts shewing in a classified form the different rates of assessment prevailing in the District are under preparation Vide instructions of the Board dated 11th April 1856.

Statement called for in Board's Circular of 20th March 1857. No

11. Statement No 3 shews that during the last 15 years permanent reductions have been made to the extent of Rupees 24173-6-10 in the land revenue - These reductions do not include the temporary remissions referred to in Para 7.

No 2 and 5

12. Two other statements + submitted with the Report contain certain statistical information regarding the Shevaroy Hills Statement No 4 shews the annual Basis of the Shevaroy Hills distinguishing Coffee cultivation from the



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Cultivation of any other description of crop - Statement No 5 shows the number of houses and the population of the Hills, distinguished into castes.-

13. From Statement No 4 it will appear that there has been a progressive increase in the gross revenue since the Hills came under amanny management in Fasly 1252 - The total land revenue for Fasly 1266, exclusive of Sibbundy charges, amounts to Rupees 5747 being Rupees 537 in excess of the past year and Rupees 497 above the average of the preceding 5 years. The revenue from Coffee Cultivation amounted to Rupees 3014 in Fasly 1266.

14. A carriage Road, 18 Miles in length, is now in course of Construction between Yercaud the Chief station on the Hills, and the Railway station at Mulla-poorum. and there is reason to hope that the Shevaroy Hills will

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will rapidly increase in importance as soon as an easy access is opened with the low country.

15- In conclusion, I beg to refer to the praiseworthy efforts made during the year by some of the most influential persons at Salem to form an association for the purpose of improving the Sanitary condition of that important town - The association aims at carrying out various improvements connected with drainage, and other measures for clearing the town, by the spontaneous efforts of its Members, unaided by authority - It has applied to the Government for some pecuniary aid, and efforts are now making to indence the entire body of house holders to submit to the levy of a voluntary rate in aid of the required funds, but it is as yet uncertain whether the inhabitants will generally consent to this measure - I hope it may be in my power to report by the end of another year that



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that these efforts have been attended with some public benefit -

Salem,
Collectors Office
Salem
21st May 1857

(Signed) H. A. Brett
Collector

Comparative

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Fort Saint George

26 & 6 May 1857

No. 1 Comparative statement of land Revenue and Collections in the years 1855/56 and 1856/57 in the District of Salem.—

| | Items | Collections in 1855/56 or from May 1855 to 30th April 1856 | | Remission in 1855/56 | | Collections in 1856/57 or from May 1856 to 30th April 1857 | | Remission in 1856/57 | Comparison between Col. 2 & 4. Increase | | Decrease | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | | 3 | | 4 | | 5 | 6 | | 7 | | |
| | | Rs | A P | Rs | A P | Rs | A P | | Rs | A P | Rs | A P | |
| Land Revenue | Permanently settled | 1,53,190 | 12 5 | " | " | 44,920 | " " | | | | 5570 | 12 5 | The item "Sundry small Farms and licences was abolished by order of Government, dated the 4th September 1856. In consequence the Collections under that head both in the official years 1855/56 and 1856/57 are included in the Ryotwar Collections. Hence the Sum entered in the present statement under Ryotwar for the official year 1855/56 does not correspond with the sum entered in last year's statement— |
| | Not permanently settled. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shrotriem Jodegy Do. | 10878 | 13 9 | " | " | 16487 | " " | | | | 5808 | 2 3 | |
| | Ryotwar inclusive of Sundry small farms and licences | 130992 | 13 7 | 3973 | " " | 136639 | " " | | 4410 | " " | 64646 | 2 5 | |
| | Total | 131871 | 11 4 | 3973 | " " | 138126 | " " | | 4410 | " " | 70254 | 4 8 | |
| | Total land Revenue Collections | 176362 | 7 9 | 3973 | " " | 183104 | 6 " | | 4410 | " " | 70254 | 4 8 | 6370 12 5 |
| Collections from Extra Sources | Abkarry Rented | 97873 | 12 4 | " | " | 99949 | " " | | | | 2075 | 3 8 | |
| | Moturpha | 7148 | 9 3 | " | " | 7236 | " " | | 67 | " " | | | 293 9 3 |
| | Stamps | 2809 | 12 " | " | " | 2880 | " " | | | | 570 | 4 " | |
| | Total | 200032 | 1 7 | " | " | 199364 | " " | | 67 | " " | 2645 | 7 8 | 2913 9 3 |
| | Total land & Extra Sources | 196394 | 9 4 | 3973 | " " | 203810 | 6 " | | 4477 | " " | 72899 | 12 4 | 8484 5 8 |
| Sevoy Jumma Collections | Land Revenue Collections | 6144 | 5 9 | " | " | 5873 | " " | | 4 | " " | | | 271 6 9 |
| | Extra Sources Do. | 2251 | 15 8 | " | " | 1572 | " " | | | | | | 939 15 8 |
| | Total Sevoy Jumma | 8396 | 5 5 | " | " | 7385 | " " | | 4 | " " | | | 1011 6 6 |
| | Grand Total | 1974790 | 14 9 | 3973 | " " | 2038196 | " " | | 4476 | " " | 72899 | 12 4 | 9495 11 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | N.I. Increase | | 63404 | 1 3 | |

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/Signed/ H. A. Brett
Collector

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For Saml Gen

25th May 1857

No. 2 Comparative statement of Cultivation in the Years 1855/56 and 1856/57 under the general Heads of Nunjah, Poonjah, and Garden in the District of Salem —

| Years | Poonjah | | Nunjah | | Garden | | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Land | Teerwah | Land | Teerwah | Land | Teerwah | Land | Teerwah |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | acres g a Rs a ℔ | acres g a Rs a ℔ | acres g a Rs a ℔ | acres g a Rs a ℔ | acres g a Rs a ℔ | acres g a Rs a ℔ | acres g a Rs a ℔ | acres g a Rs a ℔ |
| In 1855/56 | 705.999 " " 102674 " | | 12270 " " 70927 " " 52117 " " | | 38521 " " 77.0386 " " 1485122 " " | | | |
| In 1856/57 | 787.047 " " 113708 " | | 14313 " " 64568 " " 68507 " " | | 41.9439 " " 859.869 " " 1621115 " " | | | |
| Increase | 81.048 " " 11034 " | | 2043 " " " " " 6390 " — 31918 " " | | 89.181 " " 135693 " " | | | |
| Decrease | " " " " " | | 6359 " " " " " | | | | | |

Note The sums entered in the Teerwah Columns for 1855/56 do not agree with the same entries in the statement submitted for the past Official year. The Gross Teerwah remission, was entered in last years Fysul assessment of the lands, less Cowle remission, and Whereas in the present statements the Fysul teerwah including teerwah Jaety has been entered in last years statement — Teerwah Columns to admit of a Comparison with the teerwah for the present year. The present statement exhibits both Fysul teerwah and teerwah jantee, in conformity with the new Village accounts in which the two items are combined in the teerwah Column of the cultivation statement —

The increase in the extent of land cultivated as Garden was 11¼ per cent

Salem Collectors Office Salem 20th May 1857. (Signed) H A Brett Collector

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No. 4 Statement shewing the Annual Beriz of the Shervaroy Hills from Fusly 1251 to Fusly 1266 inclusive in the Salem Talook in the Salem District:-

| Under Cent. | Fusties | Beriz exclusive of Sibbendy charges: Coffee Cultivation | | | other Cultivation than Coffee by Malayalies | | | Total | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | | | 3 | | | 4 | | |
| | | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
| | Fusly 1251 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 3405 | 8 | " |
| | Fusly 1252 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 3958 | 12 | 9 |
| | 1253 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 4083 | 1 | 8 |
| | 1254 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 4079 | 4 | 6 |
| | 1255 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 4209 | " | " |
| | 1256 | 1065 | 2 | 10 | 3360 | 8 | 8 | 4425 | 11 | 6 |
| | 1257 | 1179 | 10 | 4 | 3505 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| | 1258 | 1218 | 13 | 5 | 3546 | 9 | 11 | 4815 | 7 | 4 |
| Under Annary | 1259 | 1364 | 4 | 7 | 3237 | 6 | 4 | 4601 | 10 | 11 |
| | 1260 | 1376 | 9 | 4 | 3364 | 7 | 8 | 4741 | 1 | " |
| | 1261 | 1831 | 7 | 1 | 3392 | 10 | 10 | 5224 | 1 | 11 |
| | 1262 | 2033 | 9 | 3 | 3305 | 11 | 1 | 5339 | 4 | 4 |
| | 1263 | 2330 | 13 | 7 | 2927 | 2 | 8 | 5258 | " | 3 |
| | 1264 | 2370 | 5 | 8 | 2847 | 3 | 11 | 5217 | 9 | 7 |
| | 1265 | 2454 | " | 5 | 2756 | 10 | 2 | 5210 | 10 | 7 |
| | 1266 | 3013 | 15 | 6 | 2733 | 6 | 8 | 5747 | 6 | 2 |

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Salem
20th May 1857

/Signed/ H. A. Brett
Collector

Fort Saint George

25th May 1857

Population of the Shervaroy Hills in the Salem Talook Salem District Fasly 1265.

| Cultivating Classes. | | | | | Non cultivating Classes. | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Females | | | Total | | Houses | | | | | Males | | | Total | |
| Children | Total | Adults | Children | Total | Adults | Children | Total | Terraced | Tiled | Thatched | Total | Adults | Children | Total |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 6 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| 938 | 2301 | 1156 | 663 | 1819 | 259 | 161 | 420 | | | 214 | 214 | 199 | 157 | 356 |
| | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 28 | 8 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 19 | 43 | | | 23 | 23 | 38 | 36 | 74 |
| 950 | 2338 | 1173 | 692 | 1865 | 2581 | 1622 | 4183 | | | 239 | 239 | 238 | 193 | 431 |
| 5 | 22 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 20 | 9 | 29 | | | | | | | |
| 10 | 23 | 15 | 12 | 27 | 28 | 22 | 50 | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 45 | 18 | 16 | 34 | 48 | 31 | 79 | | | | | | | |
| 965 | 2383 | 1191 | 688 | 1879 | 2629 | 1653 | 4262 | | | 239 | 239 | 238 | 193 | 431 |

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Non cultivating Classes (Contd)

| Females | | | Total | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adults | Children | Total | Adults | Children | Total |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| " | " | " | " | " | " |
| " | " | " | " | " | " |
| 204 | 139 | 343 | 403 | 296 | 699 |
| " | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| " | " | " | " | " | " |
| 32 | 33 | 65 | 70 | 69 | 139 |
| 238 | 175 | 413 | 476 | 368 | 844 |
| " | " | " | " | " | " |
| " | " | " | " | " | " |
| " | " | " | " | " | " |
| 238 | 175 | 413 | 476 | 368 | 844 |

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| Total Houses | | | | Males | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Terraced | Tiled | Thatched | Total | Adults | Children | Total |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 |
| " | " | 4 | 4 | 2 | " | 2 |
| " | " | 1 | 1 | 1 | " | 1 |
| " | " | 2 | 2 | 2 | " | 2 |
| " | " | 1315 | 1315 | 1562 | 1095 | 2657 |
| " | " | " | " | 2 | " | 2 |
| " | " | 2 | 2 | 2 | " | 2 |
| " | " | 1 | 1 | " | " | " |
| " | " | 1 | 1 | 1 | " | 1 |
| " | " | 26 | 26 | 52 | 48 | 102 |
| " | " | 1353 | 1353 | 1626 | 1143 | 2769 |
| 6 | 9 | 13 | 28 | 17 | 5 | 22 |
| 9 | 8 | 22 | 39 | 13 | 10 | 23 |
| 15 | 17 | 35 | 67 | 30 | 15 | 45 |
| 15 | 17 | 35 | 1420 | 1656 | 1158 | 2814 |

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Total (cont'd)

| Females | | | Total | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adults | Children | Total | Adults | Children | Total |
| 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| 5 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 1360 | 802 | 2162 | 2922 | 1897 | 4819 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 40 | 40 | 80 | 94 | 88 | 182 |
| 1411 | 847 | 2258 | 3037 | 1990 | 6027 |
| 3 | 4 | 7 | 20 | 9 | 29 |
| 15 | 12 | 27 | 28 | 22 | 60 |
| 18 | 16 | 34 | 48 | 31 | 79 |
| 1429 | 863 | 2292 | 3085 | 2021 | 6106 |

(Signed) H A Brett
Collector

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Bd No 1745.

Proceedings thereon The Board

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observe that the state-

ment of Permanent-

Relief from taxation

was not intended to

be limitted to land

Revenue only but

was meant to include

Sayer

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Sayer Motumpha

and all other

items of taxation.

The Collector is

requested to Sub-

mit as required

Statement is soon

as possible.—

K.

8515 Fort St. George 25th May 1857

No. 56

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To

J. D. Sim Esquire

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort Saint George

B. No. 1905

From the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir

Reporting on the working of the Press during the past Official year 1856/57.—

With reference to the Boards Circular order dated 21st April 1856. and the 8th Para of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 375 dated the 12th Idem annexed to it, I have the honor to report the working of the Press under my charge during the past Official year 1856/57.—

2 The Printing Press with the Vernacular Types as enumerated in the margin arrived at Trichinopoly on the 25th April, and the Establishment for its management on

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Wooden Press |
| 4 | Benches |
| 4 | Dampning Boards |
| 1 | Do. Composing stand and Trough |
| 4 | Stands for English cases |
| 1 | Tamil case in 2 parts |
| 1 | Stand for Do. |
| 10 | Wooden Galleys |
| 6 | Do. Composing Sticks |
| 2 | Mallets |
| 2 | Planers |
| 250 | Quoins |
| 1000 | Reglets |
| 1 | Iron screw and 2 frisket pins |
| 6 | Copper Head Foot and Side Sticks |
| 28 | Cases of Tamil type in Box No. 2 |
| 14 | Boxes of English type marked T1 T2 T3 T4 |
| 1 | Box containing English cases Nos. 1 to 11 marked T5 |
| 1 | Inking Table |
| 2 | Ball Sticks |

Vide also Tamil List forwarded to the Board with the Calls letter of the 8th August 1856 No. 130.—

| | | Monthly pay Rs. | As. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Compositor | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | Do. | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | Do. | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | Pressman | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | Baller | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total Rupees | 48 | 0 | 0 |

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on the 31st May Immediately on the arrival of the latter Measures were taken to work the Press and the business commenced accordingly on the 10th June 1856.—

3 The Press was chiefly Employed on the work of my Office both for English and Tamil upto the month of September owing to the rates of charge to other Departments not having been received. After the receipt of this table work for other Public offices was undertaken and done, and cash received as shewn in Statement No. 3.—

4 I beg also transmit Statements Nos. 1 and 2. The first shewing the receipts and charges with a balance in favor of the Press of Rupees 24—7— and the second the Details of work done



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done for each Department valued at Rupees 1058—6—6.—

5 No Printing Stock with the exception of ink was purchased by me.—

6 The paper supplied for the Vernacular work has been provided from the amount sanctioned for sadder ward, and for English work that is, for forms or other documents in lieu of which the English Department has been supplied from the Store of Stationery in the Office.—

7 The press has not even yet been open for private parties.—

Trichinopoly District
Kerla Pullow - -
Collectors Cutcherry
20th May 1857

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant
(Signed) J. Bird
Collector

Account

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# Fort St. George

## Account Current of the operations of the Printing Press in Trichinopoly for 1856/57.

25th May 1857

4to 1

To the following amounts of receipts available to meet the printing charges:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount of reduction in the Collectors' Establishment | 641 | 4 7 |
| Cash received from the Civil Court of Trichinopoly for the actual work done | 8 | 12 7 |
| Do. Do. from the District Engineer Trichinopoly for the actual work done | 29 | 6 4 |
| Do. Do. from the Commissariat Department for the actual work done | 7 | 13 0 |
| Total Rupees | 687 | 4 6 |

Camp Retapullom 20th May 1857

| | Rs. | As. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By amount Expended on account of Establishment &c. | | | |
| Pay of a Compositor from 18th May 1856 to 30th April 1857 @ 15 Rupees per Month | 174 | 12 | 5 |
| Do. of a Do. from Do. to Do. @ 8 Rupees per Month | 91 | 9 | 10 |
| Do. of a Do. from Do. to Do. @ 7 Rupees per Do. | 80 | 2 | 7 |
| Do. of a Pressman from Do. to Do. @ 10 Rs. per Do. | 114 | 8 | 3 |
| Do. of a Baller from Do. to Do. @ 8 Rs. per Do. | 91 | 9 | 10 |
| Do. of a Sweeper for March & April 1857 @ 3 Rs. per Do. | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| | 557 | 10 | 11 |
| By Contingent Charges | | | |
| Value of 1 lb. of Printing ink 3—8—0 | | | |
| Do. of 12 lbs. of Do. @ 2 Rs. per lb. 24—0—0 | | | |
| Cooly hire paid for bringing the 12 lbs of Ink from Madras 2—0—0 | | | |
| | 29—8—0 | | |
| Repairing Press &c. | 2—4—11 | | |
| Sundry articles such as flour firewood Pts Soap Cotton &c. | 75—6—8 | | |
| | 107 | 2 | 7 |
| | 662 | 13 | 6 |
| Balance in favor of the Press. | 24 | 7 | 0 |
| Total Rupees | 687 | 4 | 6 |

(Signed) J. Bird Collector

Memorandum

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No 2

Memorandum of the Works done in the Trichinopoly Collectors' Pers. Office during the year 1856/57

| | | Rs a p | Rs a p |
|---|---|---|---|
| | From the Collectors' Cutcherry | | |
| | English | | |
| 289 | Forms of Collectors Head Assistant and Assistant Collectors Salary, Tent allowance, House rent, and Deputation allowance Bills | 11 1 7 | |
| 735 | Forms of usual letters | 20 7 11 | |
| 112 | Forms of Receipts acknowledging Books | 0 7 5 | |
| 48 | Advertisement for the Sale of Lands | 6 6 7 | |
| 30 | Forms of Returns of Petitions to the Board | 2 1 9 | |
| 172 | Forms of Registers | 3 1 9 | |
| 2235 | Forms of usual Statements | 129 12 2 | |
| 13 | Do. of A Report | 2 13 0 | |
| 8 | Do. of B Report | 2 13 0 | |
| 24 | Do. of Calendar No. 1 to 4 | 23 10 0 | |
| 4089 | Covers or Envelopes addressed to the different Functionaries | 2 1 0 | |
| 600 | Wrappers — Do. — to — Do. | 1 1 4 | |
| | | 204 3 6 | |
| | Tamul | | |
| 107500 | Catchats or Currencies Receipts | 211 10 3 | |
| 103800 | Individual Puttahs | 418 11 6 | |
| 13000 | Talook Tappal Chellans | 15 1 0 | |
| 8000 | Muturpha Puttahs | 10 2 0 | |
| 3590 | Notices to the Ryots of the sale of movable property for arrears | 6 2 4 | |
| 1000 | Notices of the sale of land for arrears | 5 0 7 | |
| 3650 | Police Summonses to witnesses | 2 3 6 | |
| 3650 | Do. Do. to Prisoners | 2 12 1 | |
| 1450 | Do. Warrants | 1 2 11 | |
| 800 | Tamil act No. XX of 1855 | 8 15 4 | |
| 80 | Do. Do. No. XXVIII of 1856 | 3 11 6 | |

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Jamul / (cont^d)

| | | Rs. a p | Rs. a p |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1650 | Jamul Act No. XXIII of 1856 | 4 14 4 | |
| 28 | D° D° No. XXX of 1841 | 2 6 8 | |
| 1346 | Istiars of Remission granted by the Board of Revenue for the Talooks of Arrealore Volicondapooram Moosery Lalgoody and Woodiarpollium | 8 9 0 | |
| 50 | Notices regarding Cholera Medicines being Kept for treatment in the Cutwalls and Peshcars Choultries at Warriore Vurgaviary and the Fort | 0 6 6 | |
| 125 | Notices to the ryots of the Dry Villages of the Coonand, Moosery, Talgoody Talooks | 3 10 8 | |
| 4170 | Notices to the Ryots regarding the paying up of their balances | 9 8 5 | |
| 292 | Forms of Headings of the Translations of the Decision and Principal Sudr Ameens' Monthly decision in Criminal cases to be sent to the Talooks | 4 14 3 | |
| 640 | Notices to the Ryots and Talooks Servants of the 9 Talooks of the Trichinopoly District regarding the Transfer of Villages from one Talook to another | 18 6 0 | |
| 60 | Copies of Translation of the Fouzdaree Udalut Circular Order No. 21 | 0 13 0 | |
| 200 | Copies of Boundary Act | 4 8 1 | |
| 200 | Abstract Copies of Act III of 1857 | 4 8 9 | |
| 150 | Notices or Istiars to publish the above act | 1 9 0 | |
| 60 | D° to Pensioners regarding the steps that will be taken on their non appearance | 0 6 1 | |
| 3270 | Covers or Envelopes addressed to the Talook authorities | 0 62 | |
| 1250 | Hookoomnamahs to Puttadars | 4 12 9 | |
| 178 | Notices about the Transfer of the Manapara Talook to the Trichinopoly District | 3 12 0 | |
| 100 | Takeeds referring for report to the Tahsildar the Petitions received from the Board of Revenue | 0 4 11 | |
| 24 | Arikays committing Prisoners to Jail | 1 11 7 | |
| 200 | Certificates of Sale of Lands | 1 1 0 | |
| 250 | Puttahs to Village Moonsiffs | 0 5 4 | |

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Tamul (Cont.)

| | | | Rs. a p | Rs. a p |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1516 | Notices to resist the attack of Robbers | | 3 4 | |
| 15 | Tahreds to the Heads of Police and Ameens to publish the above | | 0 14 1 | |
| 111 | Lists of Stolen property | | 7 3 8 | |
| 100 | Tahreds to the Tahsildars forwarding Petitions bearing the Government Endorsement | | 0 4 11 | |
| 65 | Descriptive rolls of runaway convicts for the Coimbatore District | | 5 12 5 | |
| 20 | Tahreds to the Heads of Police and Ameens sending the above | | 0 14 1 | |
| 200 | Arzees to be addressed by the Head of Police regarding unclaimed property | | 0 7 3 | |
| 1242 | Usual Tahreds to the Treasurer | | 5 5 4 | |
| 1330 | Do Do to the Tahsildars | | 3 8 5 | |
| 248 | Extract or Official Memorandum | | 0 12 3 | |
| 105 | Usual Tahreds to the Stamp Darogah | | 0 5 5 | |
| 150 | Do Do to the Government Pleader | | 0 5 2 | |
| 1108 | Forms of Statements | | 15 5 2 | |
| 40 | Tahreds to the Trustees of the Pagoda | | 0 5 9 | |
| 100 | Notices to apprehend Tumboo Naick the individual who committed extensive frauds in the Certificates issued from the Tarriore District Moonsiffs' Court for the refunds of Stamp Revenue | | 1 5 5 | |
| 1350 | Usual Urzees to be addressed by the Treasurer and Tahsildars | | 1 14 5 | |
| | | | 80 5 3 1 | |
| | From the Civil Court of Trichinopoly English. | | | 1012 5 7 |
| 250 | Copies of Letters forwarding Notice | | 1 2 5 | |
| 250 | Do of Do returning Do | | 1 3 1 | |
| | | | 2 5 6 | |

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Samuel

| | | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,000 | Copies of Notice to Defendants | 3 0 9 | |
| 1,000 | Do. of Issues to Do. | 3 6 4 | |
| | | 6 7 1 | |
| | | | 8 12 7 |
| | For the District Engineer. | | |
| 335 | Forms of Statements | 29 6 4 | |
| | For the Commissarial Department | | |
| 250 | Forms of Descriptive Roll | 1 1 8 | |
| 250 | Do. of Returned | 0 2 0 | |
| 250 | Do. of ditto Do. | 0 3 4 | |
| | | 1 7 0 | |
| 250 | Forms of accounts Current | 2 2 3 | |
| 250 | Do. of Adjustment Statements | 2 8 4 | |
| 500 | Do. of Memo. | 1 4 2 | |
| 2,000 | Covers or Envelopes | 0 7 4 | |
| | | | 7 13 0 |
| | Total Rupees | | 105 8 0 6 |

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Kala Pullaw
20th May 1857

(Sgd) J. Bird
Collector.

Memorandum

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No. III

Memo Shewing the work done Compared with the funds available to meet the charges in the Dept Office in Trichinopoly in 1856/57

| Departments | Amount of work done | Amount of Funds available | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | Rs. a p | Rs a p | |
| Collectors Cutcherry | 1012 5 7 | 644 4 7 | By reduction in the Establishment Received in Cash |
| Civil Court Trichinopoly | 8 12 7 | 8 12 7 | Received in Cash |
| District Engineer Trichinopoly | 29 6 4 | 29 6 4 | Do. Do. |
| Commissariat Department | 7.13 4 | 7 13 0 | Do. Do. |
| | 1058. 6. 6. | 687 4 6 | |

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Reelapalloor

20. May 1857.

(Signed) J. Bird

Collector.

Ordered

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Resolved that the following letter be sent in reply.

(1108)

To The Acting Collector of Madura.

B.t No. 1726 Sir.

To the Acting Coll.r of Madura

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward the answer referred to in para 2 of my letter of the 23d Instant No. 1737.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
25 May 1857

(Signed) J.D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Encl.r 1.

In the Civil Court of Madura.

In O.S. No. 10 of 1856 wherein

Coolandaipoory Pat Eyar Daughter of Moothoo Vegia Regoo Nathia Gowry Vullia Isha Perea Oodia Taver a late Zemindar of Shevagunga is the Plaintiff

and

1st Ramnad Gowri Vullia Nachiar Minor Zemindar of Shevagunga.
2d R.J. Sullivan Esqre Agent to the Court of Wards are the Defendants.

The Answer of R.J. Sullivan Esqre Acting Collector of Madura, Agent to the Court of Wards and one of the Defendants above named to the Plaintiff preferred

Plaint preferred by the said Plaintiff and presented on his behalf by Vakeel.

I This Defendant not confessing or acknowledging all or any of the matters or things to be true as in and by the said Plaint are mentioned and set forth and reserving to himself all right of Exception to the said plaint saith as follows.

II He is a Stranger to the several matters and things in the Plaintiffs said plaint contained and he submits to the Judgment of this Honorable Court whether or not he ought to have been made a Party Defendant thereto but if this Honorable Court shall be of opinion that he is a necessary Party to this suit then he submits himself to the Judgment of this Honorable Court upon all such matters of fact as shall be proved in this suit by the several other parties thereto.

III This Defendant however submits to the Judgment of this Honorable Court that the said plaint should be taken



taken off the files of the Court as being in contravention of the Regulations and rules by which the procedure in your Honorable Court is governed and because as this Defendant submits such Plaint contains matter that is impertinent and argumentative and this Defendant further submits for such Judgment whether he is bound to answer the same in its present form.

IV If however your Honorable Court should be of opinion that the said plaint should be returned on the files in its present form and that this Defendant should answer the same He for answer thereto saith as follows. That he further submits to the like Judgment that under the provision contained in Regulation II of 1802 Section 18 Clause the 4th your Honorable Court is prohibited from hearing trying or determining the merits of the Plaintiffs suit in as much as the cause of action if there be any vested in the Plaintiff has

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arisen more than 12 years before this suit was commenced on account of it the Plaintiffs father Rajah Gowry Vullabha Saver having died in or about the month of June 1829 and the 4th Defendant submits that none of the exceptions reserved by that clause have arisen to this Plaintiff

V. This Defendant further submits to the like Judgment that the Decree passed by your Honorable Court under date the 17th day of December 1827 in O.S No 2 of 1825 wherein the late Rance Ungamoothoo Nachiar (but now deceased) was Plaintiff and Moottoo Vegia Raghanadha Gowry Vullabha Perria Oodia Saver and Wannia[illegible] Tavar were Defendants is conclusive in Establishing the rights of the said Moottoo Vegia Raghanadha Gowry Vullabha Perria Oodia Saver to the Zemindary of Shevagunga and is final as against and binds the Plaintiff and all claiming as Descendants in or through the Female line of Gowry Vullabha Saver

VI Moreover this Defendant saith



that in A.S No 7 of 1849, in which the said Ungamoothoo Nanchiar was Appellant and the said minor Zemindar by his then guardian was Supplemental Respondent and to which suit the present Plaintiff had been admitted as a Supplemental Appellant on the death of the said Ungamoothoo Nanchiar the Court of Sudder Udalut passed under date the 21st day of October 1850 passed an order or Judgment on (amongst others) 2 petitions presented to that Court by or on behalf of this present Plaintiff and which were No 49 and 51 of 1850 and in such Order or Judgment the said Court of Sudr Udalut directed that, that Appeal suit No 7 of 1849 should be removed from their file, but observed that such direction would form no bar to the institution by any of the parties in those Motions of a new action for the recognition of their alleged claims provided the same were instituted on or before the 30th day of April 1851 at the expiration of

of that period the said Decree of the said Judge would be considered final.

VII For a review of that order this present Plaintiff petitioned on which the Appeal Suit No: 7 of 1849 was restored by an order of the Sudr Udalut under date the 1st day of May 1851 but ultimately by an order or Judgment of the Sudr Udalut passed in the said Appeal Suit under date the 19th day of April 1852 that Court was pleased to reverse the said order of the 1st day of May 1851 and declared that the said supplemental Appellants / including the present Plaintiff / must pursue their rights in the Court of original Jurisdiction in the first instance and that the Court of original Jurisdiction must be guided in the admission and hearing of their claims by the Regulations in force, and the said Court of Sudr Udalut further declared that it thereby affirmed in principle the previous order of the



the 21st October 1850 and ordered the said Appeal Suit to be struck off the files of that Court.

VIII On the 30th June 1852 a petition was presented to the Sudr Udalut on behalf of the said Minor praying that Court to review the said Judgment passed by them under date the 19th April 1852 and either to reverse or omit so much of the 9th para thereof as declared that the parties therein referred to / including the present Plaintiff / could pursue their rights in the Court of original Jurisdiction in the first instance and that that Court must be guided in the admission and hearing of their claims by the Regulations in force so as to explain and modify the same as to preclude any inference being drawn therefrom that the Court of Sudr Udalut had decided in favor of or given sanction to the claim of any or either of the parties / including the present Plaintiff / whose appeal has been dismissed to bring another

another Original suit for the recovery of the said Zemindary: whereupon the Court of Sudr Udalut was pleased to pass an order under date the 16th day of September 1852 wherein they observed that it was not intended by their order of 19th April 1852 to convey any recognition or sanction of the claim of any of the parties (including the present Plaintiff) to file a fresh suit for the establishment of the Title in litigation in Appeal suit No 7. of 1849 but to point out that the only means open to them for prosecuting any claim they might respectively consider themselves to possess to the Zemindary was to have recourse to the Court of original Jurisdiction which Court it was especially added would be guided as to the admission or hearing of their claims by the Regulations in force" and the Sudr Udalut further observed that that portion of the order of the 19th April 1852 was sufficient to



to preclude the inference that any Expression of Opinion in favor of the admission of any such claim to a hearing before the Court of original Jurisdiction much less that any authoritative Sanction for the adoption of that course was intended to be conveyed and the Court therefore deemed it unnecessary to omit or modify that portion of the order of the 19th April 1852.

IX No other appeal has been preferred against the said Decree of this Honorable Court dated the 17th day of December 1847 nor against the said order or Judgment of the Court of Sudr Udalut of the 19th day of April 1852 which affirmed the order of the 21st October 1850 Limiting the time for preferring a new action to the 30th day of April 1851 and which declared that at the expiration of that period the said Decree of this Honorable Court dated

the

the 17th day of December 1847 would be final.

X This Defendant submits for the Judgment of your Honorable Court that this Plaintiff has no right or title to the said Zemindary because that even supposing that it had been decided that the Zemindary should have descended from Gowry Vullabha Saver to his Widow the said Ranee Ungamouttoo Nachyar the said Zemindary on her death childless would devolve on the nearest Kinsman Sapinda[a] by funeral oblations and this Defendant submits that under that Law the said Minor would be the rightful Heir to the said Zemindary.

XI This Defendant further submits that the Plaintiff has no right or title to the said Zemindary because that even if it had been decided that the said Zemindary should have descended from Gowry Vullabha Saver to his Widows in succession and them in and through his Descendants

[a] I cannot read the word that should come in here, it appears to me to be alleged.



Descendants of the Female line there are Descendants of the said Gowry Vullabha Saver by elder Wives.

XII This Defendant submits to the Judgment of this Honorable Court whether or not the Plaintiff's Father and his Elder Brother named Ogah Saver made a Division of their property prior to the year 1801 or at all or that they lived separately as is in the plaint alleged.

XIII This Defendant however admits that during the life of the said Gowry Vullabha Saver he enjoyed the said Zemindary without any participation in the rents thereof by his said Elder Brother. It being as this Defendant submits the law that an ancient Zemindary is possessed by one Member of a Family at a time and that the profits thereof are not enjoyed by the Family in common as is the case with other family property.

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XIV This Defendant submits to the Judgment of your Honorable Court for a construction of the terms upon which the Government placed the said Gowry Vullabha Sewer in possession of the Zemindary if and when the Instrument or Instruments under which the said Gowry Vullabha Sewer was so placed in possession shall be produced to your Honorable Court.

XV And this Defendant submits that there is not any other matter in the said Plaint contained material or necessary for him to make answer into and not herein well and sufficiently answered or denied and he prays that the said suit may be dismissed out of your Honorable Court with Costs.

Received



Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements

1109
Mr No 1123
From the Asst Collector of Gangam — Statement of Demand Collection and Balance of Revenue for April 1857.

1110
Mr No 1127.
From the Collector of Madura — Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta on the 30th April 1857.

1111
Mr No 1124
From the Collector of South Arcot — Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta on the 15th April 1857.

1112
Mr No 1126
From the Collector of Madura — Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta on the 15th April 1857.

1113
Mr No 1125
From the Collector of Madras — Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta

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Fort St. George, 23d. May 1857.

No. 92.

To,

J. D. Sim, Esqr.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue,

Fort St. George.

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B. No. 1900.

From the Acting Coll. of Madura

Sir,

With reference to Extract Proceedings 30th April last, I have the honor to forward a statement shewing the average monthly disbursement of each Taluk Treasury together with the Establishment of Sheriffs at each.

Madura,
Kodaikanel
16th May 1857.

I have &c.
(Signed) R. J. Sullivan,
Acting Collector.

Statement.

8403

Fort St. George 23d May 1857.

No. 1.

Statement Shewing the Permanent Establishments granted to the Revenue Boards on the Districts of Cuddalore for the 25 years

| No. | Name of Taluk | Nature of Establishment | Year of abolition or reduction | amount | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| 1 | Land Custom | Duty Levied on all articles | In July 1854 | 19979 | 8 |
| | | of Consumption | on 1854 | | |
| 2 | Small Farms | 8 per Cent | Ditto 1858 | 14 | " |
| | Ditto | Ditto | Ditto 1852 | 10 | 10 |
| 3 | Extra Revenue | Fees on the execution of Pagodas | Ditto 1854 | 3200 | " |
| 4 | Land Revenue | Reduction on assignments | Ditto 1865 | 1597 | " |
| 5 | Cuddalore District Collectors Office on Establishment 1st May 1857 | | | 23396 | 8 6 |
| | | (Signed) M. Murray Collector. | | | |

8406 Fort St. George, 23d May 1857.

No. 114.

To,

J. D. Sim, Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue,

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor, with refer-

ence to Extract Proceedings Board of

Revenue dated 24th March 1857 No 909, to

forward for the information of the Board

the accompanying Copy of a letter from

the Sub Collector, M. Sullivan, this day

received giving the information required

on the right of ownership in date and

Palmyra trees as far as his 5 Talooks

are concerned.

2. The rights of ownerships are

precisely similar in the three Talooks

of Cannerepank, Salghur, and Sirvellum

which forms the Head Assistant's

Division, and which make up with

those under M. Sullivans charge, and

those lately under M. Banbury the

entire

B. No. 1884.
From the Collr of
North Arcot
1071

Fort St. George, 23d May 1857.

Statement shewing the average Annual Number of Palmyra trees and Tabors in the Taluks in the Collectorate of Madura.

| Districts. | Taluks. | Number of Villages. | Average Annual Number of Palmyra trees. | Ditto Annually Taxable. | Total Number of Palmyra trees and Tabors. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Madura | Madura | 89 | 33,719 | 12 | 31,605 | Collected by Revenue Servants. |
| | Kemmaramalum | 31 | 30,370 | 5 | 32,323 | |
| | Kerpoor | 30 | 32,323 | 13 | 30,517 | |
| | Kanderamanoor | 30 | 30,517 | 12 | 31,130 | |
| | Sempully | 31 | 31,130 | 14 | 45,538 | |
| | Pallamcotta | 45 | 45,538 | 15 | 176804 | |
| | Pamgherry | 176 | 176804 | 9 | | |

Madura Assistant, 10th May 1857. (Signed) W. J. Sullivan, Acting Collector.

(1070 1857) Certified Mistake.

Rupees A. D. Rupees A. D.

Establishment of Sub Office.

Assistant Collector's Servants

Rupees 22911 " " "

Fort St. George, 23d May 1857.

entire District.

3. No mention is made of this question in the Board's Collection from the Collectors.

North Arcot,
Collector's Cutcherry,
Chittoor, 18th May 1857.

Signed C. Whittingham,
Collector.

To

No. 90.
En. 1.

C. Whittingham, Esqr.
Collector of North Arcot.

Sir,

With reference to your Official Memo. of the 27th March last, No. 180, giving Cover to Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 24th March 1857, No. 909, I have the honor to state that from further enquiry since the receipt of the above communication the right of ownership to Palmyra and Date trees on Putta lands would appear to be exercised by the occupants of such lands in the Talooks of the Sub-Division in the same manner as reported by Mr. Bamber in



Fort St. George, 23d May 1857.

in his Talooks and noticed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under reference.

North Arcot,
Sub Collector's Cutcherry,
Mail pundue, 16th
May 1857.

Signed A. H. Sullivan,
Sub Collector.

True Copy
Signed C. Whittingham,
Collector.

Order thereon (1071-72) Ordered to lie over.

No. 74.

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

(1073)

B. No. 1878.
From the Collr. of Nellore.
20th March 1857
4th April 1857.

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Circulars noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit herewith a Statement shewing the permanent relief from taxation afforded to the people of this District during the last 15 years. The aggregate amount is Rupees 2,36,926-9-10.

Nellore,
Collector's Office,
19th May 1857.

Signed G. W. Taylor,
Acting Collector.

8537 Fort St. George 25th May 1857.

Calcutta on the 16th April 1857.

Mr. No. 1128.

1114 From the Acting Collector of Guntoor } Statement shewing the Exports and Imports of Salt from and into the district for April 1857.

Mr. No. 1139.

1115 From the Coll.r of Nellore. Return of Persons charged with Offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for April.

Mr. No. 1130

1116 From the Collector of Madura. Account current of Salt for April 1857.

Mr. No. 1131

1117 From the Collector of Tinnevelly. Account current of Salt for April 1857.

Mr. No. 1129

1118 From the Acting Coll.r of Canara. Account Current of Salt for April. 1857.

Mr. No. 1133

1119 From the Collector of Madura: Reporting that there are no Returns of Persons convicted and confined and of Persons charged with Offences under Regulation IX of 182 for April 1857.

Mr. No. 1134

1120 From the Collector of Madura. Return of village Officers suspended or dismissed for April 1857.

Mr. No. 1135

From the Collector of Guntoor. Acknowledging the receipt

1121 of a plated Salver forwarded with the Boards letter of 9th Instant.