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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Tuesday 19th January 1858.—

Read the following Papers—

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B. No. 167.

From the Actg. Secy: to Government—

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under dated the 6th January 1858.—

Reviewing the Report of the Board on the management of the Ferry and other local Funds during the year 1856-57——— (See No. 9 in Separate Volume.)

689-90

B. No. 243.

Order thereon—

Ordered that a Copy of the above Extract Minutes Consultation and of the Board's Proceedings dated 30th October 1857 be circulated to all Collectors and the Officiating Agent at Kurnool—

2. The Collector will act on the orders of Government affecting their respective Districts—

3. The Collector of Ganjam will furnish the report required in Para 21—

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Extract

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Fort St. George 11th January 1858.

B/ No 302.

From the Actg Secy: to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works' Department under date the 16th January 1858.—

Authorizing the Board to offer again the contract for working the Ferry across the Godavery in Rajahmundry to the Godavery Steam Navigation Company and should they decline it directing that the Collector be instructed to submit the detailed information necessary for the establishment of a Government Steam Ferry ——————

(See No 84 in Separate Volume)

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B/ No 234.

Order thereon—

Forwarded to the Collector who will carry out the orders of Government without delay.—

Fort St. George 19th January 1858.

No 517.

To,

Louis Forbes Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Revenue Board.

Madras.

693

B/ No 4295.

From the Sessions Judge Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor again to request your early attention to my letters of the 31st August last and 7th instant Nos 381 and 477 requesting transmission of the cloth required for Peons' Belts, as the old belts are entirely worn out, and little remains of the Original, but rags, and the broad tape.—

Masulipatam Zillah Court, 27th October 1857.

/Signed/ I. J. Cotton.

Civil and Sessions Judge.

No 590.

To,

L. Forbes Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Madras.

694

B/ No 5005.

From the Civil and Sessions Judge of Masulipatam

Sir,

With reference to my repeated application for

+ 30th June - 31st August. 7th October 27th Do. -

for sanction of an Indent for Deloyets and other Peons Belts, noted in the Margin, I have the honor to state that I have supplied the urgent requirements of the Court Establishment (i.e the Deloyets and two Duffadar) with such Cloths as I have been able to procure in the Bazar any way suited for the purpose (black turned up with scarlet) and shall be obliged by your supplying me with the Cloth Yds. intended for the other Peons Yds. with as little delay as may be, as being urgently required -

2. Should there be any objection to the mode of application or difficulty in passing the Indent - I request permission to purchase any suitable materials procurable in this neighbourhood to make up the required belts, and to cancel my indent of the 30th June 1857. -

Masulipatam Zillah Court, 10th December 1857.

/Signed/ J. J. Cotton.
Civil and Sessions Judge.

B. No. 233.

Proceedings thereon. (693-95)

Under the circumstances stated by the Civil and Sessions Judge, the Board of Revenue approve of his having purchased Cloth for supplying Belts to 1 Duffadar and 4 Deloyets of his Court, and request that a Statement of the Actual cost of the Belts may be submitted to this Office.

2. The Civil Judge is informed that Cloth Belts for the other Peons will be transmitted to him in the Course of a few days -

To

No. 278.

To,

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

(696)

B. No. 4400. Sir,

From the Collector of North Arcot - Para 1. Fort St. George.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 30th July, observing that my letter of the 30th June 1857, does not afford sufficient information upon the points adverted to in the Board's Endorsement of the 12th May on Petition No. 1490 of 1857. -

+ herewith returned.

2. In my letter of the 30th June 1857, I stated that altho' the Petitioner's Grand father and father were entered as the Maniem-dars in the old Enam registers, Tummareddy's Name was in 1817 entered as the holder of one half of the Maniem, because that portion was found

found to be in Timmareddies possession, when in that year the more detailed register shewing the names of present holders, was prepared. I also stated that until 1854 petitioner made no protest to the co authorities against this arrangement; I further mentioned that it could not with certainty be decided on what condition Timmareddy co became possessed of a portion of the Enam in question.-

3. The Board in the Extract above referred to wish to be informed what the co parties themselves say upon this last point, whether the present possessor has been co occupying his portion of the Enam in his own right or otherwise and what title he co puts forward in support of his claim-

4. Timmareddy in his deposition states, that he is entitled not only to co half the Manieu in question, but to the whole. He says that it was originally granted to his co ancestors

ancestors for founding a Village called Peddagunty Pullay- He further states that he belongs to the Peddagunty caste, and that the name of the co Village Vizt. Peddagunty Pullay is a sufficient proof that his ancestors built the Village, for founding which the Puttecuttoo Manieu in dispute was originally given. He says that his ancestors fled from the Village of co Peddagunty at the time of Tippoo Sooltan's invasion - but that in fusly 1231 he (Timmareddy) came back to his Village and co claimed the whole Manieu which was then in the possession of the Petitioner's father who co had usurped it during the absence of Timmareddy's ancestors-

5. The claims of the contending co parties were settled as stated in the concluding co para of my letter of the 30th June 1857- It co was agreed that the Manieu should be co divided equally between Timmareddy and

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the petitioner, Rama Reddy's Father-

6- The Petitioner on the other hand declares that Timma Reddy took unfair advantage of his father's weakness of mind, and so managed to get possession of half the Manieum - He admits that Timma Reddy had possession of the portion before he the Petitioner, was born - Petitioner also states that the entry in the old Enam Registers of the Names of his Grand father and father as Enamdars is in itself sufficient to establish his claim to the entire Manieum -

7. A part of the Village Officers support Timmareddy in his Statement that his ancestors founded the Village for doing which the Manieum was granted, and the fact that the Petitioner belongs to what is called the Pocanatty Caste and not to the Reddyguntty Caste from which the Village in question takes its name, is so far a confirmation

confirmation of the assertion -

8. On the whole it appears to me that Timmareddy's claim rests entirely on the division of the Enam which is admitted by both parties, and his subsequent possession, which was not disputed till 1854 -

North Arcot,
Collector's Cutcherry,
Chittoor 14th November 1857

/ Signed / C. Whittinghame
Collector -

696-97
B. No. 269.

Proceedings thereon - The names of Petitioners' Grand father and father appear in the Pymaish and Jamma Chittah accounts of 1215. and in the Enam Registers from fusly 1223 to 1227. In the Enam accounts of fusly 1258 an entry appears to the effect that Timmareddy Petitioners opponent was in possession of a Moiety of the Enam and had been so for 22 years and that Petitioners' father enjoyed the other half - Things remained thus till 1854 or 7 years later - when

Petitioner

Petitioner made his first complaint upon the subject-

2. The Village servants state that in Fusly 1226 both parties claimed the entire Manieum but amicably arranged matters, agreeing to divide it between them-

3. It is not clear how Tummaredoly obtained the land in the first instance, but the Board consider that no sufficient reason has been shown for placing Petitioner in possession- They accordingly resolve to pass the following Endorsement upon Petitions 1490 and 2288 of 1857-

"The present holder of the portion of Enam which Petitioner seeks to be put in possession of has been in undisturbed possession for upwards of 30 years and there is every reason to believe that he enjoys it in virtue of an arrangement entered into with Petitioner's father, by which the property was to be held by them in equal portions- under these circumstances the Board are not disposed to interfere"-

To,

No. 263.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George.

698

B. No. 1722.

From the Actg. Collr. of Madura

No 2967

10th Augt. 1857

No. 799.

Petitioner in No 2156 of 1857 is returned.

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 7th September last conveying the Minutes of Consultation of Government on the subject of the appeal Petition of Nundamanaik of Jumboola-poorum in Teroomungalum Talook, I have the honor to submit my report on the point alluded to in the 5th Para of the Minutes of Consultation-

2. Still No. 59 with 3 other plots shewn in the Margin, was enjoyed until the year 1826 by one Singaraya Narayan pillay the Fyzul Cumum as Manieum assigned to his Office, altho the same had been entered as

Poonjah-		Coolies-	as.
In Stalum No.	22	3	3½
" Do.	59	4	7¾
" Do.	74	4	11¼
		12	6½

Poonjah converted to Nunjah	Cawn-	as.
	1	6

as Ayn in the account of fusly 1215. On his dismissal in the year 1826. for some neglect, one Namasevayem Pillay, was appointed in his stead in the ensuing year and allowed to enjoy the said 4 stulls for a period of about 19 years-

3. Subsequently at the close of the year 1846 this individual pledged 3 of the stulls including the one in dispute to the Petitioner who was to enjoy the usufruct of the lands for a period of 6 years in satisfac: tion of Rupees 60 due to him and then restore the lands-

4. In the meantime (in 1849) this Curnom was removed from his Office in con: sequence of the derangement of his mind, and the Son of the Fyzul Curnom appointed in his place- He recovered 2 of the stulls pledged, but was unable to induce the Petitioner to give up No. 59 upon this, the dispute was brought to the Notice of the Acting Collector who decided under the

the provisions of Regulation VI of 1831 that the still No. 59 should also be relinquished by the Petitioner-

5. As on an examination of the Oolongoo Account of Fusly 1215, it appeared that all the 4 stulls above mentioned were Ayn lands, they were ordered to be taxed as Ayn, and a Puttah given for them in the name of the present Curnom whose claim to the land was preferred on account of the long profession enjoyed by his two prede: cessors, and the Petitioners claim was in consequence rejected by the late Acting Collector Mr. Sullivan-

Madura, 24th November 1857.

/Signed/ A. Hathaway.
Acting Collector.

B. No. 265.

Proceedings thereon- (698-99)

From this letter it appears that the parcel of land now in dispute was pledged along with two others, by the

the late Curnum for Rupees 60- to the Petitioner who in satisfaction of his debt was to enjoy the usufruct for 6 years.

2- Before the expiration of that term the mortgager died and the son of the Fyzul Curnum (who had been dismissed 23 years previously) was appointed and recovered 2 of the Stalams but was unable to induce Petitioner to give up No. 59. The Acting Collector however decided under Regulation VI of 1831 that it should be relinquished by Petitioner on the ground, the Board presume that the term of enjoyment had expired and should therefore cease, and a puttah

puttah was made out in the name of the present Curnum whose claim to the land was preferred on Account of the long possession of his two Predecessors.-

3- It should be observed in the first place that the land being "Ayn" and not Curnum Maniem, the dispute was not adjudicable under Regulation VI of 1831. but should have been decided by the Acting Collector under his general powers.-

4- Had the present Curnum to whom puttah has been given been the person who mortgaged the land, his claim would in the Board's opinion have been preferable to the Petitioners, but as the report recorded at the

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head of these Proceedings shews that this is not the case; and it is clear that upon the simple plea of having succeeded to the Office of Curnum, he cannot claim as of right a piece of land discovered to be not Curnium Enam but "Ayn". The Board consider that the Puttah should be made out in the name of the Petitioner.

Ordered that Copy of these Proceedings be furnished to the Acting Collector for his information and guidance and also to Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 10th August 1857 para 5 No. 799 R. D. and Endorsement dated 12th October 1857 upon Petition No. 2,156/1857.

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No. 212.

To

J. D. Sim Esqr

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

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B. of R. No. 5090.

From the Collr of Coimbatore

Offers certain observation with reference to the appeal made by Mr. J. McIvor.

Sir,

In reply to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 18th Ultimo No. 4033, I have few further observations to offer. I gave the Board in my former letters of 10th July and 7th September 1857, Nos. 108 and 145 respectively all the information which appeared necessary on Mr. James McIvor's case, and I have no desire to remark further on his misstatements, most of which are not only erroneous, but be untrue.

2. I only did what appeared to me my duty, and the intention of the Board and Government in requiring

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reporting on Mr. McIvor's Estate and Proceedings, and I am not aware what other "means" I could adopt, than by going myself to see the Farm, after the two Officers I had sent, Mr. Surveyor Williams, and Forest Serjeant O'Brien, had been refused admittance (as before explained) by Mr. McIvor.

3. I courteously asked Mr. McIvor for such information, as he chose to afford. I shall not again, under the Board's present views, expose myself, needlessly, to the same trouble, and to the personal insolence of Mr. McIvor, which was offered, though I have not hitherto condescended to mention it, a Gentleman of my own service was with me, and could testify to it, if necessary.

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Fort St. George, 19th January 1858.

4. I never dictated any plan of agriculture or procedure to Mr. McIvor, nor did, nor said, any thing beyond gaining from him, courteously, such information as he chose to give, which was very little, and observing with my own eyes, the felled Timber, and uncultivated lands.

5. If Mr. McIvor held his Farm on the same terms that others do, paying full for the same, he would have a perfect and unquestionable right to leave it barren and neglected, in any way he liked, (except felling the Timber,) but holding it as he does, on certain conditions, and under extraordinary liberal terms, free of all Rent for 10 years, I deemed it my duty to see that the liberality of Government was not entirely abused, as the

Board

Board and Government will I fear one day learn-

6. With reference to para 2 of my letter to the Board 7th September No. 145. in reply to Para 3 of Board's Proceedings 11th July 1857, I beg to say no land of any kind or sort, was ever given to any one out of Mr. James McIvor's grant but there were one or two small Puttahs (occupants) on the land near Cotacamund- when asked for by him who had been some years there, Mr. J. McIvor promised to buy them out instead of doing so, he took their potato crops forcibly, and endeavored summarily to oust them- if this is the land which Mr. McIvor refer to it tells entirely and strongly against himself.

Mr.

7. Mr. James McIvor's letter with enclosures, dated 8th June 1857, received with Extract from the Board's Proceedings of the 1st October, No. 3299, is herewith returned.

Coimbatore Collector's Office
8th December 1857.

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector.

Enclosure No. 1.

Memorandum on Mr. McIvor's letter to the Board of Revenue dated 8th June 1857.

A. A mis-statement to use the mildest term. The parties, Natives, occupied the land before Mr. McIvor and were pusted for him. I met Mr. McIvor's brother (to whom I beg to refer) on that spot several times, in order, to settle the dispute. Mr. J. McIvor forcibly seized the owners potatoes, for which he has not paid, to this day.

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B I made no such promise. but requested Mr. Mc Ivor to forward to Government, himself, whatever he thought right.

C A simple mis-statement, as A I said and intimated nothing of the kind.

D I was distinctly told by a creditable European authority that Mr. Mc Ivor proposing, to sell some of his lands, i.e. probably given up since known.

E I need only appeal, which I do to Mr. Mc Ivor's own brother, who was often present, and knows all my conduct to Mr. J. Mc Ivor.

F Little or nothing has been yet tried, but the common potato (grown by every native) for immediate sale.

I can only be surprized at Mr. J. Mc Ivor's unblushing mis-statements.

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector.

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Bd No 255
Proceedings
8th June 1857
No 2303
In Con: 11th July 157
700-701

No 2375

In Cons: 1st Oct: 157
In Con 19th Jan: 158
5600

From Mr. Mc Ivor 8th June in to 11th July 57 / para 1.
From both 8th Dec: 157.
In Con 19th Jan: 158 para 5.

thereon. In June last the Board received a communication from Mr J. Mc Ivor complaining of the manner in which he had on sundry occasions been treated by the Collector of Coimbatore.

2 Of the circumstances mentioned by Mr Mc Ivor two only called for notice from the Board, and are discussed in Proceedings dated 11th July 1857.

3 Mr Thomas's letter dated 7th September and 8th December last refer to these complaints.

4 Mr Thomas distinctly states that no land has ever been given to any one out of Mr Mc Ivor's grant one or two small patches he adds were previously held on Puttah and Mr Mc Ivor promised to purchase the interests of the occupants, but instead of doing this he endeavored forcibly to get them and seized their crops. The Puttadars are represented to be still "complaining" of the matter but the Board presumes the complaints have not

not been formally and officially propo-
-ed. It is not absolutely certain that
these holdings are what Mr Mc Ivor
alludes to, but if they are not it is for
him to specify the lands he refers to
and give the dates and details of the alleged
transfers.

5 The second ground of complaint is
the one which more immediately concerns
Government.

6 Mr Mc Ivors lease was given on
favorable terms for an express object, and he
objects to the mode in which Mr Thomas has
endeavored to ascertain how far this object
has been attained.

7 Mr Thomas it will be seen
has misapprehended the Boards meaning
and imagined that they were censuring
him when they were merely expressing
their Doubts of the legality of any such
proceedings. They in fact expressly
invited that he had been ordered
to report on Mr Mc Ivors
operations.

Bd Proc 11th July 57 para 6.

Mr

Enc: 1 in Coll'r letter dated 10th July 1857 inbound 11th Nov 157
Mr Mc Ivor 8th June 157 Para 5 Inbound 11th July 157

8 Mr Mc Ivor however takes exception to any interference or "surveillance" on the part of the Collector and it is necessary to ascertain how far the latter Officer can exercise any supervision without his consent. The Board would recommend that the opinion of the Government Pleader should be taken on this point for while the Board would advocate all reasonable liberality and consideration towards Mr Mc Ivor, they think he ought to be obliged to adhere to the terms on which his liberal lease was conceded. If as the Board apprehend Mr Mc Ivor has absolute control over his land for the first ten years it is but fair to the Collector to relieve him from the responsibility and invidiousness of his present duty.

9 The Board in their Proceedings dated 29th January 1856 submitted the Collectors report on Mr Mc Ivors operations up to 1855.

That

That report was not satisfactory but allowance was made for the difficulties attending an experiment of the kind

In Cons. 18th Nov. 157

10 In his letter dated 10th July 1857 Mr Thomas reports the continued non fulfilment of the expectations of Government in granting the favorable lease Mr. Mc Ivor holds for 716 acres

11 Mr. Thomas reports "leave no room to doubt that Mr Mc Ivor is not fulfilling the purpose for which Government granted the land and his own letter to the Board confirms this conclusion In the communication Mr Mc Ivor dwells at length on the difficulties he has had to contend with not making every allowance for these the Board think he might by this time have been able to specify some distinct and decided commencement of the agricultural operations which Government had in view

12 It is unnecessary however to discuss this point until it

is decided how far Government can now interfere under the lease held by Mr. Mc Ivor

13 Resolved that a Copy of these Proceedings and the correspondence referred to be submitted for the orders of Government and communicated to the Collector for his information.

14 The Board will defer their reply to Mr Mc Ivor's communication until they are in receipt of the views of Government

No. 232.

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

(702)
B. No. 5006 Sir.

From the Acting Collector of Masulipatam

No. 3775 November 1857.

In Obedience to Para 5 of the Board's Proceedings dated 5th I have the honor to explain

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explain why so much delay occurred in the matter therein discussed.

2. The Head Assistant Collector's letter had been 5 months in this office when I joined the District, and I was anxious if possible to include in my report the entire matter, but difficulties having arisen as to the settlement of the question in the sub Collectors Division, I deemed it best to wait no more for the Acting Sub Collector's report which I have not yet received.

3 I beg to explain to the Board that the delay in putting the parties in possession of the substituted lands occasioned no loss to Government for those lands yielded their usual cist to Government up to the day they were made over.

Masulipatam
Coll.rs Circuit
Cutchery at
Runkepaud
9th December 1857

/Signed/ T. I. Knox
Acting Collector

Br. No 237.

Proceedings thereon — Submitted for the information of Government with reference to Para 5 of the Board's Proceedings dated 4th November 1857 No 3775.

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No 218.

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

(704)

Br. No 5726

From the Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to the enclosed Copy of Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer dated 5th Instant No. 5720, I have the honor to forward a Plan and Estimate for the construction of a Choultry at Potacamund amounting to Rupees 6600 framed by the District Engineer. The want of a Competent Choultry at Potacamund is much felt by the Community frequenting that place I request the sanction of Government may be obtained for the same.

Coimbatore
Collector's Office
14th December 1857

/Signed/ E. B. Thomas
Collector

Encl. 1
No. 5720.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief

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Chief Engineer in the Department
of Public Works.

Under date the 5th December
1857.

Read the following letter
from the Collector of Coimbatore

/ Here enter No. 588 dated 26th
November 1857 /

Under the circumstances
reported in the foregoing
letter from the Collector of
Coimbatore No. 588 dated 26th
November 1857. the Chief Engineer
resolves to return to the Dis-
trict Engineer the plan and
Estimate for a Choultry at
Ootacamund for the construc-
tion of which application
should be made by the Collector
through

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through the Board of Revenue—

/ True Extract /

/ Signed / C. Lawford

Supt. Engineer

Southern Circle.

/ True Copy /

/ Signed / P. M. Frances

District Engineer

/ True Copy /

/ Signed / C. B. Thomas

Collector.

Estimate

	28	6½	3	"	546	——— D° ——— to Chimnies ———					
	404	2	1	"	808	Basement to walls ———					
	22	2	1	"	44	——— D° to Pillars ———					
	78	18	1	"	78	——— D° to retaining walls between Pillars					
	168	8	1	"	168	——— D° to Chimnies ———					
	404	7½	10	"	6060	Walls above ———					
	28	6	13	"	2184	Chimnies ———					
					16629						
					1087	Deduct for openings —					
					15542	C/ft. Brick in Chunam	18	"	"	per 100 C/ft	2797 8
Diameter	10	1¼	"	"	130	C/ft. Brick in Chunam round Pillars ———	30	"	"	D°	39
	230	27	"		6210	"	Square feet Roofing with Teak wood rafters, reapers walls plates Brest summers Bamboo Mats Nails flat and Pan tiles Chunam ridges &c Complete ———	30	"	"	per Square 1863
	100	14	"		1484	"	Square feet Flooring with dwarf walls joists and Planks Complete ———	35	"	"	D° 519 8
	100	14	"		1400	"	Square feet flooring with Brick Jelly and Chunam	4	"	"	D° 56
					9055	"	Square feet Plastering with 2 Coats of Chunam	6	"	"	D° 543 5

Builders

	5½	4	"	"	"	12	Glazed windows Complete	15	"	"	each 180
	3	6½	"	"	"	4	Pannelled Doors Complete	20	"	"	D° 80
	74	29	1	"	2146	C/ft. Flooring to Tank with rough Stone in sand		5	"	"	per 100 C/ft 107 5
	218	4	"		872	"	Square feet Turfing Slopes to Tank	"	2	"	per Sq. Yd. 12
	36	4	1	"	144	C/ft. Granite Steps ———		1	"	"	D° 144
							1 Sluice gate with cross stones and Shutters Complete ———				8
							1 Barrel Drain from the Sluice gate ———				60
											6409 8
							Sundries ———				90 8 6500
							Compensation for 2 houses ———				100
							Total Company's Rupees ———				6600

Company's Rupees Six thousand and six hundred—

Neilgherry Chattrums for Natives Travellers & Cottacommunds

District Engr. Office
Coimbatore 1st September
1857

(Signed) C. B. Thomas
Collector

(Signed) P. M. Francis
District Engineer

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End. 4

Estimate for constructing a Choultrum for Native Travellers at Polacamund:-

Amount of Estimate Rupees 6600 Six thousand and Six hundred Comprising the following items—

15,342	C ft.	Brick in Chunam	@ 18 "	per 100 C ft 2797 8
130	C ft.	D° round Pillars	@ 30 "	D° 39 —
6210	Sq re feet	Roofing with Couples	@ 30 "	per Sq re 1863 —
1484	D°.	Flooring with Joists and Planks	@ 35 "	per Sq re 519-6
1400	D°	Flooring with Brick jelly in Chunam	@ 4 "	D° 56 —
9055	D°.	Plastering	@ 6 "	D° 513-5
12		glazed windows	@ 15 "	each 180 —
4		Pannelled Doors	@ 20 "	D° 80 —
2146	C ft	Flooring to Tank in Rough Stone in Sand	@ 5 "	per C ft 107 5
872	Square feet	Turfing to Tank	@ 2 "	per Sq. 12 —
144	C ft.	granite steps	@ 1 "	per C ft 144 —
1		Sluice gate		8 —
1		Barrel Drain		60 —
		Sundries		90-8
		Compensation for 2 honours		100 —
		Total Estimate Rupees		6600 —

The Buildings is to be raised on a basement 1 foot in height above foundations which are to be sunk 6 feet. The principal walls and Pillars are to be 10 feet high.—

The Building is to Contain

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4 rooms and 1 open hall—

4 rooms each 26½ feet long by 14 feet broad—

1 Open hall 100 feet long by 14 feet broad—

District Engineers Office
Coimbatore,
1st September 1857—

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector

(Signed) P. M. Francis
Dt Engineer.

(704-705)

B. N° 250.

Proceedings thereon

No 4 Plan

With the above letter the Collector submits a Plan and estimate for a Choultry for native Travellers at Polacamund—

2. The want of such a building is represented to be much felt, and the Board resolve to recommend the proposition to the favorable consideration of Government—

3. Under ordinary circumstances the construction of such buildings is left to the public spirit and liberality of the Native community Government merely

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merely providing an Endowment when certain conditions are fulfilled. It seems to the Board however that an exception may properly be made in favor of the Hill Stations. The climate renders such accommodation necessary, and it is desirable to encourage native traders by such facilities to visit the Hills to supply the wants of the residents.

4 As regards the Plain, the Board think a number of moderate sized rooms would be more convenient than the proposed arrangement of one long Hall open throughout the front and four large rooms.

5 The Collector will report whether any extra establishment will be required to keep the Choultry clean and in good Order.

706
Board's No 3117.
From the Collector of North Arcot

Fort Saint George 19 January 1858.

No 327

To

J. D. Sim Esq
Acting Secy to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to state for the information of the Board that having requested Mr Whitelaw the Secretary to the Committee for the Cotton Agricultural exhibition to obtain the opinions of the members on the points adverted to in Extract Proceedings Board of Revenue dated 5th October 1857 No 3316, I received from him a letter dated the 20th November last giving copies of letters on the subject from the gentlemen mentioned in the margin, together with plans and Estimates for proposed buildings for the exhibition which had been forwarded by the Acting District Engineer Lieutenant Mayne.

Brigadier Logan
Messrs Harris
Sullivan
Harper
Mayne
Ramasawmy Moodeliar
Rungaiy Polejar
Soondra Pillay
Nair Sheristadar
Sevagamy Court
Sheristadar.
× C&D Move
3 March/58 (A)

2 In order to avoid the necessity of submitting copies of all these Documents I shall precis those parts of each of the members' letters which bear on the question under discussion.

3 Brigadier Logan is of opinion that it would be desirable to hold the exhibition in rotation

at

at each of the stations of Chittoor, Vellore, and Wallajahnuggur. In his opinion a building sufficiently commodious and substantial could not be erected for Rupees 600 to 800," and he states that "there is not a single building at Vellore which could possibly be made available for the exhibition and that if a building were erected for the purpose at Vellore he cannot see for what other purpose it could be used."

5 Mr Harris considers that "the only additional use to which the building proposed (to be erected) could be put would be that of Government schools."

5 Mr Sullivan "must question a building of sufficient size or any durability and safely being built for 600 or 800 Rupees looking to the much enhanced prices of all building materials and labour caused by the great demand for both on the Railway he is not aware of any other purpose to which a building at Vellore for the Exhibition could be made available in the manner contemplated by the Board in para 3 of their Proceedings."

6 Mr Harper states that "supposing a building sufficient for exhibition purposes at each station could be raised it would only be for a week or 10 days in three years that it would be required and

and for what other use in the interim at Wallajahnuggur and at Vellore would the building be available the Board put to suggest. If there was any building at those stations available or if one was erected that could be constantly made use of." Mr Harper thinks "the advantages of holding the meeting at such large places would be considerable although most of the Members of the Committee would be unable to attend. But if it is to stand vacant for nearly 3 years much damage must result to the materials of which it is created and considerable sums must be spent on its repair." Mr Harper then refers to a suggestion made at a meeting of the Committee that the building at Chittoor might be made available for a school and that the opinion of the Director of Public Instruction should be taken regarding it. But the practicability of carrying out the suggestion will of course depend upon the description of building erected.

Lieut Mayne submits "an estimate
7 and plan for a tiled building by a Native Mojeer at a cost of Rupees 480 which he thinks will be sufficiently large to accommodate all that will be exhibited in this District."

Lieutenant Mayne offers no suggestion regarding any other use to which these buildings might be put.

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8 Ramadasuppa mudeliar Polegar of Dungary suggests that the proposed "buildings be made available for the Government schools in this District"

9 Soondara Pillay Head Sheristadar of the Collector's Cutchery "expresses his concurrence in the views entertained by the Board in Paras 1 and 2 of their Proceedings with reference to para 3 he is of opinion that the buildings in question at Vellore and Wallajah pett might advantageously be made available for the location of the Sulook schools at those places respectively. The building to be erected at Chittoor might also be appropriated for a similar purpose but the said Sheristadar questions whether the accommodation it would afford will be sufficient to locate the Zillah school thereon. He suggests that "when the buildings are required for the purpose of the exhibitions to which would not, he supposes occupy more than a month or so, the schools might be temporarily removed to other quarters or closed for the time."

10 Seva Now the Sheristadar of the Civil Court States "in regard to the construction

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construction of the buildings for the use of the exhibition that as there are no public buildings both for Zillah and Sulook School of Government in this District the buildings now allotted for that purpose might in his opinion be so appropriated"

11 I do not see to what other intermediate use the proposed buildings could be put than that to which the opinion of the greater part of the Committee inclines viz Zillah and Sulook Schools The buildings would if that suggestion is approved have to be built on a larger scale and different plan than those now proposed The plan and estimate forwarded by Lieutenant Maclean are herewith submitted

North Arcot
Coll.r's Cutcherry
Poondamallee
January 17 Dec.r 1857.

Board's No 232
Proceedings thereon
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/Signed/ W Chittenghame
Collector

12 In the foregoing letter the Collector gives a summary of the various opinions of the members of Committee in regard to the advisability of holding exhibitions at the three principal towns of the District in rotation

13 Doubts are expressed as to whether

* Chittoor
Vellore
Wallajahnuggur

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whether a building sufficiently substantial and commodious can be erected for Rs 800 and the only suggestion as to any use to which the building may be put during the interim when not required for the purposes of the exhibition is that it may be made available for a village School or be placed at the disposal of the Director of Public Instruction to be used as a Government School.

3 The Board observe that the estimate now forwarded proposes an expenditure of Rs 820 (not Rs 450 as stated by the Collector) and as Lieut Traque who framed it seems to think a building may be constructed for that sum capable of accommodating as many as are likely to be present the Board do not see that any thing more is required.

4 They accordingly authorize the Collector to disburse the above sum of Rupees 820.

5 The intermediate disposal of the building need not be discussed at present but orders will be issued on the subject when it is reported available for any other service.

6 The plan and Estimate are herewith returned.

C.B.

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No 384.

To

J. D. Sim Esquire

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St George.

708

B. No. 5170

From the Collector of Chingleput

Sir

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board of Revenue the accompanying Copies of letters from Lieutenant Hankin Assistant Executive Engineer in this District that the Travellers Bungalows noted in the margin are greatly out of repair and on the number of Travellers who halted at them during the last 12 months amounting only to 42 and 20 respectively, I have the honor to request sanction for disposing of them as well as the Bungalow at Sirrur perumbatoor by Public Auction, the line of Communication on which they are situated having been superseded on by the Railway, and most of the Travellers being of other classes than those for which the Bungalows were originally built.

2 Poonamallee being an important Military Station, and the Bungalow there being in a dilapidated State, I request permission for authorizing the District Engineer to frame an Estimate for its reconstruction.

Chingleput Collectors Cutcherry Sydapet 21st December 1857

I have the honor to be Sir Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) C. J. Shubrick

Collector

* Pajahs Choultry Travellers 42 Baul Chetty's 20

* Number of Travellers who halted at this place during the last 12 months is 31

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No 1

To

No 482

Lieutenant A. S. Moberly

Sir

District Engineer of Chingleput

With reference to a copy of a letter from the Collector received from you regarding repairs required to the cook room of the Bungalow at Rajahs Choultry, I have the honor to state that as the cost of the repairs which are needed to put the cook room into as good state as it was before the rains will not exceed a Rupee, I have ordered them to be executed. At the same time I beg to state that the whole Bungalow stands in need of thorough repairs, as it is in a very dirty state, and leaks in every part the outside houses are out of repair and filthy in the extreme, the compound wall also is in a ruinous state. The public Bungalows on the line of road are so little used now that I shall not prepare any Estimate without your order. but if not soon repaired, this Bungalow as well as that at Ponamally will very soon be uninhabitable

Camp Rajahs Choultry
27th November 1857

/ Signed / F. G. Hankin, Lieut
Assistant Executive Engineer

Fort Saint George 19th January 1858.

To

No 485

Lieutenant A. S. Moberly

Sir

District Engineer of Chingleput.

In reply to a copy of a letter of the Collector forwarded by you, I have the honor to state that the Bungalow at Bal Chetty is in a dangerous state, every arch and every wall having several large and deep cracks in them, and instead of slight repairs, it would be necessary nearly to rebuild the Bungalow I request you will be good enough to let me know whether you wish me under these circumstances to furnish an Estimate

Camp Bal Chetty
28th November 1857

/ Signed / F. G. Hankin, Lieut
Assistant Executive Engineer

/ True Copies /

/ Signed / A. S. Moberly, Lieut
Dist Engineer of Chingleput

/ True Copies /

/ Signed / G. A. Shubrick
Collector

No 385.

To

J. D. Sim Esqr

Acting secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St George

(709)

Bd No 5180

From the Collector of Chingleput

Sir

In reply to Extract from the Boards Proceedings No 4582 of the 19th Instant relative to the Streeparoondoor Bungalow I have the honor to refer them to my letter of yesterday No 384 proposing the sale of the Bungalow under the circumstances therein noted In lieu of which under the present application of the Chief Engineer, I see no objection to its transfer to the Public Works Department as a store room and residence for the Overseer in charge of the western road. The upper storied choultry at Streeparoondoor will thence after be available for the reception of travellers on that road Both the Bungalow and choultry are on the Road so that Travellers will not

not have to go out of their way when using the Choultry. Though the Bungalows on the Western road are still tolerably frequented notwithstanding the opening of the Railway the travellers are chiefly East Indians and others for whom the Bungalows were never originally built.

Chingleput District
Collectors Cutcherry
Sydapet 22d December
1857.

} Signed C. J. Shubrick.
Collector.

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Bd No 264.

Proceedings thereon-

Submitting Correspondence from the Chief Engineer and Collector of Chingleput relating to certain Public Bungalows in the Chingleput District and requesting the permission of Government to sell the Bungalow at Balchetty's choultry and to transfer the one at Streeperumatoor to the D.P. Works

In the first of the above letters the Chief Engineer requested the Boards opinion as to the transfer of the Public Bungalow at Streeperumatoor in his Department as a store room and residence for the Overseer in charge of the W. Trunk Road to Bangalore.

2 The Collector in the two other letters furnishes information regarding this Building and also proposes the sale of two other Bungalows on the same line Viz those at these

those at Pajahs and Baul chettys Choultries:

		M	From Madras
1	Poonamallee	12½	12½
2	Streepermatoor	13	25½
3	Pajahs choultry	11¼	39¾
4	Balchettys do	10¼	50
5	Wocherry	8	58
6	Arcot	12⅝	70⅝

3 There are altogether 4 Bungalows in the Chingleput District on this line of Road between Madras and Arcot as shown in the Margin.

4 The first is in bad repair and the Collector wishes to rebuild it as Poonamallee is a Military station. He has however omitted to mention the number of Travellers who have halted there lately and the Board have no recent return from this District. The propriety of rebuilding the Bungalow will depend mainly on this point. The Board apprehend that the building is more used by persons visiting the station than by actual Travellers and its usefulness so far as regards the latter class will

will be greatly affected by the proposed abolition of the 3d and 4th Bungalows.

No of Travellers 51

5 As regards Streepermatoor the Collector states that the Bungalow is chiefly used by persons not entitled to such accomodation and that even their wants can be met by making the upper rooms of a Choultry available. Under these circumstances the Board see no objection to the transfer of the building to the Department Public Works.

6 The 3d Bungalow is reported to require extensive repairs and the fourth is in a dangerous condition.

No of Travellers 20

7 The Board recommend that the 4th Bungalow which is at Balchettys Choultry be sold. The number of Travellers on this line of Road is likely to decrease yearly, and even if it were not the distance between the two Stages on each side of Balchettys Choultry

choultry is 19 Miles which on so good a road might be accomplished in one march without great difficulty. The Board therefore do not propose that another Bungalow should be constructed at this place in lieu of the one they recommend for sale

8 As regards the Bungalow at Rajahs Choultry the Board would wish to Know from the Collector in round numbers what its repair is likely to cost. The number of travellers who halted here during the last year is said to have been 42 most of whom were not of the classes for whose accommodation the building was intended. The retention of this Bungalow seems unnecessary but if it and the next one are sold, the distance from Sreeperumatoor the nearest shelter at Wocherry would be so great (33 Miles) that travellers would derive very little benefit from the rest

of the line.

The Board request the

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Collector to consider the necessity of

Keeping up any Public Bungalows on this

road between Madras and Arcot. The

railway is now open to Vellore and

as it extends further Westward, the

Board presume few or

travellers will give the

Trunk road the preference

Meanwhile the Board

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resolve

in

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resolve to request the
permission of Government
to sell the Bungalow at
Baulchetty's Choultry and
to transfer the one at
Meepermatoor to the chief
Engineer for the purpose
stated in his proceedings
of the 28th November last.

Dufons: 19th Dec.
1857

Sp.

Fort Saint George 26th January 1858

No. 243.

To

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

711

B. No. 5200.
From the Conservator
of Forests

Sir

I have the honor to offer the following observations with reference to the Board of Revenues Circular No. 3913 dated 12th November last, as to the alleged injurious effects of irrigation in the cultivation of cotton.

I have looked through the voluminous Return of Papers presented to the House of Commons on the cultivation of cotton in India and find the following passage as to the necessity of occasional irrigation, in a letter from Dr. Royle to Mr. Secretary Melville —

"The subject of irrigation had not escaped my attention, I spoke to some of the American planters on the subject but as they had to contend with excess of moisture in Louisiana they had the greatest repugnance to irrigation — but I recommended a trial of it in bringing plants forward"

Again in Royles "Culture of Cotton

in

in India" which contains an excellent account of all the experiments made up to 1851. There are numerous remarks passim, bearing testimony to the beneficial effects of water on the Cotton plant. he concludes however with the caution Page 437 "In irrigation it must however be remembered that excess of moisture is as injurious as its deficiency, and that, though a check is required to favour the formation of bolls and cotton, the transition must not be too sudden."

I have also examined a long continued correspondence with Dr Wight late superintendent of Cotton Farms Coimbatore and find no allusion to the subject, except in the accompanying Circular* dated 20th March 1849 vide Paras 15 to 19 inclusive where the inference is strongly in favor of irrigation, but in his Circular before leaving the Country dated 15th May 1852 I find the following. "On the subject of irrigation I have no further experience and can add nothing to what I have already said on the subject but my impression is that it will be found

* Office copy to be returned when no longer required

found to answer best in sandy soil that does not cake on the surface after the absorption of the water"

It would appear then that these two authorities quite coincide in opinion as to the utility of irrigation, care being taken not to apply too much water for the difficulty there is that the plant becomes too luxuriant and runs to leaf without filling the bolls.

My own acquaintance with Cotton Cultivation is limited to the districts of western Mysore and Dawar, where irrigation is not required. When lately in the Mahratta Country the Cultivators spoke very strongly of the importance to them of the morning fogs which came across from the wooded tracts of Soondah and Soopah and hence they plead earnestly for the Forest conservancy of North Canara.

I may perhaps observe that Mr Davis late Collector of Broach reported that his "district is probably one of the worst adapted for irrigation throughout the Bombay Presidency owing to its Geological structure. This

Royle Page 137

This circumstance goes far to explain the opinion given by Mr Invernarity, which I think refers to an exceptional locality and is not of general application

Madras
Office of Conservator of forests 23d Decr 1857

/ Signed / H. Cleghorn
Conservator of Forests

Order thereon
711-12

To Ordered to lie over

No 2

713
B. No 303
From the Collector of Coimbatore

E. B. Thomas Esqr
Collector of Coimbatore

Sir

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No 19 dated 9th January 1858 I have the honor to request that I may be granted two months leave from the 12th April as the Civil audit states that I am only entitled to have from that date

Coimbatore
14th February 1858

/ Signed / J. A. C. Boswell
Assistt Collector

Forwarded with reference to the Boards Proceedings of the 9th Instant No 107

Coimbatore
14th February 1858

/ Signed / E. B. Thomas
Collector

Order thereon
713-14

Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation of the 9th Instant No 2 Revenue Department

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Resolved that the following

715
B. No 218
To the Agent to the Male Asylum Press

Memo be dispatched

Memo

The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue requests that the Agent of the Male Asylum Press will forward one more copy of the Armylist

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Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous Letters and Statements

716
M. No 134
From the Collector of Cuddapah. Return of Persons charged

&c

717
Mfg. No. 133 88ca under Regulation IX of 1822 for August 57
From the Collector of Cuddapah - Return of Persons charged

718
Mfg. No. 131 under Regulation IX of 1822 for September 57
From the Collector of Cuddapah - Return of Village Officers

719
Mfg. No. 132 or dismissed under Regulation XI for September 57
From the Collr. of Cuddapah - Return of Village Officers

720
Mfg. No. 141 or dismissed under Regulation VII for August 57
From the Collector of Tanjore - Return of Village Officers suspended

721
Mfg. No. 135 88ca for December 1857.
From the Collector of Vizagapatam - Salt Account Current

722
Mfg. No. 136 for December 1857.
From the Collector of Madras - Salt Account Current

723
Mfg. No. 137 December 1857.
From the Collector of Tanjore - Average Bazar Prices

724
Mfg. No. 138 of Grain for December 1857.
From the Collector of Coimbatore - Average Bazar Prices

727
Mfg. No. 139 of Grain for December 1857.
From the Collector of Tanjore - Register of the state of

728
Mfg. No. 140 the River Cauvery for December 1857.
From the Collector of North Arcot - Register of Petitions for

December 1857 -

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Wednesday the 20th January 1858 -

Read the following Papers -

729
Bd No. 319
From the Actg Secy to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department dated the 18th January 1858 -

Sanctioning Rupees 17,041-13-8 sum retrenched by the Civil auditor in the Accounts of the Canara Collectorate for July 1865. (See No. 62 in separate Volume)

Ordered to be Communicated to the Collector -

729-30
Bd No. 241
Order thereon

Bd No. 320
From the Actg Secy to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department dated the 18th January 1858 -

731
Authorizing the Register of Government Grants to issue a Permission Certificate in the Form A to H. Thomson Esqre for 5 Cawnies 11 Grounds and 800 square feet of land situated in the District of Rajahmundry - (See No. 63 in separate Volume)

731-32
Bd No. 244
Order thereon -

Ordered to be Communicated to the Register of Government Grants -

Extract

B^d No. 321.
From the Ag. Secy. to Government
733

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department dated 18th January 1858

Sanctioning the Charges incurred in the preparation of the Maps of the talooks of Goorrumcondah Muddenpilly and Royachoty in Cuddapah amounting to Rupees 70—

(See No. 66 in Separate Volume)

733-34
B^d No. 216
Order thereon

Ordered to be Communicated to the Chief Engineer—

735
B^d No. 322
From the Ag. Secretary to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department dated the 18th January

Assenting to the Course proposed by the Board to be pursued in Regard to the Appeal from the Decree in the Suit instituted by the 3 Rajahs of Calicut against the Police Ameen of that place for defamation—

(See No. 69 Separate Vol.

735-36
B^d No. 242
Order thereon—

Ordered to be Communicated to the Acting Collector—

Extract

B^d No. 323
From the Ag. Secy. to Government
737

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department dated the 18th January 1858—

Sanctioning Rupees 2,000 being placed at the Boards' disposal for the purpose of purchasing Cloth for manufacturing Peons' Belts—

(See No. 66 in Separate Volume)

737-38
Order thereon—

Ordered to be recorded—

B^d No. 324
From the Ag. Secy. to Government
739

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department dated the 18th January 1858—

Communicating the orders of Government declaring Wm. Greivell to be permanently fixed in his office of Director of Revenue Settlement and directing that it be ascertained from Captain Priestley whether he is prepared to retire from the Army and to attach himself permanently to the post of Director of Revenue Survey—

(See No. 67 in Separate Volume)

739-40
B^d No. 245
Order thereon—

Ordered to be Communicated to the Director of Revenue Settlement and to Captain Priestley—

2 The Board request that Captain Priestley will Communicate his decision to them—

Extract

1134 Fort St. George 20th January 1858.

Bd No. 332

From the Ag. Secy. to Government } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department dated the 19th January 1858

744

Authorizing the defence of
A.S No. 10 of 1857 instituted by
Pullatsul Ammanatty in
the Principal Sudr Ameen's (See No. 72 in
Court of Tellicherry against Separate Vol
the Acting Collector of
741-42 Malabar and others.

Bd No. 254

Order thereon Ordered to be forwarded to the
743 Collector with Copy of the Board's Proceedings

Bd No. 333

From the Ag. Secy. to Government } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department dated the 19th January 1858

Requesting certain particulars
as to the tenure &c of the Pandipoliums
Shotriems in the District of (See No. 71
Tricknopoly previous to Separate Vol
sanctioning its resumption for
743-44 arrears of Peishcush.

Bd No. 253.

Order thereon. Ordered to be forwarded to the
Collector who will furnish the information
required by Government at an early

Ret

C.R.

1135. Fort St. George 20th January 1858

745

Bd No. 296

Proceedings thereon In this letter Mr Brett replies to the call made upon him to report on the Village Police of his District and propose arrangements for placing it on a sound and effective footing.

2 The Village Police in the Salem District consists of two classes the Village Moonsiffs and the Village Watchers here called "Tolies". The Board will follow Mr Bretts course and consider each class separately.

3 The Village Moonsiffs are represented to receive no remuneration for their Police duties. But in the Amany or Ryotuary Villages under the direct management of the Collector the Office of Moonsiff is generally held by the revenue Monegar who is a salaried Officer. In the Zemindary and Mootah Villages however the duties of Moonsiff are performed entirely

entirely gratis as "the allowances
Para 6 "previously granted" to the Revenue
"Monigars were included at the time
"of the permanent settlement in the
"assets of the Estates", consequently
in 1816 the Office of Moonsiff was
conferred on these Villages" on any
one of the principal inhabitants who
was willing to undertake the duties
Para 13 and it appears that in some instances
as many as 24 Villages are at present
under the charge of one Moonsiff.

4 Two points therefore come
under consideration - 1st the adequacy
of the salaries enjoyed by those Officers
who now receive remuneration - 2d
arrangements for remunerating those
Officers who at present perform their
duties altogether gratuitously -

5 1st Point The Moonsiffs who now
receive remuneration as Monigars
are 1643 they hold no mauniems but di-
-vide among them an annual money
allowance

allowance of Rupees 21,058 which
gives an average of Rupees 12-13-1 to
each person - They preside over 3284
Villages and have on an average under
their charge 124 houses with a popu-
-lation of 432 persons - Their remune-
-ration consists of a percentage on
the bariz of their Villages - In the
Baramahal and Balagot Divisions
the rate is 1¾ per cent - In the Ta-
-laghat Division, comprising the Ta-
-looks below the Ghauts it varies much
but gives a maar of 1-6-2 - The lowest
salary is Rupees 9-2 per annum
and the highest is 61-11-7 but the Col-
Para 13 -lector remarks that these extremes are
confined to one or two individuals.

6 Mr Brett does not propose
to create new salaries specially for
the Office of Village Moonsiff in
these amany Villages but to unite
the Office of monigar and Moonsiff
as hitherto fixing the remuneration of
the

the incumbent in a more liberal spirit and on a new foundation - Instead of continuing to regulate the remuneration by the amount of Revenue which the Village Officer has to collect in his revenue capacity, Mr Brett wishes to fix it on the number of houses and people in each range observing that the principle has more direct relation to the Police duties of a Moonsiff - The details of the proposed new arrangement are as follows:-

Grade	Population	Present average Salary per annum	Proposed Salary
		Rs a p	Rs
1	1 to 100	7 2 6	12
2	100 to 200	8 12 6	18
3	200 to 300	9 3 -	21
4	300 to 1,000	13 6 5	30
5	1000 to 1,500	17 2 3	40
6	1,500 to 2,000	19 13 3	56
7	2000 to 2,500	17 7 2	60
8	2,500 to 3,000	27 12 3	66
9	3000 to 4,000	34 11 5	72
10	4000 to 5,000	21 11 8	78
11	5000 to 9,000	57 - 4	84

The 2d point - Relates to providing salaries for those Officers who at present have no remuneration whatever - These Officers are of two descriptions - These are firstly, 344 unpaid Moonsiffs in the Amany Vel-
Para 19 lages, principally in Agraharums or Villages held on a permanent quit rent or on other favorable tenures to remunerate these Officers for their police and revenue functions Mr Brett proposes to give them salaries on the scale recommended for the Amany Villages generally - There are 269, 731 unpaid Moonsiffs in the Zemindary or Mootah Villages, but these
Para 23 Officers "have no revenue duties to perform" as the proprietors of the Estates were justly expected to make their own arrangements for collecting their Kists when the Emoluments attached to the Office of the Village Monigar were made over to them - It is consequently proposed

to

to pay these Officers at a lower rate than in the Amany Villages and the following scale is recommended by Mr. Brett for adoption. It is formed on the same principle of regulating the salaries by the amount of population, and they are fixed at 3/4 of the scale proposed for the Amany Villages.

Grade	Population	Present Salary	Proposed Salary Rs a f
1	1 to 100	"	9 " "
2	100 to 200	"	13 8 "
3	200 to 300	"	15 12 "
4	300 to 1,000	"	22 8 "
5	1000 to 1,500	"	36 " "
6	1500 to 2,000	"	40 8 "
7	2000 to 2,500	"	48 " "
8	2500 to 3000	"	49 8 "
9	3000 to 4,000	"	54 " "
10	5000 to 9000	"	63 " "

The present 731 Moonsiffs manage the 1298 Mootah Villages which the Salem District contains, omitting hamlets, and the average charge of each extends over 128 houses and

and 462 inhabitants.

8 A further reform proposed by the Collector is to reduce the inconveniently large charges which some Moonsiffs have now to superintend and it appears from Statement No 6 that to accomplish this object it is intended to give each Village its own Moonsiff.

9. The financial results of Mr Brett's recommendations are as follows, but the Board have traced them with some trouble in consequence of an incorrect heading to Column 4 of Statement No 1 to which the Collector's attention is called.

Amany Villages		
Proposed allowances	Rs 44850	Increase
Present do	21058	23,792
Moottah Villages		
Proposed new allowances		12,238
		36,030

Under this arrangement the percentage on the revenue would be

Rs

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Rupees 3:.1-7 in the amany and Rupees 2-12-0 in the Mootah Villages.

10 The Board do not consider the general remuneration here proposed by Mr Brett excessive, but they feel objections to the details of his plan. They see no occasion to set aside the principle on which the Village Mo:*nigars have hitherto been remunerated for their Revenue duties by a per:centage of the Beriz and they consider it inadvisable to appoint a Moonsiff to every Village however insignificant since the arrangements proposed for this purpose by Mr Brett would necessarily bring forth a number of ill paid and ignorant Functionaries. The better course seems to be to fix a fitting re:muneration for Village Moonsiffs according as they receive salaries for their revenue duties or other:wise, and then ascertain by detailed enquiry what number of

* The duties of the Revenue Monigar and the Police Moonsiffs are generally combined in the same individual.

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of officers ought in future to be employed some Moonsiffs being placed in charge of 2 or more small contiguous Villages and what new expense will in consequence devolve on the state.

11 Mr Brett is accordingly requested to prepare new Statements for the Board's information on this principle. The smaller Villages will be grouped together, according to convenience of position, to form a suitable charge for a Moonsiff. In the amany Villages the best qualified monigar will be se:lected for the Office. In the Zemindary Villages a leading Ryot of respectability and in:fluence will be appointed. Thus the proposals of Mr Brett in Paras 20 and 21 for uniting the offices of monigar and Moonsiff

Where

Where now separated, and for reducing the inconveniently large charges of the present Moonsiffs will be effected.

12 With respect to the remuneration to be assigned to the Moonsiffs, the Board are of opinion that under present circumstances it must be fixed except in large and important Villages at Rupees 12 per annum for those servants who receive pay as Monigars - This amount is fixed upon for the adjoining District of Trichinopoly when Government observed that it would be useless to give less and that this allowance was intended as less as a remunerative salary than an honorary appendage to the Office and was to be paid when practicable by a reduction in the incumbents Puttah - under this arrangement the present emoluments of the Monigar

Exct Min Cons: 29th May in Cons: 10th June 1856 Para 12

Monigar and Moonsiff in the many Villages will be about doubled - For the totally unremunerated Moonsiffs in the Zemindary or Jaury Villages a higher rate will be required and perhaps Rupees 24 per annum may be taken, if the new charges of the Moonsiffs do not much exceed the average extent of those which they now hold, but on this point, the Board wish to leave a discretionary Judgment to the Collector.

13 The Board fully concur with Mr Brett that the system of dividing the emoluments of Monigars and Moonsiffs must be stopped - The salary is to be given invariably to the person who performs the duty - But the Board will not

Para 22

not object to some descriptions of Village Officers serving in annual rotation when the local authorities find the arrangement necessary though even this practice ought not to be encouraged.

14 The Moonsiff of the town of Salem is to be retained as at present.

15 When supplying the information now called for, Mr Brett is requested to explain with reference to para 19 of his letter what became of the Emoluments attached to the Office of Monigar in those 344 Amany Villages where the Moonsiffs are now entirely unremunerated. They also wish to know how it is that in Statement No 1 the Monigars are entered as only 2066 while the amany Villages (excluding hamlets) amount to 3092. If this arises in some instances from the same party

party holding Office in several Villages it should be explained, as it is important to know in how many Villages there is neither monigar nor provision for his payment.

16 The second class of Village servants or the Tolies have now to be considered. These servants "are paid by Government both in the Amany and Saury Villages" Para 27. and Statements 4 and 5 furnish the following statistics regarding them:-

	Villages	Tolies	Pay	Area including Moturpha	Houses	Population
Amany —	4004	3005	32876	1668152	244577	843482
Saury —	1298	971	10704	624371	94357	338295
	7302	3976	43580	2232523	338874	1181777

Average of each Tolies Charge & Pay

	Houses	Population	Annually
Amany Villages --	81	281	10-15-0
Saury Villages --	97	348	11-0-5
	85	297	10-15-4

It

It appears from the Board's records that the Tolies fees were abolished in 1211 and the servants have nothing apparently beyond a money allowance - but the Collector has not shown how this allowance was fixed nor whether it is paid monthly or half yearly - In some instances it is as trifling as Rupees 2 per annum. Another point on which the Board desire information is whether the Tolies are engaged like Talliers in Police duties only - From their name and from the absence of Tunnecutty or Neercutty in numerous Villages it seems probable that they perform revenue as well as police functions.

17. To remedy this imperfect number and inadequate pay the Collector proposes a revised Establishment

establishment at a cost of Rupees 105,665 - being an increase of Rupees 62,085 on the present expenditure - According to this plan it appears that each Village is to have its Toty and that the No. of Tolies and their salaries are to vary with the population - Where the population is below 100 a Village is to have one Toty on a salary of 12 annas per Mensem - And a Village with a population of from 5,000 to 9,000 is to have 8 Tolies each on a salary of Rupees 18 per annum -

Para 37 & 38

18 But this plan has the obvious defect of bringing into Government employ a number of underpaid servants, whose duties can give them no means of subsistence - The Board would also be unable to ask the sanction of Government for a scheme which involves so heavy an expenditure without clear information as to the total number of the servants will be employed and their local distribution - It is therefore resolved

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to call on the Collector to propose a new arrangement based on the princi[ple] of fixing adequate salaries, and giving each Servant such a charge as he is able to undertake with efficiency. For this purpose some very small Villages must be clubbed together, and in other instances more than one Servant must be assigned to a large Village. Ordinarily the monthly pay should be Rupees 3 or 2½ - But if the Collector finds that efficient Servants are obtainable in some of the moderately small Villages for Rupees 2 he may recommend their entertainment on that salary for the purpose of giving a Village the advantage of having a Jotty to itself.

19 In the arrangements sanctioned for South Arcot instructions were given for paying the Village Talliaries partly in money and partly in rent free land, but Government has since declared its intention of adopting the principle of fixed money allowances for all Village Servants

Exctd Mim of Cons: 27th Octr In Cons: 12th Novr 1857 No 1097

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No. 751

To,

S. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

746

B. R. 3860

From the Collector of Madras

517/1857

Sir,

I beg to return Board's Petition 2843/1857 from Apparaw Moodely on which the Board have desired by their Endorsement of the 5th instant an "early report" together with the former petition of that individual.—

2. He has forgotten to mention to the Board that I served a Notice on him dated 28th February 1856 with reference to his alleged Maniam land. Copy of which is enclosed to which he replied only by sending me a Copy of a letter addressed by him to Mr. Stokes.—

3. Perhaps the Board will direct Petitioner to attend to my requisition, bringing with him any documentary evidence of his alleged claim.—

Madras 14th September 1857

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) B. Cauliffe.
Collector.—

No. 1 Notice

To

Manaly Apparaw Moodely

At Madras.

As you claim to hold five and odd Cawnies of land free of rent in the Village of St. Thome, you are required to attend in person or

or by Vakeel at this Office on the 3d or 4th March next to prove your claim.—

If you decline to attend as above required the land in question will be assessed with peishcush

Madras Collector's Office
28th February 1856.— } /Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Collector.

As it will occupy some time to serve the notice I alter the date of required attendance to the 10th Instant.—

10th March 1856.

/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Collector.

/True Copy/

/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Collector.

746-47
B. R. No. 771.
Order thereon.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed upon petition No. 547 and 2847 of 1857.—

"Petitioner should appear personally or by a Vakeel before the Collector on with any evidence he may be able to adduce in support of his claim to hold the land in question free of tax.—

To

No. 267

To

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

748
B. R. No. 1288.
From the Collector of
North Arcot.—

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to the Board's Endorsement on Petition — No. 1965 of 1857 to state that fields have in this district but one number viz that which is entered in the Pymash account, and that the term "field number" therefore means the survey number of the field.

2. There is however ambiguity in the term field, so used. It would be more correct to say that the Number refers to the survey block which sometimes includes many fields. I have when examining failed crops found no less than 17 fields included in one survey block which had but one number in the survey accounts. yet each of these 17 fields had its dividing Varoopoo or bank. I have also seen one single field which included two survey blocks or numbers. The distinguishing

Varoopoo.

Varoopoo if it ever existed had been removed and the whole formed one field surrounded by a Varapoo.-

3. In the instance in question the expression in my Condorsement dated 9 January 1857 that tolies and Taliaries on manieums in some Villages of Salgheur "form only a portion of a field number" means that the tolies and Taliaries are entitled only to a share of the Survey Black as entered in the Pymash account whether or not it be subdivided into fields.-

4. Beg with reference to the concluding part of the Board's Endorsement to subjain an Extract from the Pymash account, which shows that the Tolies and Taliaries are entitled only to one half each Survey number- Shave added two Columns shewing in whose names the puttahs for the other halves were made out in Fasslies 1245 and 1246. Shave not given the names of the puttadars in subsequent years to avoid increasing the size

Sze of the Statement, but these names are recorded in the account furnished by the Tahsildar who selected the last ten years. I should have preferred submitting the names in Fusly 1231 when puttahs were first given, but I consider it unnecessary longer to delay this reply.-

5. The expression Urdamanieum certainly implies that the Enamdars enjoy but half their manieums, but there is nothing in the accounts to shew that the other half was ever in their possession and whatever alienation took place must have been previous to the Pymash as is shown by the Survey account.-

North Arcot.-
Collector's Cutcherry.
Chittoor.
29th October 1857.

/Signed/ C. Whittingham.-
Collector.-

Statement

1158

Fort St. George

No 5

Statement Shewing the particulars of certain Nunjah & Punjah Circar land in the Village of Vencatramoodrum in the Satgaur Talook.

20th January 1858.

Nature of the Maniem	Description of land	As per Pymash account No.	As per Pymash account Name of the pyat entered in this Pymash account	Fasly 1215 Extent of land Maniem	Extent of land Sarvum	Extent according to the Pymash measure	Name of pyat entered in the Circar account	Extent of Circar land as per Sarvum	Extent of Circar land as per Amabundy account of 2 years. Fasly 1245 Name of pyat	Extent	Fasly 1246 Name of pyat	Extent
				Goontahs	Goontahs	Cawnies		Cawnies		Cawnies		Cawnies
Poly Maniem	Poonjah	87	Vencutramaniah	120	60	3 11/16	Vencutramaniah	3 11/16	Salootrow	1 13 1/2/16	Salootrow	1 13 1/2/16
Salary Maniem	Poonjah	88	Vencutramaniah	120	60	4 5 3/4/16	Vencutramaniah	4 5 3/4/16	Do.	2 3/16	Do.	2 3/16
	Nunjah	38	Name not entered but stated as Punjah (left Waste)	50	25	1 2 3/4/16	Written as in Salary Maniem	1 2 3/4/16	Sashiah	9 1/4/16	Sashiah	9 1/4/16
		39	Do. Do.	50	25	1 2/16	Do.	1 2/16	Do.	9/16	Do.	9/16
Cumboo Cutty Maniem	Nunjah	3	Do. Do.	30	..	9/16	Raniah	9/16	Do.	4 1/4/16	Do.	4 1/4/16
		60	Name and Do written	30	15	10 1/4/16	Cumboo Cutty Bamboodoo	10 1/4/16	Salootrow	5 1/4/16	Salootrow	5 1/4/16
Unjasalay Maniem	Do.	56	Loobbiah and Sipperaddy	30	15	8 1/2/16	Vencutramaniah	8 1/2/16	Do.	4 1/4/16	Do.	4 1/4/16

North Arcot
Collectors Cutcherry
Chittoor 29th October 1857

/Signed/ C. Whittingham
Collector.

Ordered

B. R. 270

Order thereon.

(748-49)

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No. 1965 of 1857.

"Petitioner is in possession of the Extent of Manium to which he is entitled according to the accounts. The portion which he now claims is entered as "Ayn" has been held on Puttah by others for a long series of years, and has never formed a part of the Taliary Manium or been enjoyed by Petitioner. Under these Circumstances the Board uphold the Collector's decision."

No. 151

To,

S. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

(750)

B. R. 4583.

From the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

As directed by the provisions of Section VI of Regulation VII of 1828 and the Board's Circular Order of date the 31st December 1835, I have the honor to forward a Petition of appeal presented by Doorasawmy Iyen late Survey Ameen under the Superintendent of Revenue Survey against a decision passed by me under Regulation IX of 1822. on a

a charge of unlawfully demanding and receiving the sum of Rupees 40 from certain Ryots in the talook of Wodiarpolliem for the purpose of getting certain lands excluded from the Survey Measurement and Assessment.

2. The Original inquiry was held before the Tahsildar, and again in the presence of the Acting Head Assistant Collector, and upon his proceedings my award was passed.

3. The Proceedings are herewith transmitted. There is nothing in the Appeal Petition that calls for remark. The Petitioner merely avers himself not guilty, and Endeavours to shew Cause why the evidence ought not to be credited.

Trichinopoly
Collector's Office
18th November 1857

/Signed/ J. Bird
Collector.

No. 1
No. 79.

To,

J. Bird Esqre

Collector of

Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have felt it my duty to forward you the enclosed Complaint from the Villagers of

of Ummungarumpettay together with the depositions of the several witnesses taken by the Tahsildar at my request. From them there are strong grounds for believing the Ameen guilty of having accepted bribes.

At the same time it is but fair to state that the witnesses for the Ameen, Viz the Village Curnum and a Survey Goomastah, were not examined by the Tahsildar.

Under these circumstances I have the honor to suggest that a searching enquiry should be made with a view to the punishment of the parties guilty of offering and receiving bribes, the latter offence being brought home to a person rendering him in my opinion unfit to remain in the Survey Department.

The ameen and others of the Department whose evidence may be required shall be ready to proceed to Trichinopoly on the receipt of your Order to that effect.

Survey Office
Camp Palliem Cottah
13th July 1857

/Signed/ F. J. B. Priestley Capt.
Superintendent Revl. Survey.

/True Copy/
/Signed/ J. Bird
Collector.

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B. No. 368.
Proceedings thereon.
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The Board resolve to pass the following Endorsement upon the above petition and to request the Collector to cause its delivery to the party in the manner prescribed by Section III Regulation III of 1832.

The Board of Revenue see no ground for questioning the propriety of the decision appealed against and accordingly reject this petition, leaving Petitioner to seek redress if he thinks proper in the Established Courts of Adalut.

No. 298.

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

752
B. No. 4613
From the Collector of
North Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Board of Revenue the death on the 17th April last of Cadaree Ammal widow of the late Moodoo Ramapa Naidoo, Eldest Son of the deceased Ex-poligar of Pankaul.

When in the year 1804, the above person was gifted a fixed allowance of Pagodas 2. 11 — 0 — 69 C. was granted to Shashma Naidoo then Poligar.

On his death in August 1806, a reduced pension

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pension of 158—15—36 was renewed to his two sons, Moodoo Ramappa Naidoo, and Appavawmy and a relation of the family the proportion assigned to the eldest son Moodoo Ramappa Naidoo, being Pagodas 58—6—76.—

4. This individual dying in April 1832, without any issue, an allowance of Rupees 100 was continued for the maintenance of Cadarumah, whose death is now reported.—

5. I have also the honor to submit for the consideration of the Board of Revenue the prayer of Lutchoomanah, mother of the deceased Moodoo Ramappa, and widow of Sashuma Naidoo, who was Poligar in 1804, that the allowance of the deceased Cudarumah, might be continued in her name, as she is now left without any means of support, she having been hitherto under the care and protection of the deceased, who allowed her Rupees 30 monthly besides food and raiment.—

6. A report of the death of Cuderemmmah was prepared in June last, but before despatching it I found it necessary to make enquiries to enable me to report upon the prayer of Lutchoomanah. She is not mentioned in the correspondence that took place when a life pension

Vide letter from the Secretary to Government to the President and Members of the Board of Revenue dated 24th August, communicated with Mr. Bannerman's letter to the Principal Collector dated 30th August 1832.—

Pension of Rupees 100 was continued to the widow of Moodooramappah Naick, but as it appears that she received 30 Rupees a month from the Poligar's late widow, and has now no means of support, and has in consequence contracted debt, I would beg to recommend that a portion amounting to 30 Rupees of the lapsed pension of Cudarummal be continued to Lutchoomanah for her life.—

North Arcot ... Collector Cuttcherry ... Chittoor 19th November 1857

/Signed/ C. Whittingham Collector.—

B. Vo. 274

Proceedings thereon.

The Board observe that on the death in 1806* of the Exc. Poligar of Pankul in North Arcot, who was in receipt of a monthly pension of Pagodas 211—6—49 three fourths of the allowance or Pagodas 158—15—36 was sanctioned by Government to his two Sons and a relative of the family in the following proportion Viz.—

	Pgs.	F.	C.
To the eldest Son Moodoo Ramappah	58	6	76
" Second Son Appavamy	50	4	20
" Poolappa Naidoo	50	4	20

2. The eldest Son having died in 1832 without

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* To Govt. 31st Dec. 1806 para 546
In Dy. Cons. 2d Jany. 1807.
From Do. 17th Jany. 1807 No. 1
In Cons. 5th Feby. R. D.
To Do. 7th Augt. " 546
In Dy. Cons. 10th
From Do. 22d " "
In Cons. 6th Sept. R. D.

+ From Coll^r dated 26th July/52
Inl Cons: 9th Augt
To Govt 9th Augt/52
1 Para 251
From Do 24th
Inl Cons: 30th No 753

without issue and leaving a widow, the Board recommended + that 2/3ds of her husbands allowance or an even Sum of Rupees 135 may be continued for her maintenance, but Government considered 110 Rupees sufficient as the deceased left no issue to be supported from the allowance; and this Amount was accordingly continued to her.—

3 In the Communication now submitted the Collector reports the death of this widow (Cadaree Ummal) and recommends that a portion viz Rupees 30 if the pension be continued to her Mother-in-law who is the widow of the Original pensioner, the Ex-poligar. She appears to have been hitherto supported by a Monthly allowance from deceased of Rupees 30 besides food and clothing and by the death of her daughter-in-law is left destitute.—

4 The Board observe that the Ex-poligar died in 1806 and left two sons the eldest of whom must have been at least 2 years old, though his age is not ascertainable from the Board's records. The widow of the Ex-poligar must consequently be of an unusually advanced age and as no mention

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seems to be made of her in the previous correspondence the Board think it necessary that careful enquiry should be made both as to her existence and as to her being really the Poligar's widow. The Collector's letter is not sufficiently explicit on these points.—

No. 115.

To,

S. D. Sim Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

754
B. No. 4725
From the Collector of Canara.

Sir,

With reference to the Endorsement on Petition No. 3421 of 1857. calling for a report on the propriety of restoring the Petitioner in consideration of his having been acquitted of the charge of abuse of authority, I have the honor to state for the information of the Board, that I am perfectly satisfied from a personal investigation of the charge that the Defendant acted from a private feelings, and not from any

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sense of duty; whilst neither the Tahsildar's order on the case before that officer called for any such measures as those taken by the Monegar.—

2. Not having time to remain longer at Munjeshwar, and having convicted the defendant in one instance I referred a second charge to the Tahsildar for report, and finding that the defendant had on another occasion acted in an unjustifiable manner, and was moreover a man whose character was open to great suspicion, I determined on dismissing him, and do not think that he ought to be restored to the service. Servants in his position have facilities for oppressing the people, and exacting presents from them, and when such conduct is brought to light, no offender should I think be allowed to escape punishment.—

3. The translation which accompanied the Board's proceedings cannot be called a faithful transcript of my order, though correct in the main points, as to defendant

defendant having been fined in the case, personally investigated, and dismissed on consideration of the proceedings held in that case and in one on which the Tahsildar was directed to report, as circumstances did not admit of my taking it up at the moment, and he was on the spot.—

Collector's Cutcherry ... Mangalore 19th November 1857 } (Signed) W. Fisher.— Collector.—

D. No. 314

Proceedings thereon

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Under the explanation afforded in the foregoing letter the Board will not disturb the order of which Petitioner complains.—

The following Endorsement is therefore passed upon Petitions Nos. 3421 and 3988 of 1857.—

"The Board have received a Report from the Collector on the subject of this petition and see no grounds for questioning the propriety of the order which

which directed the Petitioners dismissal.

Read again Register from the Collector of Ganjam dated 20th November and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 7th December 1857 of Petitions for desposal by the Collector for the months of August September and October 1857.

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B. No. 263.

Proceedings thereon. This Return shows a heavy arrear of Petitions still remaining undisposed of and the Board regret to find that so little way has been made in bringing it down during the 3 months under review.—

2. The Board trust the Acting Collector will use his best endeavours in future to reduce the list as much as possible.—

J. H. B.

No. 3

To,

J. D. Sim Esqr.

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

Sir,

757
B. No. 235
From the Dpty Collr of South Arcot

As required by the Board in their Proceedings dated 13th November 1857 circulated to all Collectors with the order of Government of the 31st October upon a despatch from the Court of Directors dated 9th September of the same year, I have the honor to report my views upon the General question of allowing private Companies to undertake in this Country the construction of works of irrigation and navigation.—

2 No expression of opinion would seem to be necessary on the mere abstract principle of employing the Agency of such Companies for the construction of useful and remunerative Public Works. The principle has already been conceded as regards the formation of Railways and it is admitted both by the

the Government of India and by the Honorable Court that with certain modifications as to the terms, it might with equal advantage be adopted in the case of navigable Canals.

3 There can be no question of the vast benefit which would accrue to the people of this Country by the expenditure of English Capital on works of permanent usefulness and every encouragement ought, I think to be afforded by Government to Associations which have this object in view. The practicability of each work must of course be decided on its own merits and on a careful consideration of all the circumstances which are likely to affect it. As in the case of Railways so in the formation of Canals by private Co.s the assistance and supervision of the Officers of Government would be absolutely necessary not only at the out set for the acquisition of the land but throughout the undertaking. As the control-
-ing power and arbitrator between the Officers employed by the Company and the people of the

the country whose interests are affected by their operations.

4 Of all public works of utility, whether undertaken by private associations or directly by the Government none, I am persuaded are more calculated to improve the resources of India and to yield at the same time a more remunerative return than works of irrigation. A complete change in our Land Revenue System must take place however before the formation and management of irrigation Canals could be entrusted to private enterprize. The peculiar character of the existing assessment of the wet or irrigated lands in the Districts of this Presidency which is adverted to by the Court presents to my mind difficulties which are almost insuperable. These difficulties might be overcome in localities where little had hitherto been done in the way of providing irrigation and where the revenue derived from dry

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dry cultivation forms the main assets of a District. But in the majority of the Madras Provinces extensive works of irrigation are already in existence. Many of them were handed down to us by former Governments and all of them including those constructed since our assumption of the Country are kept in repair at the sole cost of the State which consequently enjoys the profits derived from them. It seems to me that where these conditions exist undertakings of the description proposed would be out of place because the interests of the State and those of a private Company would clash. It cannot for a moment be intended that the Government should surrender the exclusive property which it now possesses in existing tanks Channels and reservoirs of every Kind and forego besides the large and certain revenue which it now obtains from these sources.

5 Confining my remarks to the

District

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District only where the proportion of irrigated to unirrigated land is as 1 to 2½ I would say that independently of the considerations above alluded to the working of a Private irrigation Company would be simply impossible without a complete revision of the land assessment which of course can only follow the survey now in progress. The assessment on Nunjah lands was originally fixed on the consideration of quality of soil and facility of irrigation. It continues to be so charged to the present day as a consolidated cess and no attempt has been made to separate the component items. To determine the fair assessment of the land distinct from the water rent will be the task of the Director of Revenue Settlement and will require much care and descrimination.

6 Then as regards the dry lands

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the difficulty which occurs to me is this. How could the operations of a water Company be carried on in a District like South Arcot without detriment to the land under the influ of existing works of irrigation? To protect the interests of Government as well as of the Ryots the observance of the Rules laid down by the Board with the approval of Government in the case of the construct of tanks by private individuals must be enforced and if so where would be the profits of a private Company supposing it to have fulfilled all the conditions which are necessary for permission to excavate a canal?

Board's Circular Order 30 April 1855.

7 It may safely be left however to the directors or agents of the proposed Compan after consulting with experienced officers of the Government to undertake the execution of such projects as hold out a certain prospect of a remunerative return. There are doubtless

doubtless localities in this Presidency where works for irrigation would prove a most profitable investment of Capital and be at the same time productive of benefit to Government and of wealth to the people the particular projects alluded to in these papers appear to be of this character.

8 The basis of all contracts for undertakings of this description should be, as stated by the Honorable Court in Para 8. the complete separation of the land assessment payable to the Government and the water rent charged by the Company. It appears to me that the mode in which the latter charge is to be made should also be determined before hand that mode should be adopted which involves the least interference on the part of the officers of the water Company with the Proceedings of the Ryots and their arrangements for utilising the water.

Contracts

Records of Government of India No. XXI

Contracts for a fixed volume of water is the principle which obtains in the North West Provinces for direct Canal irrigation and it is found to be the most profitable to the Cultivators and far preferable on every Account to fixing rates for area of irrigation. The Standard measure is called a Pymanah which is explained to be a constant flow throughout the season of rather more than 1 Cubic foot per second and is calculated to irrigate on the average 110 beegahs or 86 Acres. The price of a Pymaush of water is so moderate that to the Ryot it costs no more than about one[x] Rupee a beegah. A beegah = 15/8 acre These small rectangular openings one foot by four tenths. Are made apparently one or more for each Village in the feeders or branch channels from the main Canal If this principle be adopted by private Compa-

[x] i.e. for one Crop

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complete system of irrigating channels must be undertaken by them which would supersede all existing sources of irrigation and the water thus brought within the reach of each Village would be left, I imagine for distribution over the fields by the people themselves.—

But the sale of water to persons 9 requiring it becomes a less simple affair in a Ryotwary District than under a Village Community System as like that of the North West. I do not clearly see how Contracts for water could be given by the proposed Company without the intervention of the Revenue officers of Government. If sold by Volume is the water to be supplied to the Villages individually or collectively and how is it to be paid for? If the charge is to be fixed on the area irrigated by whom is the distribution to be arranged? The supply of water is a matter of the most

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most vital importance to an agricultural Population. Conflicting claims and disputes innumerable have to be Considered and adjusted and the irrigation details can only safely be entrusted to those who next to the ryots themselves are most interested in a fair distribution of the water Viz.t the Revenue officers of the Government.

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10 The irrigation system of this Presidency has been characterised by Colo.l Baird Smith as by far the most unsatisfactory he has had an opportunity of observing. Complicated and wasteful as the system may be admitted to be the people are accustomed to it however and regard all innovations with distrust. It could only be superseded with success by a clear and well defined system which should commend itself to the ryots by its simplicity and have no tendency to dissolve the ancient

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intimate ties which ought always to subsist between the people and the ruling power.

11 The sum of my remarks upon this important question is simply this. I am of opinion that the construction of remunerative works of irrigation and navigation by private enterprize and Capital should be encouraged on terms similar to those granted to Railway Companies and that they should be similarly under the control of Government whenever they are well selected and calculated to be beneficial to the country but that such works should not be allowed to be undertaken by private Companies in those parts of the country where they would interfere with existing sources of irrigation and would involve a complete change of Revenue System.

12 With regard to the culture of the Cotton plant my inquiries among those who are competent to afford information on the subject lead me to believe

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believe that artificial irrigation to any great extent is decidedly injurious Very little Cotton is grown in this District and the plant is of an inferior description It thrives best on ordinary dry land and requires slight moisture of soil and occasional moderate showers to bring it to maturity Mr Inverarity's opinion probably referred to what is called black Cotton soil which will not bear much irrigation but the Plant grows I believe in a great variety of soils and different treatment must no doubt be required for the American and Bourbon sorts from that which is found to answer for the indigenous plant. The attempts hitherto made in this District to grow the superior Kinds of Cotton have met with little success

South Arcot
Collectors Cutcherry
Cuddalore
8th January 1858

(Signed) G. N. Taylor
Acting Collector

Fort St George 20th January 1858.

No. 234.

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

Sir,

757-758

Bd. No. 5021.

From the Actg Collr of Masulipatam

Stating in reply to the Board's Proceedings dated 12th November 1857 No 3913 that the Acting Collector sees no objection whatsoever to private companies undertaking Works of inland navigation and offering his opinion on certain points.

Para 1 In reply to Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue 12th November 1857, I have the honor to state that I see no objection whatever to private companies undertaking Works of inland navigation.

I strongly object however to such Companies obtaining a guarantee of a minimum
2. rate of interest because of the speculation proposed is sound and business like, the Capital invested will yield a suitable interest, and I do not think it prudent to stimulate the investment of Capital, and at the same time to weaken the personal interests of the investors in the enterprize - It is no libel on human nature to say that the man who invests Capital, certain of 5 per Cent interest hoping for more will not be as prudent in his Calculations and cautious in his investment, as the man who risks his all - The law by which the welfare of the community is secured by the self interest of individuals is in political economy what gravitation is in astronomy, and any measure that weakens it, is impolitic - In my humble opinion

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opinion, Government should not attempt to regulate profits but should confine itself to removing any legal impediment to the investment of Capital. I presume any Navigation Company would as in England require a special Act to enable it to take possession of the necessary lands and to levy tolls.

3. Regarding Irrigation Companies I am bound to say I cannot approve of them at present where the land assessed and the Government demand fixed, I would be glad to see them or any company to provide manure, established - but in the present state of things I consider the introduction of a third party would be productive of confusion and evil - If a ryot chose to buy water, I would gladly see him so - but until his tenure is more permanent & his position more independent it would end in his paying for water, and Government some of the profits - As long as Government continues to act as land lord, I see no alternative but to keep in its own hands all investments of Capital for land improvements unless it is prepared to give to the ryots as long a lease as to the Irrigation Company.

Masulipatam, Coast Collectors Circuit Camp, 9th December, 1857.

Signed T. L. Knox
Acting Collector.

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No. 292

759
Bd. No. 5043

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the
Court of Wards.
Fort St. George.

From the Agt Collr. of Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to request retrospective sanction of the Court for an extra force on a charge of Rupees 122-4-- employed by the Manager of Shevagungah for the custody of his and the Talook Treasuries during the period of one month between October and November last, during which time, great disturbances prevailed in several parts of the District, in consequence of the severe drought.-

I also request sanction for the entertainment of a similar establishment at a reduced charge of 20 Rs. per mensem until a good fall of rain takes place at Shevagungah

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Shevagunga.-

Madura....

11th December 1857. } /Signed/ A. Hathaway
Acting Collector

Bd. No. 251

Proceedings thereon

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The Court sanction the charge incurred in October and November last amounting to Rupees (122-4-0) One hundred and twenty two, and annas four and authorise the Acting Collector to disburse it from the surplus funds of the Shevagunga Estate.-

2 The Court also sanction the Extra Establishment proposed at a cost of Rupees (20) twenty per mensem for such period as the Acting Collector may find necessary.-

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No. 69.

To
J. D. Sim[illegible]
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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B. No. 5081.

Sir,

From the officiating Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George at Kurnool.-

With reference to Circular No. 3913 of the Board of Revenue and Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 31st October 1857 Revenue Department I have the honor to reply that there cannot be the slightest doubt of the advantage to be derived if irrigation canals are cut through this District, some parts of which especially the Goodoor Talook - are so entirely dependant on the local rains, that the cultivation of a wet crop is almost impossible, and the raising of a dry crop even precarious and uncertain.- no plans of the proposed operations having been furnished to me or intimation of the probable directions and extent of the works, I am unable to state what might be the probable return from them; and indeed by Para 3 Sect it would

Reporting on the subject of advantage to be derived by irrigation Canals being cut through the Kurnool District.-

would appear that this information is to be supplied by the officers of the Department of Public works.-

2 Although I consider much good will arise by allowing large works to be carried on in this Country by private companies, such arrangement will throw a vast amount of money into the country, stimulate trade and draw out the energies and talents of the people, followed by immmerable other beneficial results, while at the sametime Government's own engineer officers will be employed in other directions carrying on those improvements which are not to be executed by the Private Company; yet I am decidedly of opinion that for many well known reasons there should be no connection whatever between the water company and the Ryots, who should look to the Government as their masters and the providers of the benefits they may receive. I would suggest that the company should receive an interest on their expenditure of from 5 to 10 per Cent, or that Government should purchase from them at a fixed rate for a

much per cubic yard, or acre irrigated, the water supplied to the Ryots, who would only have to pay to the sircar the usual Peishcush, as they do now when their land is irrigated from Tank and circar wells. The quantity of land irrigated from their works to be measured at harvest time by the Revenue servants or by the men employed by the executors of the work.-

3 With reference to the query as to whether cotton is the better for irrigation, I have the honor to state that after consulting many different parties it would appear that in this district the cotton crop is always grown without any irrigation. The ground should be thoroughly soaked till the young plants are a few inches above the ground, after which rain is not required, the dews being sufficient to bring the plant to maturity. Cotton is never grown on red soils, but in mussub which is a black stoney soil, and in

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in Regud which is the regular black cotton soil- In these soils it is very common to see Dholl, cotton and some crop that requires plenty of rain growing in the same field- The reason for which is that in event of the rains failing and the coraloo or cholum suffer, the ryots are sure to have a good crop of Dholl and cotton to fall back on- In case of breaches in the Banks of Tanks and canals I have often observed that the cotton has been killed or greatly injured, while other crops / red rice perhaps / has grown up most luxuriantly, altho' the native cultivators all assert that irrigation will injure cotton, I do not think this proves that it would not be improved by water being artificially applied in proper quantities and at the right time- for the ryots are liable to say a plan is impossible, merely because they have not tried it- I have heard that irrigation has been successfully used in some parts of India, but am inclined to think that if due enquiry be made it will be found the experiments have always been made with mixed and not with country seed.

Kurnool District
Government Agents Office
On Circuit Sirwell.
12th December 1857

/ Signed / J. G. Russell
Officiating Agent to the Governor

Fort St. George, 20th January 1858.

No. 194.

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

761-762
Bd. No. 5000

From the Collector of Madras ....

Sir,

1. I have had the honor to receive Circular No. 3913, calling upon Collectors to state their opinion on the general question of allowing private Companies to undertake works of Irrigation and navigation

Being in charge of a Collectorate

2. the Land Revenue of which is so insignificant, and but a small portion of even that sum derived from irrigated land, and having myself been for many years unconnected with the local administration of a District in which wet crops are extensively grown, I know that I shall stand excused, if I am unable to discuss the question, as to the degree in which private Companies of this nature would interfere with the ordinary system of Irrigation undertaken by the

the Government.

3. Speaking generally and broadly upon the subject, I do not see objection to the introduction of these Companies, placed as they are intended to be, under the control of Government, and therefore not permitted as I presume, to interfere with the irrigation of any lands which are, or can be, watered from any existing source of irrigation.-

4. If this be so, I do not participate in the apprehension of the Board in Para 3 that these Private speculations would affect wet lands upon which a consolidated assessment had been imposed as such demand would imply that means of irrigation are available from an existing source.

5. I imagine that the Company would only be permitted, and indeed that they would only desire to confine their operation to the extensive plains of Dry cultivation which are found in certain Districts, and to which they

they would not clash with the irrigation works of Government.-

6. The water rate will also be fixed by Government so as not to be lower than their own, and thus encourage a transfer of the ryots' capital from lands watered from Government sources, to those under the irrigation of a Company.

7. So also if any channel should be led from a river, care will be taken that it does not affect the supply of Government channels flowing from a lower level.-

8. Navigable Canals would be such a source of public benefit, that they might be sanctioned wherever deemed profitable.-

9 The Honorable Court in Para 8 of their Despatch "very much deprecate the "adoption of the Bombay Commissioner's plan" of collecting the Company's water rate by the agency of the Government.-

10. It will, I think, come to this, as the Government, having to pay the interest of the Capital subscribed, are so much concerned in the realization of profits arising from the outlay.-

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11. The Company must, I apprehend possess the same powers of distraint as the Government for recovery of dues, for if left to an action before the Civil Tribunals they will soon be deep on the files of every neighbouring Court, and the procedure be ruinously slow.-

12. In either case, I think that the Government will have eventually to interpose their authority in the collection of the rate, and as they will control the Company in all important matters, and as no work can be undertaken without their sanction, and as moreover, they have such direct interest in a beneficial result, I am not aware of any objection to their recognized intervention in this respect.

13 As no Cotton is grown within the limits of my charge I can give no information as to the alleged injurious effect of artificial irrigation upon its crop, which may not be derived from a more reliable quarter.-

Madras — 12th. December 1857

/ Signed / B. Cunliffe
Collector

Fort St. George 20th. January 1858.

No. 168.

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

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Bd. No. 5176.
From the Collr. of Vizagapatam.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Board that a necessity has arisen for departing from the orders of Government conveyed in the late Commissioner's Proceedings of the 12th. September 1855 No. 700 directing the entire discontinuance of Tuccavy whether for the manufacture of Salt or on any other account.-

2. Urgent representations have been made to me by the manufacturers of Salt backed by the Salt Tasadars and though under the orders referred to, the prohibition to make advances is absolute, still there are circumstances in the present instance which appear to me to bear me out in my resolve to deviate from those orders and I ask for the support of the Board in the measure.-

3. It is not for me to discuss the distinction

distinction which to my mind undoubtedly exists between making advances to ordinary ryots and to the manufacturers of salt. The distinction has been denounced by higher authority and the question may therefore no longer be considered an open one as far as the executive is concerned, but my own opinion is decided that the evils promised in the one have no existence in the other.

4. The Tanadar reports that unless some relief be granted to the manufacturers who are poor and indigent in the extreme there will be delay in the manufacture of salt and this is a matter of some moment just now when under the present scarcity a quick supply is urgently needed. In my letter of the 14th Instant No. 166 I have pointed out to the Board how the District is circumstanced with regard to old salt, and the measures I have adopted

adopted to ensure a due supply for the poorer classes pending the production of the new, and I would refer to that letter in furtherance of my determination to make the advances for which I now solicit the sanction of the Board. These advances for the 3 Tanahs of Coopilly Conadah, and Nellimookoo amount to only Rupees 2,000 and the Board may be assured that I would not have undertaken the responsibility of making them in the face of the Government instructions had I not been fully satisfied that they were as much called for by considerations for the public interests as by any on behalf of those who are to be the receipients of the indulgence.

Vizagapatam ...
Collector's Office,
15th December 1857.

(Signed) C. W. Reade
Collector.

P. No. 247

Proceedings thereon. The Board

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will suppose the Collector's

Proceedings under the cir-

cumstances stated - and

will address Government

on the subject when

they receive his reply to

the their Proceedings

dated 21st December

ber 1857.

C.B.

No. 325.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George.

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R. No. 5052.

From the Collector of North Arcot -

With reference to para 1 of Extract Proceedings Board of Revenue dated 21st Novr. 1853 submits the report on the arrangement necessary for reforming the Village police of the District of North Arcot & requests sanction for the same -

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to para 1 of Extract Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 21st November 1853 communicating Extract Minutes of Consultation under date 6th October 1853 No. 587 to submit the report on the arrangements necessary for reforming the Village police of this District, on the basis adopted for that of South Arcot, with an account of the present condition of the Village police and of its emoluments, the amount required to place it on a proper footing, the resources now available, and the net amount still wanting both in land and Money.-

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2. In my letter to the Board of the 12th March 1855, I stated that my Predecessor Mr. Bourdillon had, after devising a general scheme for increasing these emoluments, laid the matter aside, because he considered that no effectual arrangement could be carried out previous to the revision of the assessment. I considered however that none but insuperable difficulties should prevent an immediate improvement in the Village police, and I therefore at once issued instructions to all the Tahsildars to furnish me with the necessary preliminary information. The latest of these reports from the Tahsildars was received on the 1st April last, and the interval that has since elapsed has been employed in maturing the plan of reform.

3. The total Number of Villages in this

this District, excluding Zemindaries and Polliams, is 2919. Of this Number 2424 Villages only have 261 Taliaries. These are distributed among 1261 Meerafs Taliarieships. To some of these Taliarieships, so many as 10 Villages are attached, to others one only. Each Taliarieship includes a Number of Taliaries, but one man only is registered as Meerafsidar. 495 villages possess no village police. The Assistant Taliaries attached to the 1261 Taliarieships are in Number 1167. The names of these Assistant Taliaries are not known to the Officers of Government, who are thus unable to exercise a proper control over them. The amount of Mairah enjoyed by the Taliaries in Fasly 1262 was Rupees 26,794, and the value of the Inoniem attached to their Offices is Rupees 39,904. These emoluments are shared between the Meerafs

Meerasi Taliaries and their assistants, but in what proportion is not known, as the Government Officers do not interfere in the distribution - This is the present condition of the Village police, and of its emoluments -

4. Before he laid aside the consideration of the subject, Mr. Bourdillon sketched an outline of a plan of reform - The basis of this scheme was the actual extent of Cultivation in fusly 1262 - The Taliarieships were to be divided into 4 Classes, with reference to the extent of Cultivation, in that year, in the Villages attached to them - A first Class Taliarieship was to have 4 registered Taliaries, a 2d Class Taliarieship 3 Taliaries; a 3d Class, 2, and a 4th Class only one - An additional Taliarie was to be given to those Taliarieships which had any of its Villages situated near

near a high road, in the neighbourhood of a usual halting place of troops, or on a line of past; as also to such Taliarieships as included a very populous town -

5. The plan which I have now the honor to propose, differs from that contemplated by Mr. Bourdillon, only in regard to the basis on which it rests. I have preferred taking 3/4 of the entire Anjacut of each Village, instead of the Cultivation of fusly 1262 - One quarter has been deducted to allow for land, lying annually fallow, and for such land as even the liberal reduction of assessment lately granted, will not bring into Cultivation - The remaining 3/4 of the Anjacut will, it is hoped, under the encouragement of greatly reduced rates, be before long mostly cultivated - The objection to a scheme based on the extent of

Cultivation

Cultivation, is that the relative extent of waste and cultivated land would fluctuate, and so by disarranging the distribution of the Tali= =arieships into 4 Classes would require a co modification of the original plan-

6. The first Class of Taliarieships in the present scheme comprises those the united total Ayacut, less 25 per Cent, of whose co Villages is 675 Cawnies; Viz^t. 225 Cawnies of Nunjay, and 450 Cawnies of Poonjay- It is proposed that this Class of Taliarieships co should consist of 4 Taliaries- The second Class of Taliarieships consists of villages whose united total Ayacut, less 25 per Cent, is 450 Cawnies; Viz^t. 150 of Nunjay, and co 300 of Poonjay.-

The third Class consists of Villages

Villages whose united total Ayacut, less 25 per Cent, co amounts to 225 Cawnies, Viz^t. 75 of Nunjay, and co 150 of Poonjay.-

The fourth and last class includes all Taliarieships, the united Ayacut, less 25 co per Cent, of whose villages, falls below 225 co Cawnies.-

In those cases in which the co extent of Nunjay does not bear, with regard to the extent of Poonjay, the relative proper= =tion above indicated, 3 Cawnies of Poonjay are considered equivalent to one of co Nunjay-

7. As stated in para 3 of this letter, the Number of Taliarieships is, at pre= =sent 1261. It is proposed to increase these to 1429. The Taliaries attached to these co Taliarieships, according to the arrangement detailed in the previous para will be 3569-

The

The increase of 168 Taliarships, will give police Officers to those 495 Villages which in para 3 I mentioned as being at present without them. A rigied comparison between the number of men proposed to be employed, and those now doing duty as Taliaries, cannot be instituted, because as I have previously stated, 1261 persons are alone registered. The number however of those employed as Assistant Taliaries is stated, after enquiry to be 1167 making a total of 2428 persons employed at present as Taliaries. This would give the proposed increase at 1141 Men.

8. The emoluments proposed for the 3569 men to be entertained is in money 42,828 Rupees, and in land 64,242 Rupees, making a total of 107,070 Rupees. The amount of money allowance has been calculated at the rate of 12 Rupees per annum per man, and the amount in land

laid at the rate of 18 Rupees per Inam according to the plan which has been adopted in South Arcot those being the Rates directed in Extract Minutes Consultation above referred to.

9 The question of the resources now available has next to be Considered. The Board are aware that the Mairahs of the Talliaries in the Northern Talooks were deducted from the Adavaram or gross produce and that the amount of these Mairahs was not included in the Mailwaram or Government share as were the Mairahs of the Monigars and Curnums much difficulty is in Consequence experienced by the Talliaries in Collecting the amounts due to them these Mairahs are always paid by the Ryots with Reluctance and too often are not paid at all. If in Consideration of the money allowances now proposed to

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to be granted to the Sahibiaries the Government wished to resume these Mariahs it would not, as regards their collection be a better position than the Sahibiaries The Mariahs are not included in the Mailmaram and payment could not therefore be enforced by the law applicable to arrears of Revenue - The Sahibiaries Mariah of the Northern Taloks amounts to Rupees 16,312 - cannot therefore be consi-dered as an available Resource -

10 With regard to the Southern Taloks the case is somewhat different although the Sahibiaries Mariahs were there also deducted from the gross produce yet they were included in the Govern-ment Share and are entered in the Ryotwar Patta's There has therefore been no difficulty in Collecting them as payment when they are withheld can be enforced by

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by the Law available for arrears of Revenue

Rs 10,482 The Amount of these Mariahs will consequently be Considerably diminished by the reduction of assessment now in progress - They cannot therefore be Considered an available Resource to the extent of their present value and what their value will ultimately be I am not at present in a position to state -

11 The Reduction of assessment has also diminished the value of the Resources available from the Mamiam land at present in the possession of the Sahibiaries - This Reduction will average it is presumed about 25 per cent The Resource available from these Mamiams would on this Calculation

amounting to 39,902 Rs

Amount

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Amount to about 30,000 Rs making the balance to be granted 31,242 Rupees

12 This portion of the Subject is at present necessarily incomplete but I would beg earnestly to recommend that the very important question may not be postponed on that account but that I may be permitted in a subsequent report to give a fuller report on the Resources available and that meanwhile sanction may be given for the Schemes now submitted for improving the Village police—

North Arcot ——
Colr's Cutcherry
Poonganoor ——
18th December 1857 ——

/Signd/ C. Whittingham
Collr

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No 1 Statement shewing the number of Talliars proposed for each class of Villages—

Description of Land after deducting 25 per Cent for waste.	1st Class Villages	2nd Class Villages	3rd Class Villages	4th Class Villages
Poonjah	Above 300	Above 150	Below 150	
Nunjah	Rs 150	Rs 75	Rs 75	
	450	225	225	
Number of Talliars proposed for each	4	3	2	1

Poonjah ——— Above ——— 450
Nunjah ——— Rs ——— 225
675
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If the Nunjah and Poonjah are not exercised in the above proportion, one Century of Nunjah is to be taken as equal to 3 Cawnies of Poonjah—
In places where the High road and Public Roads lead also in those this which the Talliyal lives runs and through, provided one Talliyal may be allowed in excess of the above number—

North Arcot Collector's Circuit Cutcherry Poonganoor 15th December 1857 /Signed/ C. Whittingham
Collector

Statement

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of North Arcot.-

the present establish-

Taliaries to be newly entertained in
Villages where there are no Taliaries.

17	18	19	20		21	Taliaries. 22	23	24
Nos to be entertained on account of Coorgs &c.	Total of Cols 16 & 17	Nos of marriageg Taliaries - slips.	Nos of Villages at present having them.		Usual Number	Nos to be newly entertained in Sichadavilu	Nos to be entertained on account of roads &c.	Total
74	510	19	202	-		76	19	95
51	270	6	28	-		18	2	20
74	456	38	128	-		76	17	93
-	12	105	137	-		105	31	136
199	1248	168	495	-		275	69	344

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Number of Talaries reduced being the number in ex-
-cess of the Schedule-

				Talaries-										
№ of Maneagars Talaricks [illegible]	№ of Villages belonging thereto	Allowed Number	Deduct- number reduced as it is found to be in excess of the Schedule-	Remaining as per Schedule	To be entertained on account of Roads &c-	To Cash		№ of Maneagars Talaricks	№ of Villages belonging thereto	№ as per Schedule	To be entertained on account of roads &c-	Talaries Total	Comparison between Cols 2 & 32	Increase Comparison between Cols 4 & 36
25	26	27	28	29	30	31		32	33	34	35	36	37	38
65	303	497	237	260	117	377		231	1085	924	257	1181	19	320
30	61	134	44	90	34	124		139	310	417	107	524	6	186
43	94	153	67	86	29	115		401	721	802	191	993	38	395
72	105	162	90	72	27	99		658	803	658	213	871	105	240
210	563	946	438	508	207	715		1429	2919	2801	768	3569	168	1141

North arcot Collectors Cutcherry Poonganoor 15th December 1857-

(Signed) C. Whittingham
Collector

Statement

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No 3 Statement shewing the Emoluments at present enjoyed by the Village Police shewing also the emoluments as per proposed arrangement in the Marion.

		Emoluments enjoyed by the Village Police as at present existing.											
Class	Total Revenue of the District exclusive of Abkary and Stamp for Fusly 1262	Number of Meerasy Talliarship	Number of Villages belonging thereto	Number of Talliaries belonging thereto	Jarum Assessment	Deduct Jodey	Remaining	Emoluments in Morahs	Total of Cols 8 & 9	Percentage of Col 10 on Column 2		Average emolument enjoyed by each Talliary mentioned in Column 5 out of the amount shewn in Column 10	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12	
1st		212	883	861	15706 6 7	316 1 9	15390 4 10	10826 3 2	26216 8 .	1 7 -		30 7 2	
2d		133	282	338	6134 13 5	90 10 9	6044 2 8	4312 14 10	10357 1 6	1 -		28 7 8	
3d	175895 2 9 5	363	593	598	10202 10 6	110 8 5	10092 2 1	6937 6 4	17029 8 5	1 -		28 7 8	
4th		553	666	631	8415 1 -	37 3 1	8377 13 11	4718 2 2	13096 . 1	- 11 -		20 12 -	
Total		1261	2424	2428	40458 15 6	554 8 -	39904 7 6	26794 10 6	66699 2 -	3 12 -		27 7 -	

Amount to be deducted on account of the Revenue assessment which has been assessed 25 per Cent } 9976-1-10

Remaining 29928-5-8

over round number 30000---

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District of North Arcot.-

As per proposed arrangement-

Number of Mecrusy Taliarships.	Number of Village belonging thereto-	Number of Taliaries	Emoluments. Maniem at 18 Rs per man per annum.	Money payment at 12 Rs per man per annum	Total of Columns 16 and 17	Per Centage of Column 18 and Column 2-	Increases To be granted in land in excess of the present maniem
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
231	1085	1181	21258 - -	14172 - -	35430 - -	2 - -	5867 11 2
139	310	524	9432 - -	6288 - -	15720 - -	1 14 -	3387 13 4
401	721	993	17874 - -	11916 - -	29790 - -	1 11 -	7781 13 11
658	803	871	15678 - -	10452 - -	26130 - -	1 8 -	7300 2 1
1429	2919	3569	64242 - -	42828 - -	107070 - -	6 1 -	24337 8 6

Add — 9976 1 10

Total 34313 10 4

Taken in the proportion of 30000 } 34385 4 8

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North Arcot Collector's Cutcherry Poonganoor 15th December

George 20th January 1858

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No 168

Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary Revenue Board

have the honor to bring to the
notice

District of North Arcot.—

As per prop[osal]

Number of Mecurfy Taliarships.	Number of Village belonging thereto.	Number of Taliaries	M[	Total of Col 17 and 20 for which sanction is re-quired.	Remarks
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401	721	993	1	19697 13 11	
658	803	871	1	17752 2 1	
1429	2919	3569	6	67165 8 6	
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				77141 10 4	
				77213 4 8	

North Arcot Collector's Cutcherry (Signed) C Whittingham
Collector

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B[d] R- 273
Proceedings thereon
765-66

The Board are not disposed to make arrangements for the employment of Taliaries with reference to the cultivation if it is possible to procure a return within reasonable limits of accuracy of the population of each village. The extent of cultivation is certainly some guide but not as good as that of population and any detailed arrangements as to how much Poonjah is to count for a certain portion of Nunjah is of cultivation is taken quite unnecessary.

The Board would wish Mr Whittingham to consider if he can propose a plan founded on population, and a Salary for every 700- 800- or 1000 people as may seem proper in reference to what is now found sufficient, with exceptional cases in large Towns vicinity to highroads Railway Stations &c where extra vigilance and labour are required.

R- 168

767
B[d] R- 5099 Ser.
From the Superintt of Stamps

To J D Sim Esq[re]
Acting Secretary Revenue Board

I have the honor to bring to the notice

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notice of the Board that the Cooly Master of my Office having resigned in consequence of old age, I invited others to accept the Office on the same terms of Cooly Hire as that paid to the late Maistry Viz: 2 annas ½ price for every ten Miles but I regret to state that they one and all decline to enter into an engagement to supply coolies at the present rate one Individual however promised to supply the coolies if I would engage to pay him the same rate of Hire as are now paid by the commissariat Department and I accordingly addressed the commissary General on the subject and from whose reply I find that the rates paid by that Department are not much in excess of that paid by this Office being only ¼ price in excess for every 10 Miles. As I have always experienced great inconvenience and delay in obtaining coolies at the rate of 2 annas ½ price for every 10 Miles I request that the Board will authorize my paying the same rate of Hire as that paid by the commissariat Department Viz: 3 annas for every 10 Miles to the Coolies for conveying the Stamp

Vide letter from Board of Govt dated 2nd April 1855

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Stamp papers and Cadjans from this Department to the Provinces.

Fort St George
General Stamp Office
19th December 1857
Bd No 259
Order thereon,
767-68

/Signd/ F Lushington
Superintendent of Stamps

Ordered that the above letter be submitted to Government.

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Under the circumstances stated the Board recommend that the Superintendent of Stamps may be permitted to raise his rate of Cooly hire /2-8/ to that paid by the Commissariat Viz: 3 annas per Department every 10 Miles.

No 301

To, J. D. Sim Esqre
Secretary to the Court of Wards
Fort St George.

769
Bd No 12
From the Acting Collr of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request sanction of the Court for payment to Mr Rupees 111-2 from the funds in deposit belonging to the Zemindary of Shevagungah

The late Zemindar granted to the

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claimant the village Maravetty Zemindari in perpetual

perpetual boule in 1826 It was attached with all other alienations of the Zemindar, under the orders of the Collector in 1849 when the Estate was taken under management.

The present enquiry has satisfied me that the grant was genuine and I have accordingly ordered restoration of the Village. The sum recommended is the mesne profits which accrued during attachment.

Madura
21st December 1857

/ Signed / A. Hathaway
Acting Collector

Bd No 250
Proceedings thereon.
(769-70)

Before sanctioning the proposed refund and confirming the Acting Collectors' proceedings the Court of wards request fuller information of the grounds on which he has recognized the grant in question.

No 403

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

(771)
Bd No 24
From the Collr of Tinnevelly

Sir,

The Grand mother of the Minor

Minor Zemindar of Munnarcottah in this District, which Estate is under the management of the Court of wards having in an Argee to my address dated the 25th October last, requested that a sum of Rs 3563 might be ordered to be disbursed to her, for the purpose of celebrating the marriage of her son, Uncle of the Minor aged 17 years, three Zemindars of her caste were required by me to report what sums are usually expended by them on similar occasions and they state in their replies that sums varying from Rupees 700 to 2500 will be required for the marriage of the Minors Uncle.

2 The mother of the Minor states in her Argee that the Uncle should be married after the Minor or that the marriages of both the Minor and his Uncle should be performed at one and the same time after the former has attained his majority.

3 The Minor is now only 11 years of

of age, while his Uncle is of a fit age to be married The objection started by the Minors mother to the Uncle being married at present appears to have originated in family dissensions.

4 Under the foregoing circumstances and as I consider that 1200 Rupees will be sufficient for the marriage of the Minors Uncle, I request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of the Court of Wards for the disbursement for this purpose of Rupees 787-9-7 in deposit in favor of the Estate and of the remainder of Rs. 412-7-7 from the current collections

Tinnevelly
21st December 1857

/Signed/ J. Silver
Collector

B° N° 252

Proceedings thereon. The Court of Wards wish to be informed whether the marriage of the Minors Uncle forms a proper charge on the Estate and whether the Uncle has not independent means of support. The age of this person should also be stated.

To

To J. D. Sim Esqre
Madras.

773
B° N° 5148

From the Secretary
Madras Bank

Sir.

I am favored with your letter of
enclosing Accountant
Generals bill amounting Rupees 11000/ Eleven thousand
which when realized will be placed to the
credit of Secretary of Court of Wards for
time being.

Bank of Madras
Madras 22d December
1857

/Signed/ Robert Hunter
Secretary & Treasurer.

Order thereon. Ordered to be recorded

773-74

N° 6177.

B° N° 5187.

From the Supt Engr
Southern Circle

775

Ecxtract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works
Fort St George.
Under date the 23d December 1857.
Read the following

From
The Board of Revenue.

Forwarding Estimates received from the Collector of South Arcot for repairs and improvements to the Travellers Bungalows at Cuddalore and Kooniyoor Pandy amounting to ten pagoda Rupees 400 and 300 respectively and recommending the same for sanction.

Here Enter
N° 2882 dated
26th November
1857

The Chief Engineer
Sanctions

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sanctions the Estimates above recorded amounting in the aggregate to Company's Rupees /500/ Five hundred for execution under Clause III para 4 Section I of the Code for Department Public Works.

True Extract

/Signed/ C. Lawford

Superintending Engineer S.C.

Bd. No 209

Order thereon, Ordered to be communicated to the acting Collector of South arcot.

775-76

No 177

To. J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

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Bd. No 110

From the Coll.

of Vizagapatam } Sir.

In reference to my letter of the 27th November last No 181 I have the honor to state that Several bags of Fenugreek seed having been exported to Penang by Bodoo Appanah at Bimlipatam on the Brig "Suttalingum" and which was reloaded at this port consequent on the inability of

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of the Vessel to prosecute her voyage I beg to request that under the circumstances already stated in the said letter the Board will obtain the sanction of Government for the refund of Rupees 10-7-5 to the shippers under Section 52 act VI of 1844 the said sum being the amount of duty levied on the above articles. The money has been paid in anticipation of the Government sanction.

Vizagapatam Collectors Office 24th December 1857 } /Signed/ C. W. Reade Collector

Bd. No 266

Resolution thereon.

777-78

Resolved that the above letter be submitted to Government.

The Collector in the foregoing

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letter requests authority for the refund to Bodoo Appanah of Rupees 10-7-5 the amount of duty paid by him on a quantity of Fenugreek seed expected from Bimlipatam to Penang but reloaded at Vizagapatam.

Under the circumstances the

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Board recommend that Sanction may be granted for the refund.

To

1222 Fort St. George 20th January 1858

No. 244

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

779.

B. No. 13

Sir,

From the Acting Collr. of South Arcot

The Government Vakeel having reported the two cases of forfeiture of hidden Treasure shewn in the accompanying Return prepared from a List forwarded by the Principal Sudr Ameen who long before declared them to be clearly liable to forfeiture I have the honor with reference to Section 8 Regulation II of 1802 to request the authority of the Board for confiscating them to Government.

29th June 1855
12th March 1856

South Arcot
Collectors Cutcherry
Cuddalore
21st December 1857

/Signed/ G. N. Taylor
Acting Collector

Abstract No.

1223

Fort St. George

No. 1 Abstract Return of hidden property discovered per Cowles from the List furnished by the Principal Sudr Ameen at Cuddalore.

Map No. at which the cases must be referred to the Court	By whom sent	Substance of the Information	Result
1855 Jany 30	Tasildar of Virdachil Amo	Forwarding Liddam 6 different Gold Pieces at Rupees 116-7-9 discovered on Para Buttum in the Village of Virdachil	The Party make the claim to the property having produced to support the circumstances thereof for a long time. His claim being disallowed but he has forfeited all right thereto
1855 Decr 8th	Tasildar of Tirucalur	Forwarding Gold Jewels found in the Village of Kuttalam by Veera Gowndum of Cuddalore	Delte Delte

/Signed/ G. N. Taylor
Acting Collector

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B2 N° 248 +
Proceedings thereon.
(779-80)

The Board of Revenue under section VIII Regulation II of 1832 authorises the Acting Collector to apply to the Court to confiscate the "Treasure" referred to, the finders having been declared by competent authority to have forfeited all title thereto and no private claim of right having been advanced to it.

N° 160

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

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B2 N° 113
From the Collector of
Rajahmundry

Sir

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Court of Wards dated the 16th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Puttasem Estate considered of Rs 5269-3-" Rent praying an annual poraichenah of Rs 527-9-3 was formerly a separate Estate but has for some time been included in that of Polavarum. I regret that I should not have mentioned this when addressing the Board on the 1st Instant and making allusion to the Puttasem Estate. The property is as often called the Polavarum as the Polavarum and Puttasem Estate.

2 As the young lady cannot appear in person before me it is out of my power to state from personal communication with her whether she is capable of conducting her own affairs but from the best information I have been able to obtain I believe her to be as well fitted for the task as other females of her rank and there is certainly no peculiarity in her case as would in my opinion justify a refusal to make over the Estate to her.

Rajahmundry District
Coll.r Office, Pittapoor
29th December 1857

/ Signed / A. Purvis
Coll.r & Co.s Officiating Agent to the Court of Wards

Order thereon.
Ordered to be recorded.

(781-82)

Fort St. George 20th January 1858.

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

783
B. N.s 4977.
From the Supdt. of Govt. Gardens Palacamund

Submitting with reference to Board's Circular of 31st Oct.r last the results of his experience in respect of the advantages to be derived from artificial irrigation to the Cotton Plant.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular N.o 3913. dated the 31st October last I have the honor to submit the following observations on artificial irrigation of Cotton Crops.—

2. From an experimental cultivation of the Pernambuco variety of the Cotton plant conducted for 4 years in the branch Garden attached to this Establishment at Kulhutty I am of opinion that artificial irrigation when properly applied and at the right Stages of growth is highly beneficial to the Cotton plant.—

3. While conducting the experiments above mentioned I found that under the following treatment the Cotton plant grew admirably and produced very heavy Crops of Cotton, fine in texture, long in staple, and valued in 1854 @ 15½ per ℔.—

4. Detail of treatment which proved most successful under artificial irrigation.—

The seedling plants were reared in beds in an open and airy situation. The plants were transplanted

transplanted when about 6 inches high in well prepared ground in rows 6 feet apart the plants the same distance apart and alternate in the rows. The young plants were then irrigated by small water Channels made along one side of the rows and within about 8 inches of the Stems of the young plants. This irrigation was continued every 6 or 8 days for 2 months after planting. The water Channels were then Cut in the Centre of the rows and these new Channels were filled with water every 8 or 10 days until the most forward of the plants began to shew flower buds. The irrigation was then stopped entirely for a month by which time the whole of the plants were in flower. The artificial irrigation was then renewed. The water Channel in the centre of the rows were filled with water every 10 or 12 days until the Crop began to ripen when the water was withheld altogether.—

5. The reasons which in my opinion Contributed to make this mode of treating the Cotton plant so successful are 1st The seedling plants being raised in seed beds in a rather dry and open situation they make abundance of small fibrous roots which enables them to bear Transplanting.— The

6. The plants being placed at six feet apart and alternately in the rows. I found to give the greatest quantity of produce to a given space of ground although the individual plants were not so fine as when planted at 7 or 8 feet apart.—

7. The water Channels along the Sides of the rows supplied the roots with abundance of moisture by means of filtration; while the surface soil near the plants was comparatively dry and therefore did not become hard and Crusted as is the case when the whole surface is flooded with water.—

8. The roots of the plant having extended considerably by the end of two months. After that period the water is more beneficially applied by Channels in the middle of the rows, as from this position it reaches more readily the points of the roots (or Spongelets) these being the parts in all plants which take up the nourishment.—

9. Withholding the water for a month or so when the plants begin to shew flowers gives them a check which causes them to produce nearly double the quantity of blossoms they would otherwise do.—

10 Withholding the water altogether when

when the Crop begins to ripen gives wool of finer texture, yellow in Colour and less closely adhering to the seeds.—

11 Various other modes of Cultivating the Cotton plant were tried but with so little success that they are unworthy of detail. I will therefore only briefly notice what appeared to be injurious. The Cotton plant appears to be impatient of too much moisture in the soil and more especially when this exists at the time of flowering and ripening of the Crop.—

12. I believe it to be more or less injurious to flood the whole surface with water, at any time; as it hardens, and bakes, the surface of the soil when again exposed to the Sun so as to render it impenetrable by the atmosphere. I however dont believe that flooding with water injures the roots of the Cotton plant, but is merely injurious by preventing the free action of the atmosphere on the soil, also in windy weather when the plants are shaken the hardened crust on the surface is apart to cut the bark.

13. At Kulhutty where the experiments were conducted the climate is so dry and arid that the Cotton plant was found to die off entirely during the droughts if not artificially irrigated.—

Government Gardens ..... Potacammund December 1857 } (Signed) H. G. McIvor Supt.

order

J.E.B.

Order thereon.

783-84

Ordered to lie over.

B. W. 126
From the Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle
785

No. 2391

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Public Works department dated the 24th December 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer:—

Submits copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue also a letter from the Acting Collector of Ganjam submitting estimate for 2d Class Travellers Bungalows at Calingapatam and Chicacole. The Board recommends the construction of a Bungalow at the rising port of Calingapatam in which the Chief Engineer concurs, and solicits the sanction of Rupees 1,350.

Rec'd Entered 5th December 1857. No. 6083.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council Sanctions for entry in the Budget of 1858-59, in the Government Office, the estimate submitted with the above Proceedings, amounting to Rupees (1,350) one thousand, three hundred and fifty, for constructing a second Class Travellers Bungalow

Fort St. George 20th January 1858.

Bungalow at Calingapatam in the District of Ganjam.—

/A. true Extract/
/Signed/ H. Forbes
Actg. Secy. to Government

To
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

No. 6396

Resolved that a Copy of the order of Government contained in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2391 of the 24th December 1857 be forwarded to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue with reference to Extract from their Proceedings No. 4190 dated 27th November 1857 and to the Collector and District Engineer of Ganjam respectively for their information.—

By Order.
/Signed/ C. A. Orr. Captain
Actg. Supdg. Engineer Wn. Cycle

Central Office P.W.
Fort St. George
5th January 1858.

Ordered to be recorded.

Order thereon

(785-86)

Fort Saint George 20th January 1858.

No. 5

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

(787)
Bd. No. 151

From the Collector of Sea Customs Madras
Dated 6th January 1858

Sir

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Revd. Doctor Caldwell requesting a refund of Import duty paid on 9 Cases Wearing apparel and personal effects arrived from London per Ships "Ballarat" and "Eskdale" which he states have been in use for years amounting to Rupees 34-0-0 and beg to recommend that his request be complied with. It appears the good were sent to Messrs. Teil and Co. who passed them at the value of Rupees 680-0-0 upon which duty has been charged Doctor Caldwell arrived by the Overland Route and the goods by Sea and finds on landing they have been assessed for duty.—

Sea Customs House
Madras 7th January
1858

/Signed/ W. E. Underwood
Collector Sea Customs

Enclosure

Fort Saint George 20th January 1858.

Enclosures.

W. E. Underwood Esqre

Collector of Sea Customs

Sir

On coming out to this Country by the Overland Route I sent my heavy baggage round the Cape but I find that my English agents did not enter the boxes as baggage but affixed a value to the contends of each the value on which I wished them to effect insurance and thus allowed them to come out liable to duty I find therefore that have been charged duty for wearing apparel and personal effects which have been in use for years.—

May I ask you to be so kind as to have with [illegible]

The particulars of the Boxes are

Shippers Maynard & Harris London

Per Bullarut 3 Boxes addressed to

Revd C. S. Kohlhoff / R. C /

Per Eskdale 6 Boxes Similarly addressed

Duty paid on Boxes per Bullarut Rs 11-8a

Do — Do Eskdale — 22 8a

The duty has been paid by Teil & Co as my agents here and I persuance it is to them that repayment must be made if you are so kind as to order the duty to be

Madras — —
5th January
1858

/ Signed / R. Caldwell.

True Copy

(Signed) W. E. Underwood

Collector Sea Customs

Fort Saint George 20th January 1858

Bd's No 267

Order thereon

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Ordered to be submitted for the orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that under the circumstances the duty levied on Doctor Caldwell's baggage may be refunded

No 12

To

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort Saint George

789

Bd's No 314

From the Agt — — — — —

Collector of Masulipatam

Sir

With reference to the Boards Circular Proceedings dated 17th March 1857 No 870 calling for a report regarding the operation of Act XXVIII of 1855 which the Board stated will be expected in this Month I have the honor to forward Copy of my letter dated 12 September 1857 to the Civil Judge of Masulipatam.—

Masulipatam Collectors —
Circuit Cutchery at —
Vedadavalle 14th January 1858

/ Signed / T. J. Knox

Agt Collector

To

Fort Saint George 20th January 1858.

Enc 1

To

J. J. Cotton Esqre

Civil Judge of Masulipatam.

Sir.

In reply to the letter dated 19th June of the Register of the Suder to your address and forwarded by you for my information, I have the honor to state that I have no knowledge of the effects of Act 28 of 1855 for its operations do not come under my notice and my opinion is therefore of little value. However I have always held the opinion that the great defect in this act is that there is no clause which forbids interest on a bond or contract from the first day the deed could be made the subject of an action at law to the day the action was filed.—

Masulipatam
Coll[r]s Cutcherry
12th September 1857.

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

/True Copy/

Order thereon

Order to lie over—

789-90

Fort Saint George 20th January 1858.

No 13

To

I. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

791

Bd. No 330

Sir.

From the acting Collector of Masulipatam } Para. 1

With reference to my letter of the 13th November 1857 No 210 I have the honor to inform you that the Civil Court on the 28th Idem issued a notice that the Defendant in the suit therein referred to had appealed to the Court of Sudr Mdalut.—

O.S. No 92 of 1856 Civil Court file

2 I requested Mr Dale Government Pleader to appear on behalf of Government to defend the suit; but he requires me to furnish him with the order of Government authorizing him to do so.—

3 I request you will be good enough to obtain the authority of Government and communicate it to Mr Dale.—

Masulipatam Zillah—
Collectors Circuit Cutcherry—
at Nedadavole 15th January 1858

} /Signed/ T. J. Knox
Acting Collector.

Fort Saint George 20th January 1858.

Bd No 8258

Resolution thereon.

(791-92)

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 30th July 1856 Revenue Department No 791) and Board's Proceedings dated 25th November last No 1131.-

Informs 1st Augt 1856

2 The suit No 92 of 1850 was instituted for the recovery of a piece land which had been awarded to the Defendant in Suit No 58 of 1850. The decision was in favor of Government and Defendant has appealed to the Court of Sudr Adalut.-

3. The Board recommend that the Government pleader may be instructed to defend the interests of Government.-

I.

Fort Saint George 20th January 1858.

No 10

To

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort Saint George

(793)

Bd No 306

From the Actg Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to reply to the requisition of your Board contained in paragraph 3 of an Extract from their Proceedings dated the 12th November last

Offering opinion required on the question of allowing private Companies to undertake works of irrigation.-

No 3913.-

2. An opinion is requested on the general question of allowing private companies to undertake works of irrigation and navigation.-

3 Respecting the plan of providing water for irrigation purposes its value being paid by the cultivating classes who use it I certainly think that so far as the Madras Presidency is

is concerned the projects of the Society who have communicated with the Honorable Court are visionary and impracticable.-

4. I do not see how it will be possible to reconcile existing interests with those which the Society desire to create for themselves but as it is not likely that prior to embarking on this speculation the Directors of the Society have omitted to consider the various class rights and interests of the cultivators affected by their plans it might be well I submit to elicit from those gentlemen more specific and detailed statements of their intended operations than are contained in their letter to the Honorable Court of the 6th June last.-

In

5. In regard to the navigation part of the Society schemes. I will say only that if their feasibility in an Engineering point of view has been ascertained and it be intended to apply the canals only to navigation purposes I see no particular objection to works of that class being undertaken by private companies.-

6. If however the canals are to be rendered available for the double purposes of irrigation and communication, I hold to the opinion expressed in paragraph 3 being satisfied that much complication of vested private water rights will be created and that the adjustment of the difficulties arising thereon will be practicable by no other means

means than an entire remodel-
-ing of the existing system of
assessment.-

7. As Tanjore is not
a Cotton growing province I have
no means of procuring infor-
-mation in regard to the allege
injurious effect of artificial
irrigation in raising that kind
of produce.-

Tanjore ----
Collectors Office
15th January 1858. } Signed W. D. Phillips
Acting Collector

Order thereon
(793-94)

Ordered to be over
lie.

Resolved

Resolved that the following
letter be despatched.-

(795)
Bt No 795
Circular to all Collectors

Circular
Sir. In consequence
of the peculiar state of the season
I am directed by the Board of Revenue
to request that you will, until fur-
-ther instructions report fortnightly
the Condition of your District and the
prospects of the season with a brief
note of any marked rise in the prices
of Grain.-

Revenue Board Office
Fort Saint George
20th January 1858. } Signed J. D. Sim
Ag. Secretary.

To. The Acting Secretary
to Government
Revenue Department

(796)
Bt No 2.60
To the Ag Secy to
Government.

Sir. I am directed by the Board
of Revenue to submit herewith the
Broken set of the Proceedings for the
Month of November 1857 for
transmission

transmission to the Honorable the
Court of Directors.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
20th January 1858

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Agt Secretary

797
Dft No 261.

Official Memo-

To the Malayalum
Translator to Govt

With reference to Extract
Minutes Consultation dated 30th
July 1855 the Acting Sub Secretary
to the Board of Revenue has the honor
to request the Malayalum Translator
to Government to favor the Board with
translations of the Petitions noted in
the Margin.

No 93-1 Enc
" 181 of 1858.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
2d January 1858

/Signed/ L. Forbes
Agt Sub Secretary

797-798
Dft No 262

Official Memo.

To the Canarese
Translator to Govt

With reference to
Extract

Extract Minutes Consultation.
Dated 30th July 1855. the Acting
Sub Secretary to the Board of
Revenue has the honor to request the
Canarese Translator to Government
to favor the Board with Trans
-lations of the Petitions noted
in the Margin.

No 92-221
of 1858.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
20th January 1858

/Signed/ L. Forbes
Agt Sub Secretary

To
The Collector of
Ganjam

800
Dft No 240

To the Collectors
of Ganjam
Vizagapatam
Rajahmundry
Masulipatam
Nellore
Arcot
Madras
Guntoor

Sir

I am directed to request
that the information called for
in Extract Minutes of Consulta
tion dated 19th February 1857. Revenue
Department No 179 circulated with
the Boards Proceedings of 16th
November 1857. No 2995 may be submit
-ted with as little delay as possible.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
20th January 1858

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Agt Secretary
Revenue

Bd. No 119
From the Acting Secretary to Government
(815)

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the January 1858.

Sanctioning the estimate of charges proposed to be incurred on account of additional establishment in Fusly 1267 in the Districts of this Presidency amounting to Rupees 91,655-8 and also certain items on the same account disallowed by Government in the estimates of Fusly 1266.

See No: 5 in separate Vol.

(815-16)
Bd. No 284
Order thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Extract Minutes Consultation be furnished to the several Collectors and the officiating agent at Kurnool with reference to their estimates of charges proposed to be incurred on account of additional establishment in Fusly 1267.

× Vizagapatam
Rajahmundry
Masulipatam
Guntoor
Nellore
Cuddapah
Bellary
Chingleput
S. Arcot
Tanjore
Coimbatoor
Canara
Malabar
Madras &
Kurnool.

A after Bd. No 1413
From I.
(817)

Printed Copy

Stating his views on the result of the past working of the rules for the Settlement of the Land Revenue under the ryotwary system pointing out the advantages contemplated in the revised Manual prepared by him and appending a Copy of the same together with a Memorandum in explanation of the changes which will be required to be made.

Rec.

Bd No 300

Proceedings thereon

(817-18)

The Board consider it highly creditable to Mr Dykes that he should have devoted his leisure time to so useful an object as the revision of the district Hookoomnamah.

2. They are aware that the Manual of 1850 is defective in several respects, but many changes are now in progress and the principles of Revenue administration are still being discussed in some important particulars. The Board do not in consequence feel themselves in a position at present to sanction detailed rules which at no distant period may require to be again revised.—

3. When they are enabled to determine on a set of rules applicable to Ryotwar Settlements in general they will have much pleasure in giving Mr Dykes suggestions, in many of which they concur, their free consideration

thereof. They resolve, meanwhile, to forward a Copy of Mr Dykes Memo. to the Director of Revenue Settlements.—

To

No 148.

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St George

(819)

Bd No 1516

From the Collector of Trichinapoly—

Sir,

As directed by the Board in their order of date the 8th September 1857. passed on Petition No 2857 of 1857 I have the honor to furnish a report.—

2. In this address Petitioner claims possession of and right to 39 Cawnies of Punjah land granted as a Manieum in the Village of yellacoorchey in Arrealore Talook for the support of a flower Garden at Trivady in Tanjore Province belonging to the Punchanadeeswaraswamy Pagoda.—

It

3. It is true the Board of Revenue in 1848 placed Petitioner in management of the garden and in enjoyment of the Maniem lands: But the Manager of the Pagoda instituted suits in the local Courts and thereupon obtained and recovered the possession of the Gardens from Petitioner who was declared in no way entitled thereto

4 Petitioner not having title to the Maniem lands set aside for the support of such Garden - The Tahsildar was therefore directed on the 20th December 1856 to place the Maniem in the possession of the Trustees of the Pagoda -

5. The Cymash accounts of 1216 and the Doule accounts of the Village prove the Maniem to be allotted for the support of the Garden -

6 The Petition is herewith returned

Trichinopoly Collectors Office 13th November 1857. } /Signed/ J. Bird Collector

Bd No 291
Order thereon
819-20

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed upon Petitions No 2857 and 4009 of 1857.

"The old accounts prove the Maniem referred to in these Petitions to have been allotted for the support of a garden belonging to the Punchava dees waras wamy Pagoda at Trivady in the District of Tanjore." -

"This Garden having by Decree of Court been made over to the Manager of the said Pagoda, the Maniem attached to it must of course go with it. The Collectors order is approved and Confirmed." -

No 110

To

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

821
Bd No 2628.
From the Collector of Rajahmundry }

Sir

With reference to the Extract

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board dated the 6th August last requiring further information upon the Petition No 251 of 1854 presented by Vadoonoory Viswanadhum and Jogerauze Curnum of the Village of Irovsoomundo in the Talook of Amlapoor. I have the honor to forward herewith a Statement in which the information called for will be found.—

2. It will be seen that the total extent of land attached to the Curnumship is 2 A — 5 T — 0 M of the annual value after deducting the Kuttoobady payable thereon of 64 Rupees which is divided into three equal portions betwn the working Curnum and his other Copartners that of the above 15 C were sold by the Revenue officers in satisfaction of arrears of sayer rent and 15 C were transferred by the Copartners to their Creditors in 1831. If these two items are deducted there remains 15 C Coons in the undisturbed enjoyment of one

1 Vara fees paid by the Ryots in grain &c

2 Fees paid by the weavers &c

3 Presents on the occasion of Ceremonies.

of the Copartners. The only income which the working Curnum derives is ready money allowances amounting to about Rs 16 as exhibited in the statement but this source of income is not much to be depended upon as it is always liable to fluctuate.—

3. In the case No 3 it will be seen that the present holder has had the land since 1831. I am of opinion that it will be hardly fair to deprive him of it during his life time On his death it should revert to the working Curnum.—

4. The parties named under No 2 are the only Merasdedars now enjoying any of the Enam. If the present Curnum is unwilling to continue for the present working on the same terms as hitherto one or both of those named in No 2 must be called upon either to perform the duties of the office themselves or give up their Enam to Viswanadum the present Curnum.—

Rajahmundry District Collrs ——— } (Signed) A Purvis
Office Cocanada 5th November 1857 } Collector

2nd January 1858

Schedule of Amlapoor in the District of Rajahmundry.

Remissions	Other ready money deductions	Total	Remarks
20	16	36	This Enam together with 15 Toomo in the Village of Vadoonoor in the Pittapoor Zemindary which was allotted to Condeah as Curnum not doing duty in that Village is now in the possession of Boolsoo Kistamiah under the Circumstances reported to the Board on the 6th February 1857 in letter No 17.
20		20	From enquiry it appears that this Enam was sold by Pariah and Chittumbrum to one Boolsoo Nursapah for 125 Rupees under a bill of sale dated the 10th January 1831. The Enam has since been divided between the said Nursapah and his Brother Kistamah. The former mortigaged his portion to one Bookeah reddy Chenna Venkapah for 179 Rupees on Condition of liquidating the same in 8 years at 15 Rupees per Annum. The term will acspire in 4 years from this time.
24		24	The working Curnum Viswanadhum alleges that the above sale is false and that the land was originally made over to Nursapah and Kistamah on Condition of returning it after liquidating the debt due to them in 14 years.
64	16	80	

1857. / Signed/ A. Purvis Collector.

Bd No 272

Proceedings thereon

(821-22)

In this Curnea Kum there are three shares one third or 15 Looms being the portion of Enam entered in the name of the 1st Petitioner the working Curnum was alienated in the manner stated in the Collectors letter of 6th February and the Board in their Proceedings quoted expressed their opinion that the Circumstances of the case would not allow of its being restored. The 2d portion was sold in 1831 and has been ever since in the hands of the purchaser - This arrangement also will be left undisturbed but the Case will be reported for orders on the death of the present occupant The parties above named under No 2. are in possession of any of the Enam and neither of them do duty The Collector will as suggested by him in para 4 Call upon them either to take a part in the duties of the office or resign the Inamin favor of Viswanadum in the event

of the latter being unwilling to continue in office on the same terms as hitherto On the death of the parties in No 2 the 15 Looms enjoyed by them will be made over to the working Curnum

Ordered the following Endorsement be passed upon Petition No 251/1854 upon the late Commissioners file -

"Petitioner is referred to the Collector who will Communicate to him the decision of the Board upon the Subject of his Petition"

To J. D. Smith Esq^re
Sec^y to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

(823)

Bd No 4873

Sir

From the Coll^r of Chingleput -

I have the honor to inform the Board in reply to Para 5 of Extract from their Proceedings No 3995 of the 16th ultimo that the Remarks of Government on the causes assigned by the Board for the increase of the Salt Revenue in this District in Fasly 1264 would seem to be correct as the Salt trade of Madras has not

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not been and is not being transferred to Chingleput but the contrary is the case since the Establishment of inland sales at the Presidency owing to the quantity of Salt manufactured at the Madras Pans being found to be unequal to the local demand a regular supply has been issued from this District to the Madras Collector on his indents passed by the Board from 1847 to 1853 or till the pans of Voyalloor to the North of Madras were transferred to that officers charge under the orders of the Board dated the 5th January 1854 -

Chingleput District -
Collrs Cutcherry -
Sydapet 3d December 1857

(Signed) C. I. Shubrick
Collector

Bd No 298 -
Order thereon - Ordered to be Communicated to the Collr of Madras for his Consideration when he replies to the Board's Proceedings dated 16th November 1857 No 3995 Para 5 -
The Board hope to receive his Report on this subject at an early date -

(823-24)

1258
15th No 15080.

Madras Collr's Quarterly Return of Spirituous Liquors Compounded for and Confiscations in the District of Chingleput for the Quarter ended 31st December 1857 -

(825)

Regulations under Section XII Regn I of 1820 -

Estimated Value of Salt Seized on the 27th September 1857 in Pudaloors (Coondee Saloop) by Coorums; Goody Pauhatary duo to Sunnassy Mudelly Periagadoo and Colonar Conveying it with Cart & Bullocks to Vaniambady Custom House for Trial & adjudication -

1 Coondy assd 25½ 6 " " 2 " "

Regalmundy District Collr's Office Pudaloor 11th December 1857 (Signed) A. Farquhar
Collr

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B. R. No. 278.

Proceedings thereon

(825-26)

The Board of Revenue authorize the Confis=cation of the Smuggled arrack entered in the foregoing Statement & the disbursement to the in=former of his share of the sale proceeds the Remainder being car=ried to the Credit of Government.

No. 371.

To I. D. Sewell Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

(827)

B. R. No. 302.5

From the Collr. of Chingleput.

I have the honor to forward herewith a statement shewing the extent of Rent free lands assigned to the Village officers in certain Villages in the Sydapet and Conjeeveram Talooks in this District which have

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have been rendered uncultiva=ble owing to their having been inundated by late Torrents and the surplus water in the Tanks and Request sanction for allotting others in exchange for them equivalent in value the Villagers being reported to have Concurred in the necessity of Remunerat=ing the officers for the loss=es sustained by them.

Chingleput District Collrs. Cutcherry Sydapet 12th. December 1857

(Signed) C. J. Shubrick Collector

Statement

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Statement of lands proposed to be allotted to the Village Servants in lieu of their Manium lands Rendered unfit for cultivation in the District of Chinglepute -

Taluk of Sydapet

Names of Villages	Description of Inam lands	Lands rendered unfit for Cultivation Extent of land Class	No.	Rs. A. P.	Lands proposed to be given in exchange. Assessment Class	No.	Extent of land Rs. A. P.	Assessment Rs. A. P.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7.	8	9
							Cs. As. Cs.	
Paddy	Carnum Enam	Nunjah 1	328	" 13 12	Nunjah	3 578	" 13 12	3 9 4
				3 9 4			2 1 4	8 2 10
Peroongolathore	Do.	1	365	2 1 4		8 2 10		
				8 2 10		4 2 6		
Maadichoor	Do.	1	533	" 9 8		4 6 11		
				4 6 11		8 9 5		
			511	" 13 8				
				8 9 5		2 10 "		
				1 7 "			1 " "	2 10 "
Pullicarnay	Do.	5	3597	1 " "		3 12 5		
				2 10 "			2 4 14	1 8 7
Nummungalum	Do.	4	307	1 14 12		1 8 6		
				5 14 4		4	208	" 14 14 " 9 8
		5	335	" 5 "		1 10 3		
				3 8 6		4	209	6 14 8
		1	450	3 3 10		6 15 2		
				1 4 6		1 5 10		1 " 2
							4 210	" 8 6 1 8 6
	Nattum Enam	5	332	" 7 4		" 14 "	4 215	" 12 10 1 9 10
		4	377	" 7 4		" 14 "	4 246	" 13 "
		4	378	" 4 12		" 9 2		
		4	384	2 1 10		3 11 "		
				5 5 4		10 10 2		2 2 " 1 2 6
				10 14 4		33 9 9		5 10 6 11 1 2
Total				" 3 10		1 38	3 10	11 3 8 34 " 8
Suttum Thongub	Cumnum Enam	2	38				" 1 8	" 5 3
						3 11	" 3 14	" 13 7
							" 5 6	1 2 10
							11 8 14	35 3 6
Grand Total				10 14 4		34 13 5		

Examined

Chinglepute District Collrs Cutcherry

Sydapet 12th December 1857 / Signed C. J. Shubrick Collr

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B.R. No. 281

Proceedings thereon

(827-28)

The Board Request the Collector to state the other emolu=ments in Lands and fees of the Village officers entered in the statement and the Peria of the Villages Mr. Shubrick will also give his opinion as to the suffi=ciency of these allowances in order that the Board may judge whether it is necessary to replace the injured lands. They do not gather from the statement whether the lands proposed to be given in exchange are waste or Cultivated.

2 The Board do not ov=erlook the necessity of the Cow=currence of the Villagers in this matter if the lands are waste.—

To

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No. 155

To I. D. Sim Esqre
Actg Secy. to the Board of Revenue

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(829)

B.R. No. 5161-

From the Collr. of Rajahmundry —

Court of Wards-
Fort St. George-

Sir.

I have the honor to =

Request you will have the goodness to obtain the Sanction of the = Court for the disbursement of

Value of the Chest & carriage Rupees 64-11-5 / 2-11-6 / 67-9-9 Rupees 67-9-9 as per Margin, = from the funds of the Pittapoor Estate for a large Cash Chest for the use in the Pittapore Talook Treasury which has been made up in the Government workshop at Doulaiswaram-

Rajahmundry District
Collrs. office
Cocanada 16th December 1857

(Signd) A. Purvis
Collr.

Proceedings

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B. 2. 2-77

Proceedings thereon

(829-30)

The Court of Wards sanction the expenditure Reported Vizt. Rupees 67-9-9 out of the surplus Funds of the Pollu: Pore Estate-

No. 178-

To I. D. Smis Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for sanction the accompanying estimate for Rupees 14 framed by the District Engineer for hedging the Compound of the Travellers Bungalow at Arumbauk-

(831)

B. 2. 5139

From the Collr. of Nellore-

Nellore Collrs. office 18th. December 1857

(Signed) L. B. Elton

Collector

Estimate

1266

Estimate of the Expense for constructing [illegible] Compound of the Travellers Bungalow at Arumbauk

Trades &c employed	Name of work	Amount
Coolies	Digging Earth & Planting Quick	8 5
Ditto	Cutting Ditches	5 "
Ditto	Carrying Earth	1 "
		14 "

Particulars of Work.

133 1/3 Coolies 4 yards of Earth work — 1 Rupee

For conveying & planting Quick Sundries

Camp at Sudda 21st August 1857

(Signed) G. N. Fay Lieut. & Engr. Nellore Division

Camp Chavur 1st Septr. 1857

(Signed) W. Watts Captain Engr. Nellore Division

1266 Fort St. George 21st January 1858

Bd No. 294

Order thereon -

831-32

Ordered to be forwarded to the Chief Engineer with the Board's recommendation that the Estimate be passed. —

C. B.

1267 Fort St. George 21st January 1858

No. 306

To

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

833

Bd No. 32

From the Ag. Collector of Madura

Sir

With reference to Extract Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 11th Instant No. 4433

I have the honor to inform you that the sum of Rupees 340- - - -

To Board of Revenue
to Collr. Vol. 554
from Collr. Madura

therein adverted to was exclusively for the Police force employed for a period of one month viz from 16th August to 15th September 1857. to prevent any disturbance during the Moharrum festival in consequence of an uneasy feeling in the Town amongst the Mussulmans encouraged by the events occurring in the North West of India. The sum of Rupees 109-15-7 for which sanction was sought in my letter of the 20th Ultimo No. 260 is on account of a force employed subsequently between the 23d September and 20th November 1857. as per Margin urgently needed to allay a panic which then prevailed in the Town of Madura and in the Talooks of Meylore owing to a rise in the price of Grain in the District as was reported in the accompanying

Meylore Talook
From 7th Octr. to 20th November 1857

Town of Madura
From 23d September to 22d Octr. 1857

accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting Sub-
Collector in charge to Government under date the 9th
November last

2 — In reply to Para 2 of the Proceedings under
reference I have the honor to state that it will appear from
the Acting sub Collectors letter that circumstances did
not admit of a previous reference to Government for
the necessary sanction

Madura
21st December 1857

Signed A. Hathaway
Acting Collector

No 1
to 162

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St. George

Sir

I In submitting the enclosed statement
of Gang and Highway robbery committed and attempted during
the last Quarter some explanation seems necessary of the
great increase that is observable

2. Previous to August the average of Gang
robberies had not been much greater than usual but

the rains which ordinarily fall in that month held
off and towards its close affairs had assumed somewhat
a favorable aspect in the Boundaries of Ramnad
and Sheragungah that the late Acting Magistrate
Mr Sullivan found it necessary to obtain permission
to entertain an Extra Police force in September the
weather continued hot and clear and the prospects
of the cultivating season became much depressed
Grain rose rapidly in price and in consequence
of a series of indifferent seasons all other necessaries
of life were extremely dear and the pressure was daily
augmenting Agrarian riot in the Town became immi-
nent and measures had to be taken in the shape of
an addition to the Police force to repress the obnoxious
tendency in that direction shortly afterwards reports
of Gang robberies chiefly of sheep and grain began to
pour in from the District and continued until the opening
of the monsoon in the middle of October In the intervening
period no less than 44 cases were committed to the Com-
missioners Court and there are still some to be
disposed of while the police are on the track of parties
known

known to have committed others In many cases of course the perpetrators have remained undetected but every means has been taken that suggested itself to stimulate the Police and the people have been encouraged and attempts made to restore confidence amongst them With this view by desire of C R Baynes Esq. the Commissioner under Act XIV of 1857 a proclamation was issued under section XXI Regulation IX of 1816 intimating that certain parties had been rewarded for gallantly repelling attacks made upon their houses & calling upon house holders to combine and defend themselves offering them immunity a point on which doubt existed for any acts done in self defence

3. The disturbance reached the greatest height in the Ramnad and Shivagungah Zemindaries and on the Aneyline Taluk always the most turbulent portions of the District The Police Officers reported that the roads in these quarters were infested by marauders armed with sticks and that neither persons nor property were safe The additional Police force for the Zemindaries

here came in with good effect and some of the most disturbed places were speedily tranquillized Armed patrols were sent out in the vicinity of Tuticorin to protect the grain bandies coming in threatened with plunder and to allay the panic on this account which for two days was so excessive that little grain arrived

4. In Meylore the state of affairs was nearly as unpromising In one instance the Villagers beat off a body of twelve Peons sent to apprehend some of their members accused of Gang robbery and the Tasildar reported that assistance was pressently needed. A small number of pensioned sepoys for the payment of whose sanction will be sought hereafter were accordingly employed and sent him armed with muskets and Mr Macgregor and the Nair Sheristadar proceeded to the Taluk with a view of restoring tranquillity by their presence This measure was effectual and presently the remaining commotion ceased.

At

5. It is a curious fact that the disturbances were encouraged by the events occurring in the North West of India and rumours of them reached the lower classes and the most unmanageable of the population. The Collectors it is well ascertained became impressed with the idea that the power of the Government was on the wane and that they were shortly about to be emancipated from the restraints of Law so far had the rumours penetrated that on one occasion 7 at least Brahmins charged with the execution of a decree were assaulted prevented and language used towards them of a cruelly indicative of the prevailing belief. The fact of affairs being thus complicated led to a doubt of the effects of rain as a panacea and considering the certainty that prices would not at first be materially modified by it or fall to any very appreciable extent until the coming harvest there was some grounds for the suspicion. The rains however has not justified the impression that order is being restored universally. While this will no doubt rain has much to do but is attributable it also in a very great measure to the institution of this Commission Court shortly after the

first cases had been disposed of in this Court it was satisfied that the punishment awarded was final the news spread with great rapidity and had an extraordinary effect. The evil disposed learnt with dismay that a tribunal to which they had not been accustomed had been instituted and its powers exaggerated by native report assumed to them an alarming aspect.

6. It remains for me to state that of the gang robberies now reported 29 were committed in dwelling houses but that of these the property taken in six instances only was of any magnitude in only one was accompanied with murder. In some of them the property robbed consisted entirely of Grain

Madura
9th November 1857

(Signed) J. R. Cockerell
Acting Jt. Magistrate
in charge

(True Copy)
(Signed) A. Hathaway
Acting Magistrate

Pc. 12788

Resolution thereon

833-34

D. 20th Jany. Pros. No. 1

Dec. 1857

Resolved that the above letter and the Acting Collectors previous Communication be laid before Govern- -ment with the Boards recommenda- -tion that under the circumstances stated the expenditure (Rupees 104 15-9) incurred in retaining an extra police force between the 23rd September and 20th November last may be sanctioned

To

No. 204

To J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

835

Pc. No. 5167

From the Collr. of Madras.... } 1.

No. 4570.

Sir,

With reference to your letter 19th Instant I beg to state that the Chumam renters finding evasion no longer practicable, their shells attached, and about to be sold by Auction, paid up all arrears on the 17th September last.

2. They were the renters of kilns, not quarries, the former being all situated in Tondiarpetta near the Canal — Basin, and the latter in and about Steeharricotta in the Chingleput District.

Madras..... } Signed B. Cumliffe
21st December 1857 } Collector.

Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded

To

835-36

No. 184

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

837

B. No. 51
From the Collr
of Nellore

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant No. 4415 I have the honor to state that Summaway is the 2d series of wet Cultivation, and produces 1st Sort Paddy, and Codaway is the 3d Series of Wet Cultivation, and produces 2d Sort Paddy. They refer to Paddy reaped at particular seasons the former is sown in July or August, and the latter from September. There is a difference in their prices as will be seen from the Statement of average Bazar prices of Grain and Salt submitted to the Board, as shown for the months of October last in the Margin.

Paddy 1st Sort per Garce in Fanly	Paddy 2d Sort per Garce in Fanly
1266	1266
Rupees 131	Rs 109

Nellore
Collectors Office
23d December
1857

/ Signed / H. B. Elton
Collector

Ordered

Order thereon

837-38

839

B. No. 5172
From the Inspector
General of Ordnance
and Magazines

Circular Memo:
No. 6577 dated 12th
November 1857
calling for a
List of articles
required to be in
cluded in annual
Indent on the
Honorable Court
of Directors

Ordered to be recorded

No. 7764

Memorandum

The Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines has the honor to request the Secretary Revenue Board will have the goodness to furnish an early reply to his communication, date and subject as per margin.

It is wished to dispatch the Indent before the Christmas Holidays.

Inspector Generals Offices
Fort St. George
23d December 1857

/ Signed / C. J. Hasken, Captn
for Inspector Genl of Ordnance
and Magazines

B. No. 280
Proceedings thereon

839-40

Captain Hasken is informed that the Board of Revenue replied on the 12th Ultimo to the Inspector Generals Circular Memo: dated 12th Novr 1857 No. 6577

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A duplicate copy of the letter is herewith sent.

No. 186.

To,

The Secretary to the
Court of Wards.

Fort St. George.

(841)

B. No. 8
Transmitting the Agt. Collr. of Ganjam...

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to my letter of the 11th August last No. 124 to forward herewith Estimate and sections for the roads tunnels and bridges on the Kimedy and Calingapatam road as far as Hungoor within the boundary of the Kimedy Zemindary amounting to Rupees 4,837 and request that you will obtain the early sanction of the Court of Wards for the Execution of these works the Estimates &c plan have also been submitted and approved of by the District Engineer, and I trust the Court will at once allow me to put

put the works in hand

Ganjam District
Collectors Office
Chatterpore 24th Decr
1857.

Signed W. Knox
Acting Collector

Enclosures 2 Estimate

B. No. 292
Resolution thereon
(841-42)

Resolved that the above letter and its Enclosures be forwarded to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will favor the Court at his earliest convenience with his opinion on the proposed works.

No. 188

To,

The Secretary to the
Court of Wards
Fort St. George

(843)

B. No. 10
Transmitting the Agt. Collr. of Ganjam...

Sir,

I have the honor to request sanction for the expenditure of 80 Rupees for constructing a well in the Cutcherry compound at

Ghost Sta George 21ta January 1858

at Kimedy the well is for the use of the Nursery Captain Campbell has established to supply trees for the roads &ca and as want of water has been much felt in the last weather just passed by the Cutcherry servants and others living in the neighbourhood it will be of very general utility, I beg that the Court will be pleased to sanction the disbursement which has already been made as Captain Campbell was under the impression that the charge could be brought under the discretionary allowance

I have pointed out to Captain Campbell that he is not to begin any work without my sanction and assure that this will not again occur.

Ganjam District
Collectors Office
Chetterpore 24th
December 1857

/Signed/ W. Knox
Acting Collector.

Bd No 276
Proceedings thereon.
viz: Rupees 80.-

The Court of Wards sanction this expenditure as reported

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Ghost Sta George 21ta January 1858

No 189

From the Acting Collr of Ganjam

845

Bd No 11

To
The Secretary to the
Court of Wards
Ghost Sta George

Sir,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated the 11th May last No 548 —

I have the honor to forward herewith a Supplemental Estimate for widening the Goomah Road from Goomah Gyaddah to the town of Kimedy amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 580 — and request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of the Court to commence the work as it is a saving of Expense to use this road rather than make a new line and the traffic on it will be very heavy the present Estimate is only to make it equal to the remainining portion of the line to Bottoty for which sanction was solicited on the 31st October last No 157.

2. May I request early sanction for these Kimedy works as the season is slipping fast.

Ganjam District
Collectors Office
Chetterpore 24th Decr 1857.

/Signed/ W. Knox
Ag. Collr

Estimate

1282

Fort St. George 21st January 1858

Remedy Zemindary - Supplemental

Estimate of the probable expense of widening the Goomnah Road from Goomnah Gedelah to Rajahs Palace in the Town of Purlah Kimedy 1 Mile 1 Furlong and 86 yards.

Names of Villages, Cultivations &c	Measurement Length	Breadth	Height	Cy. Yds. of E. Work	Cy. Yds. of Metal Ring and Gravelling	Sq. Yds. of Clearing Jungle	Rate	Amount
All high tree Jungle	73	3	1/2	328 1/2	48 2/3	219	"	"
Through Paddy fields	56	3	1/2	252	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	37 1/3	"	"	"
Do	158	3	1 1/2	711	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	105 1/3	"	"	"
Do	129	3	1 1/2	580 1/2	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	86	"	"	"
Do	136	3	1	408	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1 1/6	"	90 2/3	"	"	"
Do	261	3	1	783	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	174	"	"	"
Do	156	3	1	468	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	104	"	"	"
Do	166	3	1	498	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	110 2/3	"	"	"
Do	118	3	1	354	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	78 2/3	"	"	"
Do	152	3	1	456	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	101 1/3	"	"	"
Do	79	3	3/4	177 3/4	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	52 2/3	"	"	"
Do	33	3	3/4	74 1/4	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	22	"	"	"
Do	120	3	1/2	180	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	80	"	"	"
Do	100	3	1/2	150	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	66 2/3	"	"	"
Do	108	3	1/2	162	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	72	"	"	"
Passes close to Sail	175	3	1/2	262 1/2	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	116 2/3	"	"	"
Rajahs Palace to right	46	3	1/2	69	"	"	"	"
"	"	4	1/6	"	30 2/3	"	"	"
Totals				5914 1/2	1377 1/3	219	"	"

1284

Fort St. George 21st January 1858

Bd's No. 293.
Proceedings thereon
845-46

The Court request the Chief Engineer to favor them with his opinion on this work and to have the Estimate examined in his office.

No. 193

To J. D. Sim Esqre
Secretary to the Court of Wards
Fort St. George

847
Bd's No. 138
From the Ag. Coll.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith an Estimate for constructing a covered Calinga bath to Valdoo tank in the branch Road from Kennedy to Calingapatam at a net cost of Rupees 410 and request that you will be pleased to obtain the Sanction of the Court of Wards to complete the above work The above is essentially necessary to make the road passable and has been approved of by Major Birdwood.

Ganjam District
Collectors Circuit
Office Berhampore
29th December 1857

Signed W. Knox
Ag. Collr

1283.

Fort St. George
Collectorate

Ganjam

Quantity | Description of work. | Rate | Per | Amount

5 | 1/4 1/2 Cyd. of Earth work | 6 | Rupee | 184 | 11 | 3
13 | 1/3 — do — of Metalling & gravelling | 4 | do | 344 | 5 | 4
219 | Square yards of Coloring finished 800 Square yards | 8 | " | " | 10 | 11
Superintendence and Establishment (including Contingencies & 10 p.c. | " | " | " | 50 | 4 | 6

Total Company's Rupees 580 a. a.

Signed H. H. Campbell Capt. & Co
Asst. Comr. Agency

Signed W. Knox
Ag. Coll.

Ganjam District
Governor's Assistant Agency Office
Purlah Kimedy
19th November 1857

1285

Fort St. George 21st January 1858

Estimate of the probable expense of constructing a covered Calingalah to Uldoo Tank on the Branch Road from Kimedy to Calingapatam within the Kimedy Zemindary.

Number	Measurements: Length	Measurements: Breadth	Measurements: Height	Sup.l Contents: Squares	Sup.l Contents: Feet	Cubic feet	Particulars of Work	Rate	Per	Amount
							Foundation			
1	50-0	6-0	4-0	"	"	1200	Body			
2	20-6	5-6	4-0	"	"	902	Sidewalls			
4	6-0	3-6	4-0	"	"	336	Wingwalls			
7	19-6	3-0	4-0	"	"	1738	Piers			
				"	"	1494	Flooring			
				"	"	5670	or 210 C. yds. of Roughstone in Chunam	1 8 0	Cyd.	315 0 0
							Superstructure			
1	50-0	5-0	2-0	"	"	500	Body			
2	9-6	2-0	6-9	"	"	1153	Sidewalls			
4	6-0	2-6	7-0	"	"	420	Wingwalls			
7	17-6	2-0	6-3	"	"	1531-3	Piers			
7	2-0	1-0	6-6	"	"	91	Cutwaters including Caps			
				"	"	35951/4	or 133 43/108 Cy 27/4 of Brick in Chunam @	1 12 0	Cyd	233 0 5
		26	30				Sqres of Plastering in Chunam @	1 8 0	Sqft	39 7 2
1	64-0	17-0	0	10	88		Sqres ft of Planking	0 1 6	Sqre ft	102 0 0
							164 Running ft of handrailing @	0 3 0	Rft	30 12 0
							24 Longitudinal Beams @	1 12 0	each	42 0 0
							24 Beams for Shutters @	1 8 0	do	36 0 0
							8 Shutters @	6 0 0	each	48 0 0
							10 Maunds of Iron work @	4 0 0	℔	40 0 0
							Jar	0 0 0		15 0 0
							Excavating foundation 1 rate	0 0 0		40 0 0
							Sundries and Superintendence	0 0 0		98 12 5
							Deduct for the work done by Lieutt C. G. Phillips Executive Engineer	Total		1040 0 0 / 630 0 0
							Balance of Estimate Rupees			410 0 0

Ganjam District
Genl Asst Agents Office
Camp at Kimedy
30th October 1857

/Signed/ W. Knox
Acting Collector

/Signed/ H. Campbell, Capt
Asst Agent
The

Bd. No. 275
Proceedings thereon
847-48.

The Court of Wards sanction the construction of the proposed Calingula at a cost not exceeding Rupees 410 out of the surplus Funds of the Pr. Lakmedy Estate.

No. 314

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

849

Bd. No. 53
From the Agt. Collr. of Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that one Gowry Naick complains that the late Istimrar Zemindar of Shevaganga granted one Alungoy yaindel a hamlet of Puttumungalum Village in Tiroopputtoor Talook on a perpetual Cowle tenure to Petitioners paternal grand father Moodoo Krishnama Naick who enjoyed for the period of 23 years, the said yaindel (which was then in a dilapidated state the lands depending thereon being immemorial waste) on payment of Peroopoo (Quit rent) and that in fusly 1248

the said yaindel was assumed, in consequence of the Civil Suit instituted by Vengamoottoo Nachear, against the Shevagunga Estate, and therefore prays that the yaindel in question may be restored to him (Petitioner.)

2. The Istimrar accounts do not exhibit the original state of the yaindel. But in the Cowle deed granted to Moodoo Kistnama Naick Zemindar under date the 7th Aswiny of the year Vyoovah 1816 it is stated as follows Viz.th "that in consequence of the tank of the yaindel being a ruined one and the lands dependant thereon being waste of immemorial standing professing no marks of ridges in as much as they were not known to have been brought under cultivation within the last 54 years, the Cowledar (Petitioner's grand father) should repair the tank of the yaindel, and reduce the extent depending thereon to Cultivation the

the produce of which he is allowed to enjoy rent free from the above said year Yoowah 1816 to Easwerah 1818 both inclusive and then the Cowlelar should commence payment of Yeerwah at the following gradually increasing rates Viz.t For the subsequent Behoodaneah 1819 year all cultivated lands should have Yeerwah at the rate of 1 fanam per Cullum of seed land for Piramandy 1820 at 2 fanams rate - for Vickramah 1821 at 3 fanams rate - for Vishu 1822 at 4 fanams rate - From the year Chittrabanoo 1823 the Cowlelar is bound to continue payment of Yeerwah at a permanent rate of 5 fanams per Cullum of seed land - The Cowlelar is hereby vested with a title of hereditary right of

C.B.

of possession and enjoyment of the Yaindel (Village in question) subject to sale and alie-nation at his pleasure."-

3- The Manager of Sevagunga states in his Urzee that while Petitioners grand father who got the Yaindel on Cowle, as per Cowle dated 22nd Sept.r 1857 No. 669 of the year Yoowah 1816 was enjoying it till the year Jeyah 1835 Bodagooroo Zemindar Zufted the same in the latter year and then alienated it as Durmasanam to another man, who immediately afterwards sold it to one Ason Sahib - this individual continued in its enjoyment until Fusly 1248 1838 when it was brought under attachment - altho subsequently in fusly 1257 1847 it was given over again to the said Ason Sahib, and remained in his possession upto Fusly 1258, when it was resumed - Ever since the said attachment has remained undisturbed.- The following points are

4 in

the 3rd December 1837 that his Yaindel (enjoyed by him upto that time) being alienated by the Zemindar to another man the latter attempts to appropriate the produce thereof and that it should be restored to him - whereon the Ameen passed an endorsement on the 22nd December to the effect "that the Yaindel in question being alienated by the Zemindar to one Ramiengar it has been sold by the latter to another man who is now in the enjoyment of it and that in consequence thereof Petitioner should have recourse to a Civil Suit for redress."-

10 Subsequently Vecaraqava Naick presented in the Hoozoor 2 Complaints on the 5th February and 19th January 1838 recapitulating the subject of his former complaints which were referred to the Ameen, upon whose report (dated the 24th January an order was

sent to him by Mr Blackburne the late Principal Collector on the 12th March directing "that in as much as it appears by the evidence of the 9 Coothersanas) of the Village the disputed Yaindel was in the enjoyment of the said Vecaraqava Naick (present Petitioners father) it should continue in his enjoyment only"- The execution of the order by the Ameen is reported on the 21st idem to the Collector.-

On the death of Vecaraqava Naick which immediately ensued the Village was brought under attachment in consequence of the Civil motion presented by Ungamoottoo Nachear against the Shevagungah Estates.-

12 Bodagooroo Zemindar as described above, has made a donation of the Petitioners Yaindel consisting of 85 Cullums of seed land to one Ramiengar, as per deed executed by him on the 14th study of the year Jeyah 1835

Jeyah 1835 at the rate of 3½ fanams per Cullum of seed land. By the documents it appears that on the very same date Alsonkhan Sahib received it back in sale from the said Iyengar. The nominal Roll for Fairaidy kept in the Durmasanum Cutcherry from Fusly 1244 to 1246 bears the names of one Coopparien gar father of the said Ramiengar and of one Ibramully who is shewn to have paid the Poroopoo.-

13 The Defendants who have appeared now professs some receipts bearing dates from the year 1835 to 1837 and 1847 to 1849.-

14 The Village which had been kept attached in consequence of Ungamoothoo Nachear's claim having been released in the year 1844 was on the 31st December 1847 made over by the late Gowry Vallabo Rajah to the said Ramiengar; but immediately on the Estate coming under the guardianship of Government

through the death of the Zemindar it was attached again.-

15 Under these circumstances connected with the pleadings it is clear that the Village or Yaindel in litigation was in the enjoyment of Moodookistnanah Naick under the tenure of the Cowle granted to him by the Istimirar Zemindar that in consequence of some enmity that existed between him and the late Zemindar Badagooroo-otaver, the Village was assumed by the latter and then given to another man and that such alienation made by the said Zemindar not being accepted by the late Principal Collector Mr Blackburne, the Village was by his orders restored to Petitioner's father Veeraragava Naick on the score of his long possession.-

16 I have the honor to submit the case for the decision of the Court of Wards but with reference to an Extract from the

× No 4575

Fort St George 21st January 1858

the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 16th Instant, I do not recommend the recognition of the Petitioners claim.-

Madura, - - - - }
31st December 1857.- }

(Signed) A. Hathaway
Acting Collector

B2 No 279
Proceedings thereon-
(849-50)

The Court of Wards are unable to recognize this claim as it appears to be barred by Cl. Section XVIII of Regulation II of 1802.-

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No 6

To, J. D. Sim Esqr.
Acting Secretary to the
Court of Wards
Fort St George

(851)

B2 No 141

Sir

From the Collector of }
Tinnevelly - - - }

The Tahsildars of Shevelly-poottoor and Sauttoor in whose Talooks the three Estates noted in the Margin which are under the Management of the Court of Wards are situated report that the entertainment of a permanent Maramut Coomastah or maistry to

1 Paryoor
2 Sauttoor
3 Mannarcottah

Fort St George 21st January 1858

to each of these Estates is necessary for preparing Estimates for works of irrigation requiring repair in the above Estates, for setting up sections and for Superintending the works as well as for keeping the accounts relating to them.-

2 Previous to the transfer of the Executive to the Professional Department the Maramut Coomastah and Maistries who were attached to the abovementioned Talooks, were when their services could not be spared temporary Maistries were appointed for the purpose.-

3 The Hungamy Maistry who was entertained for 6 Months from June to November 1857 for Superintending the works in Paryoor and Sauttoor under the sanction of the Court of Wards dated the 29th June last having been removed from the 1st Ultimo and there being no executive agency at present the completion of the works which have been commenced and remain unfinished in the above Estates and the preparation of

Estimates

Estimates for works requiring repair in the current year are delayed.-

4 Several extensive breaches which occurred in the Tanks and Channels in the Munnarcottah Estate during the rains of October 1857 require closing.-

5 Under the foregoing circumstances- I have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of the Court for the entertainment of three permanent Maramut Goomastahs, two on a Monthly pay of 7½ Rupees each, for Patyoor and Saiptoor, and one on 7 Rupees for Munnarcottah to be paid out of the proceeds of the above Estate.-

Tinnevelly 2nd January 1858 } /Signed/ J. Silver Collector

B. No. 297- Proceedings thereon

(851-52)

The Court of Wards doubt whether such servants as the Collector proposes could perform the duties expected of them- The salaries named are evidently too low and the Collector should propose such higher rates as the Estates can afford to enable him to procure competent persons approved by the District Engineer.

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

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B. No. 182.

From the Acting Collector of Malabar } "Proceedings of a meeting of the European merchants held at Cochin 28th Decr 1857-

Calicut 4th January 1858 }

Sir.

In forwarding the accompanying intimation of the formation of a Chamber of Commerce at Cochin, I have the honor to request that I may be permitted to supply it with such Trade Reports Statistical Papers &c as may be of use to its members-

/Signed/ W. Robinson
Acting Collector

Enclosure 1.

At a Meeting of the European merchants held at Cochin this day- there were present-

Messrs J.H. Berry of Messrs Oughterson & Co.
Messrs C.E. Burns & Co. Geo. Brunton
" Darley Butler & Co.
J. Darley
" Wilson Ritchie & Co.
R.H. Peirce
" Partell C.H. Horton & Co.
N. Fitz Gerald
A.S. Lawson

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Messrs A.S. Lawson of Messrs Lawson Brothers & Co.
" J Hume " Volkart Brothers
" P Leslie " A.B. Brice & Co.

Proposed by N. Fitz Gerald Esqre
Seconded by R.H. Pearce Esqre

That C.E. Morris Esqre be requested to take the chair

Read a letter from H Brooke Esqre of Messrs A.B. Price & Co. stating his inability to be present but fully approving of the object of the meeting.

Proposed by N. Fitz Gerald Esqre
Seconded by R.H. Pearce Esqre
Carried Unanimously

That this meeting deems it expedient that a Chamber of Commerce be established at Cochin and does now constitute itself into a Chamber accordingly

Proposed by C.E. Morris Esqre
Seconded by P. Leslie Esqre
Carried with acclamation

That I Oughterson Esqre be elected first Chairman of the Chamber

Proposed by J.H. Berry Esqre
Seconded by S Darley Esqre
Carried Nem. con.

That a committee consisting of three members be now elected to put themselves in immediate communication with the different Chambers of Commerce of India and Ceylon and to take all preliminary steps necessary for establishing this Chamber on a sound basis.

Messrs J.H. Berry
" C.E. Morris
" R.H. Pearce

Were then duly elected with power to nominate a 4th.

Proposed by J.H. Berry Esqre
Seconded by P. Leslie Esqre

That the thanks of this meeting be accorded to the Chairman.

P. Leslie Esqre has been nominated Secretary by the Committee

Cochin 28th December 1857
/ Signed / C.E. Morris
Chairman.

Ordered to be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

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Order thereon

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No 8

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

(855)
Bd No 207
From the Collr of Coimbatore

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from the Board's Proceedings dated 20th October 1857 No 6516, and in reply beg to forward translated copies of 3 documents as per margin, connected with the Case pending in the Court here.

2 The first appeal Petition against the Principal Sudr Ameen's decision is an abstract one, and as the 2d contains fully the merits of the case a translation of it is also sent herewith.

3 Adverting to para 3 of the Extract under reply, I beg to state that the original Suit instituted in the Moonsiff's Sudr Ameen's Court, was decided in favor of Parvanum Kom now appellant and was appealed by the Defendant Chandan &c in the Civil Court

1 Decision of the Moonsiff's Court in original Suit
1 Decision of the Sudr Ameen
1 Abstract Petition

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Court but that Court dismissed the Original Suit for reasons set forth in the accompanying Mems. On the appellants / Paramanamundoms / Special appeal to the Sudr Udalut, the matter was ordered to be reinvestigated, and was therefore finally referred by the then Civil Judge to the Principal Sudder Ameen who decreed it against the appellant.

4 As the Original Suit was preferred only against private individuals, the Collector was not defendant nor did the Government sanction defend at the Public Cost.

5 As directed in the latter part of para 5 of the Extract, an answer was filed in the Court on the 9th November 1857 but the case has not been decided.

Coimbatore
8th January 1858

/ Signed / C. B. Thomas.
Collector.

Memorandum

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Encl 1

Memo. connected with the Suit of Paramanandum Pillay.

1st Plaintiff Paramanandum Pillay sued Chowdon and 5 others before the Moonsiff Sudr ameen in No 52 of 1852 for the possession of a piece of ground valued 40 Rs. as also for the recovery of Rupees 20 being the value of shed stone &c.

2d In that Court a Decree was passed in favour of the Plaintiff.

3d Defendant Chowdon and others appealed against the decision in the Civil Court The Civil Judge dismissed the claim of the Plaintiff and recorded for so doing the following reasons first that the ground in litigation was granted to a Section of the Community for the purpose of erecting a Chapel on. that this fact has been admitted by Plaintiff himself that consequently he has no authority to sue as an individual and

2dly that as portion of the ground is

is retained by Government officers that they have not been sued against.

4th Plaintiff Paramanundum submitted a special appeal Petition to the Sudr Udalut.

5 As regards the first objection raised by the Civil Judge the Court of Sudr Udalut rejected it. while with respect to the 2nd they ordered supplementary proceedings to be allowed.

6 The Civil Judge remanded the papers to the Moofty Sudr ameen with orders to dispose of the case. allowing the Collector to be made a Defendant in Supplementary Proceedings.

7 The Mooftty Sudr ameen considered it his duty to dismiss the case, as he was not empowered to enquire Civil causes against Collector as Defendant.

8 The matter was referred to the Principal Sudr ameen

ameen who decided the cases against the Plaintiff / now appellant /

9 Paramanundhum Pillay has now appealed against the decision of the Principal Sudr ameen.

Coimbatore 8th January 1858 } /Signed/ E. B. Thomas Collector

Encl 2.

Translation of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Civil Court of Coimbatore.

Appeal Suit No 143 of 1853

Appellants
Chowdagounden 1
Idoomba gounden 2
Nunjuppa Gounden 3
Vakeel
Teagaraja Pillay

Respondent
Paramanundhum Pillay
Vakeel
Soobbaramania Iyah.

This is an appeal against the decree of the Mooftty Sudr Ameen in O.S. No 45 of 1852 adjudging in favor of the Respondent certain piece of ground

The reasons adduced for the institution of this appeal are 1st that the ground forming the subject of dispute having been granted

granted in common to a certain com-
-munity for a public purpose. the
Plaintiff has had no individual interest
in the affair to claim possession that he
/the Plaintiff/ has acknowledged the fact
of the grant being a common one. Secondly
that the whole parties have not been
proceeded against in as much as Govern
-ment Officers have reclaimed and re-
-covered a portion of the ground and so
Sudr ameen / have not looked into
a document which the appellants
have urged to be paramount.

The Civil Judge pronounced the
action to be non suited under the two first
reasons stated in the Appeal Petition.

Against the appeal
Decree a Special appeal Petition
was presented and the Court of
Sudr Adalut overruled the first of the reasons
adduced for nonsuiting the Plaintiff which
as regards the second they observed the

the deficiency may be supplied by
Supplementary pleadings.

Under this ground the
Suit requires to be readmitted in to
the file for being disposed of on merit
with Supplementary proceedings and
accordingly the Civil Judge finds the ex-
-pediency of referring it for the Court
of the original jurisdiction.

The Lower Court should in
passing a decision provide for the costs
incurred in the regular and Special
appeals of the case. The value of the
Stamps incurred in presenting the regular
appeal will be refunded to the Appellant.

29th August 1856.

Costs incurred by the appellants

Value of 2 Stamps for appeal Petition			
At 4 Rupees a sheet	8	"	"
Do of 1 Do for Vakalut	1	"	"
Do of 1 Do for Security Bond	1	"	"
Batta to Peons		10	"
Vakeels fees	2	"	"
	12	10	"

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12-10"

Costs incurred to
Respondent

Value of 2 Stamps for answer — 8-- --
Dr of 1 Dr for Vakalut — 1-- --
Vakeels Fees — 2-- --

11-- --

Costs incurred in
Special Appeal to the
Special Appellant

Value of Stamps for Vakalut — 2 " "
Dr of 14 Dr for decree 7 " "
Dr of 5 Dr for appeal Decree — 10-- --
Pleaders Fees 1/4 — " 8 "

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Totel — 43-2-

The Original proceedings are ordered to be transmitted to the Mroffy Sudr Ameen-

/Signed/ T. B. Rowpell
/True Translation/
/Signed/ C. B. Thomas
Collector

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No 3

Translation of a Decree of the Principal Sudr Ameen Court at Conjeveram-

Original Suit No 3 of 1856-

Plaintiff- Defendants-

Paramasamundoss Pillay — Echounden — 1
Idoosulums — 2
Vakeels- Nunjon — 3
Mohamed Goothareb: Dodda Goundens 4
Tolla Saib- Heneken — 5
Soobramoneya Iyah Odda Coopsen - 6

This Plaint lodged by the Vakeel of the Plaintiff in the Moosify Sudr Ameens Court under date 26th February 1852 it is urged that in the unoccupied spot referred to in the Plaint and lying at the proximity of Moottumun Yairy the Plaintiffs father had in the time of Tippoo Sultan 60 years ago raised a floor measuring 30 Cubits in length from east to west and 10 from South

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South to North which he had enclosed by walls and occupied that this site or floor was sold by the Plaintiff by order of his father to one Sinna Collens about 3 years ago for Rupees 30 who Sinna Collens had erected building &c. on the spot and enjoys the same, that in the year 1841 in Compliance with a Requisition made by Plaintiffs father to the then Acting Principal Collector Mr. Babington the Sahibdas had measured over an area of 30 Cubits in each way within the premises and boundaries alluded to in the Plaint, that in Consequence of the absence of Plaintiffs father from the Station at Erriode the erection of a Chapel was postponed, on its being attempted in the year A.D. 1851 the 1st 2d and 3d Defendants obstructed the execution thereof by occupying this Spot in heaping up timber &c. thereon which

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that a Complaint of Trespass was lodged before the Police Ameen in whose oral enquiry into the matter the 1st Defendant told that he will remove the timber within 3 days that the 3d Defendant had preferred a Complaint to the Magistrate to the effect that out of the 30 Cubits of the ground 20 belonged to him that agreeably to the order of the Magistrate this allegation was enquired into by the Police Ameen that the Ameen had not examined on the side of the Plaintiff nor had he looked into the former orders but decreed the fine of ground in dispute 30 Cubits to be in the occupation of the 1st 2d and 3d Defendants resting this Decree on an order from the Magistrate, as also to Recover the sum of 30 Rs being the value of the land sold by the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff's pleader solicits in fine that the ground in question valued Rupees 40 and measuring 30 Cubits

Cubits in both ways together with a compound Rupees 20 being the value of Shed & Cocoanut trees on the ground should be decreed and Recovered for Plaintiff. The answers of the Vakeels for the 1st 2d and 3d Defendants, defends the suit as follows-

That a piece of ground measuring 30 Cubits below the site purchased by one Anna Gounden in the public sale, as well as another lot measuring 21/2 Cubits forming part of the litigated ground were granted 25 years ago to the father of the Defendants by Mr. Sullivan and Remained in their occupation that the piece measuring 30 Cubits and lying above the site in dispute was the one measured out and given over by the Tahsildar Ganapaty Pillay to the Plaintiff's father and others for the purpose of erecting a Roman Catholic Chapel, that the designed building was not erected

erected but that out of it a portion measuring 20 Cubits had been sold to Sinna Coloun and his wife Pariammaul, that the Remaining Cubits now exists mixing but Reckoning 10 Cubits more exists unoccupied that the Defendants had not intruded forcibly either with the 10 Cubits of ground or the 21/2 in the manner as stated in the plaint that the dispute between the parties Regarding the ground was adjusted by the decision of Sirkar by putting the 1st 2d and 3d Defendants in the occupation of the land, that the site in litigation was not the one allotted for the Catholic Chapel and that the spot granted for the Charitable purposes was Regained by the birkwa-

The 4th 5th and 6th Defendants allowed the suit to go by exparte-

The Reply and Rejoinder Repeat in support of the allegations Contained in the Plaint and answer respectively-

The

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The points which the Plaintiff was Required to prove are these Viz.t that the disputed ground measuring 30 Cubits was granted for Catholic Church being built upon to the Plaintiffs' father that the ground sold to Sinna Collen was the one used by the Plaintiffs' father as proving that the Shed and Stone Post in it were the property of the Plaintiffs, and that they were rented for hire to Ninjah Collen - The Plaintiff was also Required to file the following of documents as exhibits i-e- The Receipts alluded to in the Plaint of the Sahoukar to the address of the Collector - The Reply thereto and the Plan of the ground -

The points which the 1st 2d and 3d Defendants were Required to prove in support of their defence are that

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that the ground measuring 21½ Cubits in the piece forming the subject of dispute togeth: -er with some other portion was granted by a personal order of Mr. Sullivan to the father of the 1st 2d and 3d Defendants that the ground sold to Sinna Collen and its adjoining lot were the piece granted for the erection of the Catholic Chapel by Government that the 3d Defendant had allowed and "Sinna Collen" in Consideration, a hire or rent to fix his Iron Smith Shop on the ground in question that the Shed and stone belonged to him Defendants were also Required to file Copies of documents noted below as exhibits on their part, Plan of the ground deposition given by the Plaintiffs before the Police Annan Report of the Head and Nail Sheristadars and order of the Collector -

The exhibits from A to H on the part of the Plaintiffs and from No 1 to

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to be on that of the Defendants 1st 2d and 3d were admitted-

6 witnesses for Plaintiffs and 9 for the 1st 2d and 3d Defendants were examined by the Moofty under Ameen who drew for the Plaintiffs-

Defendants appealed against this Decree in appeal suit No. 113 of 1853 the action was nonsuited by the Civil Court because of the Government officials not having been made a party in the suit when it was instituted-

A special appeal was lodged by the Plaintiffs on which it was ordered that suit should be replaced into the file of the Civil Court and proceeded with according to its merits-

Accordingly the suit was recalled from the Moofty under Ameens Court where it was remanded for Investigation and Referred to this Court on the 7th November 1856.

Judgment-

1st An a Review of the Proceedings Committed

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Connected with this suit it appears from the Extract Proceedings of the Sudder Judicial and Civil Court that this suit was recalled from the Moofty Sudder Ameens Court and Referred to the with a view that the whole of the parties Regarding to be sued against as Defendants might be admitted as such-

2d Plaintiffs Vakeel filed a supplemental Plaint soliciting that as the Collector who has ordered the Recovery of 10 Cutcha of land from the Plaintiff is now away from the Station that his successor as Collector and Magistrate in office should be admitted as the Defendant- A deposition was required from the Vakeel asking him to explain under what Capacity the 10 Cutcha were ordered to be Recovered whether as Magistrate or Revenue Officer- The Vakeel could not satisfactorily Reply this question but Referred to the Copy of the order forming Exh. A of the Cochilets as the authority by virtue of which the Recovery was ordered-

3 On the inspection of the Copy of the

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the document alluded to by the Vakeel whilst was admitted as an exhibit on the part of 1st and 2nd Defendants it appeared that the order in question was issued by W. E. Underwood Esqr. Acting Collector in his Capacity as Magistrate.

4. Act No. 18 of 1850 declares that Magistrates or Collectors or officers exercising the functions of Collector or Magistrate acting Judicially are not amenable to Civil Courts.

5 In spite of the existence of this prohibitory act the Requisitions of the Vakeel in the shape of supplemental Plaint to admit the Magistrate as Defendant in the suit is as flagrant as it is irregular- against the claim for the Recovery of any land or Consideration or Value seems also inadmissible from the following causes Viz.-

6 Mr. Underwood the former Magistrate or Collector has ordered the Recovery of the value of that portion of the land measuring 20 Cubits forming a portion of the grant allotted for the erection of a Catholic Chapel and which the Plaintiff has sold to Smina Collon and

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and as the grant was made for a public purpose and as the ground was abused from being appropriated for the legitimate purpose its Component portion 10 Cubits were Recovered vide document No. 4

7. The observation of document No. 4 being the plan on which order No. 6 of the Exhibits is founded and the perusal of Report (No. 5) submitted by the Head and Nail Serishtadars of the Collectors Cut. Nail Cherry render a Review of other papers in this case unnecessary to

Plaintiffs Claim-

8 The mere assertion of the Plaintiff that the ground sold by him to Smina Collon was the spot granted to his father by Mrs. Sullivan carries with it very little credence in refutation of the documents Nos. 4, 5 and 6-

9 The subject matter of this suit was first disposed of by the Moosiff Sudder Ameen whose judgment was reversed by the Civil Court and as by order of the Sudder Court

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Court this suit was readmitted into the file any
Comment Regarding the matter Contained in the
decree passed by the Moofty Sudder ameen
and quashed is uncalled for -

10 Under the above Circumstances
the claim of the Plaintiff is dismissed and he
is ordered to defray all Costs incurred by
both parties in original and appeal -

11 The presentations of a Supple:
-mental Plaint against the Chief authority
of the District has originated in the wicked
act of the Plaintiffs Vakeel while the want
of Jurisdiction to the Moofty Sudder ameen
according to Regulations to Recognize a claim
of this Kind has Swelled the proceedings and
Rendered the file of this suit in this Court
necessary -

12 The proceedings of the
Vakeel in soliciting audaciously to
admit the Chief Representative
of Government in the District

as

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as a Defendant in Cour:
=travention to the exciting
Rules and orders of
which the Vakeel seems
to be unmindful
are noticed here so
that this may serve
him as a lesson - Costs
incurred by Plaintiff -

Rs. A P Rs. A P

Value of stamps 11 - -

Batta to Sumn:
-mons Peons — 2 - 13 - -

13. 13 -

Pleaders

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	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P
Pleaders fees-	13	13	-			
	3	-	-			
				16	13	-
Ins appeal - - - - - - - -				11	-	-
Costs incurred by 1st 2d and 3d Defendants						
Value of Stamps - - - - - -	7	-	-			
Batta to Summons Peons - -	8	-	-			
Pleaders fees - - - - -	3	-	-			
				10	8	-
Costs incurred in appeal-	16	10	-			
				54	15	-

Costs to be paid to the Defendants - 27 - 2 - -

Do. to be borne by the Plaintiff - 27 - 13 - -

Decree passed 28th February 1857

" Read 5th March 1857

Terms of appeal receive on the 30th March 1857-

(Signed) Shaik abdul Rahiman

Prin.l Sudder Ameen

(True translation)

(Signed) E-B- Thomas

Collector

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Enclosure No 4

Translation of a brief appeal Petition presented by Paramanumthumpillay of Combatore Plaintiff in original Suit No 3 of 1856 on the file of the Principal Sudder Ameens Court against Defendants Choudan 1 Edoomboo 2 Nimjon 3 Hoddagoundon 4, Kanjan Coopon 5 and E-B- Thomas Esqre 6 Supplementary Defendant-

The Principal Sudder Ameen has dismissed my claim for the Recovery of a piece of land measuring 30 cubits in both ways or from East to West 30 and from South to North 30 cubits valued at Rs 40 and for Rs 20 being the price of Sheds &c with Costs and further ordered me to pay the costs of the 1st 2d and 3d Defendants in his Decree dated 28th February 1857 against which I prefer an appeal and I request that the Civil Court will Receive the original proceedings and other Papers together with the detailed Appeal Petition which I am going to present Cancel the Decree passed by the Principal Sudder Ameen and favour me

sive with a Decree according to my Plaint-

12th March 1857- (Signed) Paramanundum pillay

(True Translation)

(Signed) E-B- Thomas

Collr.

Enclosure No. 5-

Translation of an appeal Suit No. 58 of 1857 before the Civil Judge of Coimbatore presented by Paramanundum Pillay-

The Civil Court in passing a decree in appeal Suit No. 143 of 1853 Remarked strongly as to the Government officers not being included as Defendants in the Suit which was again tried by an order of the Court of Sudder Adalut wherein they have stated that the parties can be allowed to be sued as Defendants by a supplemental Plaint- The Civil Court have decided accordingly to admit the officers of Government as Defendants in Readmitting the Suit in the file- In obedience to these Remarks the Collector was sued in a supplementary Plaint as Defendant-

No answer was taken from the supplementary Defendant and in the Decree the action was dismissed (in paras 4, 5, 11 and 12) as following against the

No.

No. 18 of 1850-

2 The Principal Sudder Ameen owing to have confirmed the first Decree of the original Suit- Has had neither done so nor refuted the reasons set forth in the original Decree and I appeal against the dismissal of my Suit without Cause-

3 That the disputed ground lies west of the lot purchased in auction by Ganapracasam and Selvam pillay is proved by the evidence of 4 Receipts admitted as exhibits in my favour and authenticated by the signature and seal of Tahsildar-

The Confirmation by Paras 7, 8 and 9 of the Decree of the Sentence of the Plan Rec'd and the order with framed on the grounds of the two Exhibits (Nos. 5 and 6) is against the spirit of the above Receipts-

4 The point required to be adjudged was only this viz. whether I am entitled or no to the disputed land and the Remarks in para 8 of the Decree that I possessed no title or authority for the land I sold to Sinna Collan, is foreign to the issue of the case-

5 It was stated in the first appeal Decree to notice the Costs incurred in special appeal in the review of the Suit- This part of the order not having been carried into effect I solicit its Consideration also in

Appeal

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Appeal -

6 Under this circumstances I request the reversal of the (Principal Sudder Ameens) Decree and to decide for me the land &c. as sued for with Costs.

6th april 1857 - (Signed) Paramanum thoms Pillay

(True Translation)

(Signed) E. B. Thomas

Colln.

B. No. 286.

Resolution thereon - Resolved that the foregoing letter and the papers which accompanied it together with the Correspondence noted in the margin be submitted for the Consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council -

From Colr. 24th Septr. 1857
Board's Proceedings
20th October 1857

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2 The history of this case is given in Enclosure 2nd of the Collector's letter recorded at the head of these Proceedings -

3 The original Suit was brought to recover a spot of land which appellant alleges is his ancestral property the Collector pleads that this land was given for public purposes Viz. the Construction of a Roman Catholic Church, and that as

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as appellant had sold a part of it - the then Collector has properly directed him to Refund to Government the sale proceeds and to give up the remainder of the land -

4 The Collector has already filed his draft answer and the Board recommend that he may be allowed to Conduct the defence at the public Cost -

5 The Board doubt whether Mr. Thomas is correct in claiming exemption under act XVIII of 1850 from the Consequences of his predecessors proceedings but it will be for the Court to decide how far the plea holds good -

No 25

To J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir

In reference to the orders noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform the Board that the Sub Court has dismissed the Collector from being a Defendant in the Suit in question and to Submit for the favorable Consideration of the Board an

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B. No. 240.

From the Actg. Collr. of Madura -

Board's Proceedings
21st October 1857
Minutes Consultation of Government
9th December 1857
& No. 10 of 1837 -

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An application of the Government Vakeel for the fees due to him amounting to Rupees 15-3 as for having filed an answer on behalf of the Collector as directed by the Board in para 6 of their Proceedings prior to the Receipt of the Minutes of Consultation of Government.

Madura 8th January 1858. } (Signed) A. Hathaway Ag. Collr.

Bd No 289

Order thereon (857-58) Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government with Reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 9th December

In Cons 11th Dec. 1857 1857 No 1281 Revenue Department-

2 The Board recommend that the Acting Collector may be authorized to pay the Government Vakeel the sum of 15-3 as a Remuneration for his trouble in the case.

No 10

857

Bd No 199.

From the Director of Revenue Settlement - } Official Memorandum-

The Director of Revenue Settlement requests to be furnished with a Copy of the Extract Minutes Consultation dated 9th November 1855 No 1238 directing the use

C.K.

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use of English foolscap paper in lieu of Country paper for the Survey accounts.-

Director of Revenue Settlement Office Madras 9th January 1858. } (Signed) H. Newill Director of Revt Settlement

Ordered that the following Official Memorandum be sent in reply

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Bd No 310

To the Director of Revt Settlement - } Official Memorandum

In Cons 11th Jan 1856 No 1238 Rd Dept

The Director of Revenue Settlement is furnished with a Copy of the Extract Minutes Consultation of the 9th November 1855, applied for by him on the 9th Instant-

Revenue Board Office Fort St George - - - 21st January 1858. } (Signed) J. D. Sim Acting Secretary

No 336

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

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Bd No 336

From the Collector of Vellore - - - }

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 26th September 1857 having reference to the Honorable Courts

Extract of Cotton Cultivation in Nellore

Fasliee	Cultivated Acres	Assessment Rupees	Remarks
1264	13,696	15,404	
1265	14,178	13,730	
1266	14,126	13,921	
Average	14,000	15,018	

Courts requisition for Specimens and information connected with the Cotton plant required by Professor Wallet

2 I beg to observe in reply that the District can hardly be considered a Cotton growing one: the Cultivation of Cotton in this District being comparatively limited while in the Memorandum accompanying the Honorable Courts letter it is stated that it would be desirable to have specimens from four or five of the Cotton growing localities in India: "these which are most important now or may be expected to become so" in which Category I hardly think Nellore can be included.

3. Under these circumstances I beg to be favored with further instructions before prosecuting the Minute Enquiries and entering on the different processes detailed in the Memorandum.-

Nellore
Collectors Office
16th January 1858.

/ Signed / F B Elton
Collector

Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

Read.

861-62

Read again letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly dated 8th and entered In Consultation 15th January 1858.-

To J. Bird Esqre
Collector of
Trichinopoly.-

Sir.

863
Bd A° 345

From the Collector of Trichinopoly

With reference to the Boards proceedings No 150 dated the 14th Instant and your objection at that time to my being absent from the District to not having another Assistant to supply my place. I trust that as Mr Sim has since been appointed to this District you will have no objection now to my temporary absence. In such case I beg you will be good enough again to forward my application for three months leave from the 1st February to proceed to Calcutta under Section XII of the absentee rules amended.-

Trichinopoly
Head Assistant
Collectors Office
18th January 1858.

/ Signed / H. G. S. Greene
Head Assistant Collector.

No 12

Mr Sim having been Since appointed as Assistant Collector to this District The Collector therefore in forwarding this application

application for leave has the honor to state that there is no objection to its being complied with.-

Trichinopoly Collectors Office 18th January 1858.

/Signed/ J. Bird
Collector

Order thereon (863-64)

Ordered to be submitted through the Civil Auditor for the favorable Consideration of Government.-

Read again Extract Minutes Consultation dated 18th and entered Consultation 20th January 1858.-

Ordered that the following letter be sent.-

(865)

To
The Accountant General

To the Accountant General

Sir

In Cons. 20 Jan. 1858

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 18th January 1858. No. 66 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will issue the necessary instructions to the Sub Treasurer to place at their disposal the Sum of Rupees (2000) Two thousand.-

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
21st January 1858.

/Signed/ L. Forbes
Sec. Sub Secretary

No.

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

(866)
Bd. After Min. 351

From the Collector of Salem.

Sir

I have the honor to bring to the Boards notice that some of the Poonjah crops have failed in certain parts of the Salem District this year owing to a deficiency of rain in the months of July, August and the early part of September and again in the Month of November and December, and the present month of January. Some of the early Poonjah Crops, as Cumboo and Cholum have perished while the later crops both Oil seeds and the different kinds of Grain are scant in some places, and in some are in danger of failing altogether.-

I therefore request the Board will give me a discretionary power to grant remissions for Poonjah Crops in 2. cases where after due enquiry such remission may appear really necessary on the principles laid down in the Boards Circular Order dated 13th June 1831.-

It

3. It is impossible for me to say what the remissions may ultimately amount to: but it is not I think probable that they will form more than a very small per Centage on the total revenue, which for the last few years has been progressively increasing.—

4 In some parts the Nunjah crops have likewise failed: but according to the usual practice remission may be granted in such cases when the circumstances of the Ryot actually require it without special sanction.—

5 For some time past the Ryots have had the advantage of high prices. It is however obvious to remark that high prices will be of no benefit in cases where a ryot has lost his entire crop. In other cases it will be of course a proper point for consideration in estimating the Value of a ryots outturn on his aggregate holding.—

6 I am now engaged in settling my second Talook, and the Sub Collector has just commenced the Settlement of his Talook. I shall therefore be glad to have

Inds 1263-1957-220-11-
" 1264-1979828-9-4
" 1265-2024950-1-1
" 1266-9141691-12-5

have a reply to this letter as early as possible.—

Salem Collectors Office
On Circuit Vaniembady
19th January 1858.—

/ Signed / H. A. Brett
Collector.

Bd No 282
Proceedings thereon

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C.O. B Vol. I p. 114

In the foregoing letter the Board authorize the Collector to grant remissions on account of Poonjah Crops where such indulgence is really called for according to the principles laid down in Circular Order dated 13th June 1851.—

Resolved that the following letters be despatched.—

Read Government Petition No 2509 of 1857 from Annapa Son of Nanamoodyah of Hosore Talook in Salem.—

The Board observe that the Report called for in Government Endorsement dated 4th April was submitted under date 7th December 1857.

868

Bd No 790
Proceedings thereon
Bd No 137 of 1857.

To

869

Bd No 295

To the Commissioner for the revision of the Civil Salaries & Establishment No 4426

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward to you 2 statements received from the Collectors of Tinnevelly and Vizagapatam exhibiting the duties and responsibilities of Tahseldars &c.

Dft 6 Dec 57 in Cor 6 Jan 58
Dft 23 Dec 57 in Cor 6 Jan 58

In continuation of my letter dated 10th December 1857

Revenue Board Office
Fort Saint George
21st January 1858.

/ Signed / J. D. Sim.
Acting Secretary

To
The Collector of
Madras.

870

Bd No 299

To the Collector of Madras

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 8th December last, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward herewith the undermentioned printed forms for which an Indent was submitted in your letter of the 26th September 1857 No 158.

you will be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
21st January 1858.

/ Signed / J. D. Sim
Actg Secretary.

Statement Shewing the particulars of wastage of Salt &.

The remaining portion of the Indent will be sent as soon as the forms are received from the Dyks &c

To
The Civil
Auditor.

871

Bd No 306

To the Civil Auditor
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to your Notifications published in the Fort Saint George Gazette dated 4th October 1857 page 550 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward an absentee Return of Uncovenanted Officers on their Establishment during the year 1856/57 alphabetically arranged according to the form prescribed in the Civil Auditors' Manual.

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Fort St George
21st January 1858.

/ Signed / J. D. Sim.
Acting Secretary.

Return

	VII	2 Weeks from 28th March to 16th April 1857.
		3 Weeks from 17th April to 7th May 1857.
Ragoonada Rayp	VIII	1 Month from 2nd May to 2nd June 1856
		1 Month from 15th September to 15th October 1856
		2 Months from 17th April to 17th June 1857.
D. I Saveri Moothoo Moodelly	II	15 days from 5th July to 19th July 1856
		15 days from 30th August to 19th September 1856.
Tulloch Mr J.	III	1 Month from 4th February to 4 March 1857.
Teroomul Row	III	19 days from 18th August to 5th September 1857
Vencatachellam Chitty	IV	4 Weeks from 20th April to 18th May 1857
Wicker Mr W.	III	1 Month from 6th February to 6th March 1857.

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Fort Saint George
21st January 1858

/ Signed / J. D. Sim
Actg Secretary

Received

Fort Saint George 21st January 1858.

Received the Undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.-

872
Mr 2nd 158
From the Collector of Vizagapatam. Statement of Demand Collection and
873 Mr No 167 Balance of Revenue for December 1857.
From the Collector of Rajahmundry. Statement of Demand Collection and
874
Mr No 166 Balance of Revenue for December 1857.
From the Collector of Masulipatam Statement of Demand Collection and
875
Mr No 157 Balance of Revenue for December 1857.
From the Collector of Nellore Statement of Demand Collection and
876
Mr No 159 Balance of Revenue for December 1857.
From the Collector of Bellary - Statement of Demand Collection and
877
Mr No 166 Balance of Revenue for December 1857.
From the Collector of Chingleput Statement of Demand Collection and
878
Mr No 154 Balance of Revenue for December 1857.
From the Collector of North arcot - Statement of Demand Collection and
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Mr No 164 Balance of Revenue for December 1857.
From the Agent at Kurnool - Statement of Demand Collection and
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Mr No 163 Balance of Revenue for December 1857
From the Collector of South arcot - Statement of Demand Collection
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Mr No 165. and Balance of Revenue for December 1857.
From the Collecto of Tanjore - Statement of Demand Collection and
882
Mr No 161 Balance of Revenue for December 1857.
From the Collector of Tinnevelly - Statement of Demand Collection and
883
Mr No 162 Balance of Revenue for December 1857
From the Coll of Coimbatore - Statement of Demand Collection and
884
Mr No 156. Balance of Revenue for December 1857.
From the Coll of Malabar - Statement of Demand Collection and
885
Mr No 160 Balance of Revenue for December 1857.
From the Coll of Cuddapah - Statement of Demand Collection and
Balance of Revenues for December 1857

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Read the following Papers.

886
Bd No 349
From the Chief Secretary to Govt

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Judicial Department under date the 13th January 1858.-

Sanctioning the employment of the Extra Police Force employed in the District of Madura under the authority of Government in Extract Minutes Consultation 5th September 1857 for a further period of 3 months

(See No 61 in Separate Volume)

886-87
Bd No 303
Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector

888
Bd No 331
From the Ag Secy to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department under date the 19th January 1858.

Sanctioning certain advance for the erection of boundary pillars and

See No 70 in Separate Volume

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stones in the Districts of Trichinopoly, Masulipatam and Rajahmundry amounting to Rupees 2958.

888-89
Bd No. 319
Order thereon — Ordered to be communicated to the Director of Revenue Settlement and to Captain Priestley, with copy of the Board's Proceedings of 19th November 1857 No. 4044.

890
Bd No. 368
From the Sy to Govt — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 7th January 1858.

Communicating the observation and orders of Government with reference to the views and suggestion contained in the Board's Proceedings of 24th November last on the subject of the provision of supplies for Troops and Travellers and as regards the impressment of carriage for the former. (See No. 76 in Separate Volume)

890-91
Bd No. 331
Order thereon — Ordered to be circulated to all Collectors and the Officiating Agent at Kurnool

Extract

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No. 326

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

892
Bd No. 4107
From the Actg Collr of Tinnevelly — Sir,

I have the honor to forward a List containing the Tamil names of Villages in the Vedoogramum Taluk in this District.

(Signed) J. Silver
Collector

Tinnevelly
14th October 1857

Order thereon — Ordered that the Enclosures be transferred to Chief Engineer 22d January 1858.

892-93

No. 225

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

894
Bd No. 4866
From the Actg Collr of South Arcot — Sir,

In returning Petition No. 2573 of 1857, addressed to Government by Komarabala Akal Naick, I have the honor to state that the Government finally disposed of Petitioners claim to the Sole possession of the 5 Moocasah Villages in question

question in the 8. para of their Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 28th May 1856, and passed an Endorsement declining to entertain it.

2 The Government also decided subject to the orders of the Court of Directors, that the share of the late Chennamal in these Mocadam Villages should be continued and registered in the names of her 3 daughters. But the Court in reviewing the whole subject in an Extract from their Despatch, forwarded with the Board's Proceedings of 7th October, have ruled that the Villages should be held on Shrotriem, and not on Kanili Enam tenure.

3 This decision of the Honorable Court has been communicated to all the parties concerned and further explanation or notice of the matter appears unnecessary.

South Arcot
Collector's Cutchery
Cuddalore
3d December 1857

(Signed) G. N. Taylor
Acting Collector

Ordered

Bd No. 306
Order thereon
894-95

Ordered to be laid before Government with reference to the Endorsement dated 27th November 1857 upon Petition No. 2675 of 1857.

2 The Petitioner so far as can be gathered from his Petition which is to the last degree obscure - Complains of the division of certain Shrotriem Villages and seeks permission to sue for 2 shares now in the hands of others, and upon this point the Government require information.

3 A reference to the correspondence noted marginally will show that the claim to these Villages has given rise to much discussion

4 The question whether upon lapse the Head of the family should succeed as a matter of right or whether the ordinary rules of succession are applicable has been virtually pronounced upon by a competent Court of

From South Arcot	28th December 1836	in Cons:	9th January 1837
From Do	2d	in Cons:	19th February 1838
Do to Do	Do		12th April "
From Do	29th	in Cons:	13th September "
To Government	13th	Do	"
From Do	25th	Septr in Cons:	1st Octr " No. 302
From Commissioners	9th	in Cons:	26th November "
To Government	28th		January 1839
From Do	23d	Feby in Cons:	11th March " No. 253
From Collector	7th	in Cons:	23d June 1842
To Government	23d		June "
From Government	14th	in Cons:	18th July " No. 864
From Collector	13th	Augt in Cons:	4th Septr 1845
To Government	4th		September "
From Do	13th	in Cons:	20th Octr 1845 No. 1191-R.D.
From Collector	16th	Novr in Cons:	8th Jany 1856
P to Government	18th		January "
From Government	28th	May in Cons:	12th June " 541 R.D.

† Decree in Suit 143/1827 Enc: 2 F.S. Arcot 2d In Cons: 19th Feby 1838

of Law which decided that the property was divisible and decreed its partition to the 3 Coheirs then alive. This partition was carried out and has been in force ever since, the registry being under the

* Pto. C. 12th Apl. 1838

‡ sanction of the Board made out in the name of the new holders. In 2 cases which subsequently occurred, of shareholders dying, the shares were upon the strength

x E. M. C 23d Feby In Cons: 11th March N: 253 1839 — 14th in Cons: 18th July 1842 No 864

of that decision, continued to the heirs instead of being made over to the Head of the family. It thus clearly appears that the Head of the family stand in the same position as regards successions as any other member, and it only remains to observe that Petitioners claim to succeed the deceased Chinna ammaul in regular course is equally untenable. The parties placed in possession of the share enjoyed by the latter are her daughters and it would therefore be hopless for Petitioner, a member of a divided family, to attempt to obtain a decree against them.

Under

Gen. Letter 2d July 1845 p. 23 b

In 8. M. C 29th Septr 1841 In Cons: 18th Novr. Gen. Letter 8th Sept 1857 In Cons 8th Novr 1857 E. M. C 25th Augt In Cons: 7th Octr 1857 No 855 R.D.

Under ruling of the Honorable Court these Villages must be regarded as an hereditary possession subject to the payment of Peishcush and thus a suit is admissible if the Government see fit to allow it.-

6 Under all the circumstances however the Board do not consider it necessary or advisable that Petitioner should be allowed to go to Law upon a point which has already been set at rest by competent authority.- N: 185

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

896 Dt. No: 4895 From the Actg Collr of Tanjore

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated the 18th ultimo, No 4000, requesting the early transmission of the Return of Chuttrums called for in your Board's Circular of the 5th April 1856.

I have the honor to state that

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that the Return in question appears to have been transmitted to your Office on the 8th August last.

Tanjore Collector's Office, Negapatam 4th December 1857

(Signed) H. D. Phillips
Acting Collector

Order thereon

896-97

Ordered to be recorded.

No 9

Official Memo

Bd No 198
From the Director of Revenue Settlement

898

The Director of Revenue Settlement has the honor to return the Volumes of Regulations and Acts forwarded with the Acting Secretary's memo 24th ultimo.

Office of the Director of Revd Settlement Madras 7th January 1858

(Signed) H. Newill
Director of Revenue Settlement

Order thereon

898-99

Ordered to be recorded.

To

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No 4

To A. Hathaway Esqre
Acting Collector of
Madura

900

Bd No 363
From the Acting Collr of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to obtain for me privilege leave of absence for three months under Section XII of the Rules for absentee Rates to visit the Western Coast and Madras on private affairs - The leave to take effect from any date in February, I may be able to make arrangements for availing myself of it.

Dindigal 15th January 1858

(Signed) J. R. Cockerell
Acting Sub Collector

No

1350

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No. 58

The Acting Collector in
forwarding this application f
three months privilege leave
strongly recommends that th
same be sanctioned as Mr.
Cockerell has but recently
recovered from a severe attack
of Cholera.

Madura
18th January 1858 } (Signed) A. Hathaway
Acting Collector

Endorsement thereon (900-901) Submitted through
the Civil Auditor for the
favorable consideration
of Government.

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B.C. No. 305
Proceedings thereon.

Extt Mins Cons.
31 May 1858
No. 855.
(902)

In the order of Govern-
ment noted in the Margin the
subject of the taxation of Topes and
Trees was considered and Govern-
ment after expressing its views &
desired the Board to collect the inform-
ation necessary to carry them into
action on those points wherein imme-
diate orders had not been given Circular
instructions were accordingly sent
to the Collectors but as observed by
Government the required information
was not to be obtained "even in the
Districts without much careful enquiry"

Rajahmundry
Masulipatam
North
West
Immediately

and reports from the 4 Districts named
in the Margin are still to be received
as however it is the express wish
of Government that the subject
should receive early attention the
Board proceeds to review those reports
which have reached them.

The subject divides itself
2
into two main branches:-
The restoration of old Topes
I
to

to the heirs of these original planters or other pot partners on an engagement to pay the ordinary land assessment when they have fallen into the hands of Government in consequence of their abandonment by their proprietors owing to excessive taxation in excess of the ordinary land assessment.

II The general system of taxation to be pursued towards scattered trees or topes on waste & unassessed land

Old Topes 3 On the first first point the following information has been collected.

Ganjam 4 From the Acting Collectors report the topes in this district are generally private property, and are taxed not for the trees but for the land on which they stand. The tax seems moderate Except at Ryree and Sikapolle where the rate for Betelnut & plantations is represented to be Rupees 24 per acre. This requires

revision and the whole system has apparently the fault of regulating the taxation by the product cultivated and not by the quantity of the land but this will be rectified in the general revenue survey.

5 There are however a few Topes regarding which the Board will expect the more detailed report which is promised after the next Jamma which by 369 acres of Ground planted with Cocoanut trees by Major Evans now pay a Revenue of Rupees 2,140 - or Rupees 5-6. per acre. They are at present rented out for a term of 5 years and when the lease expires it will be deserving of consideration whether they cannot be advantageously assessed at the ordinary rates for the land and made over to their present occupants or to other parties on permanent occupancy. There are also some

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+ Topes in Mohenry and Sooradah which are now rented and apparently on an annual money payment. But it is not shown who planted the Trees or on what principle the rent is fixed and it may be found advisable to fix a suitable land tax and give Pattahs for these also.

+ Moherry 286 acres Orange trees
Sooradah 56 Orange —

Vizagapatam 6 In this District nothing remains to be done to carry out the views of Government. There are no Topes under the Collectors management and the entire revenue obtained from scattered trees is only Rupees 482—13. The greater portion of this Sum or Rupees 353—9 is derived from Palmyra trees and is got not by a tax on each tree but by a fixed rate of taxation on the land occupied agreeably with rates agreed to mutually by the proprietors and Ryots in former times.

J.

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It does not punctually and is miserable in amount.

7 Mr. Smollett observes that the only parts of the District that are embellished with fine topes and ornamented timber are the ancient Zemindaries and he attributes this to the Government Tope rules of 1848 not being sufficiently liberal and incouraging. He considers that Government should undertake the planting of Topes on a large scale to supply Timber and firewood which is becoming scarce or should imitate the liberal policy of the Zemindars and grant Cowles in perpetuity as a pepper cowdent to private parties who undertake to plant Topes on waste land.

Guntoor 8 In this District also the Collectors report shows that little can be done to carry out the views of Government for although the old Topes amount to 883. occupying 4504 acres of land they are not to overlooked that it would be a boon to give them to their ancient proprietors or present renters on the tarum apeepment of the land. on the contrary the Tarum apeepment Amounts to Rupees 8157 while the Annual revenue now Collected is only Rupees 5493 so that the supposed

Extra

Extra taxation does not exist. These topes used to lie assessed on an estimate of their produce one half being in most instances taken as the Government share but the present mode of settlement is to rent them for periods of from 3 to 5 years the rent being based upon the average of preceding Fasleis.

9. The Collector states that from imperfect information and the changes which have taken place it is not possible now to distinguish those topes which were originally planted by private individuals from those which are the property of Government. But the enquiries shew that in the instances noted in the Margin the occupants or the Villagers agree to take the topes on permanent occupancy at rates equal to or somewhat in excess of the Sunnud assessment. These offers do not differ much from the average rent of late years and the Collector proposes to give Pottahs for them in all instances at the Sunnud assessment supposing with correctness that this is the desire of Government.

	No of topes	Annual Sunnud Assessment	Offers
Nellore	185	723	1125
	18	72	103

10 Offers have also been made for the permanent occupancy of 1070 other topes comprising 819 acres on an annual payment of Rupees 483 but although this sum exceeds the average rents by 70 per cent it is far below the Sunnud assessment. For the remaining 593 topes now yielding an

an average rent of Rupees 1059. but on accupying land assessed at Rupees 5853 no offers have yet been made and the Collector justly considers that for all these topes the present system of renting must be continued until offers are made for taking them permanently at the Sunnud assessment such offers will perhaps be made in some instances when more trees come into bearing and meanwhile Mr. Neville thinks it would be advantageous to rent out these topes on longer leases of 10 or 12 years a proposal which has the Boards concurrence when the rent is not much below the land tax and the Applicants are likely to plant and take care of the topes.

Nellore. 11 In this District circumstances are still more adverse than in Guntoor for surrendering the old topes to claimants in permanency on payment of the Sunnud assessment. The statement which accompanied the Collectors letter shows that the topes are 2021. in number and occupy 1057 Grantoos or 12592 acres assessed

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assessed at Rs 25992 while the present annual revenue is only Rupees 3198.

13 The Collector states that it is impossible now to ascertain with precision how far the topes have been given up from exorbitant taxation nor are the descendants of former proprietors at present known. The topes are generally "the remnants of old ones and are so not considered profitable" so that no hope exists of the land desired solely on account of the trees upon it except for the purpose of cutting and selling the timber after which the land would be thrown up. Perhaps as land carries with more demand for agricultural purposes under the recently modified assessment. Offers may be made for the land on which these topes stand, and when the offers come from substantial and respectable parties the land with the trees upon it may be given to them till then the renting system must continue. The letters of the Collector and Sub Collector show the case which is

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is necessary to guard against parties advancing claims to topes solely for the purpose of cutting them down.

Chingleput 13 There are no old topes in this District regarding which a change of system is necessary. On the introduction of the field assessment the former Inactah or fixed money rents were with some rare exceptions commuted for the money rates of assessment. Where the old Inactah payments still continue, it is because they are lower than the Sunnum assessment would be so that the holders of the topes do not wish for the change. These therefore again the topes labor under no exceptional taxation.

South Arcot 14 The circumstances of this District are precisely similar to those of Chingleput most of the topes are on lands which pay the ordinary land revenue, and a few Government topes yielding a small annual sum

of

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of 1362-9. have continued to lie unrented out because the ryots refused to occupy them permanently on payment of the land tax. Mr. Hall thinks that under the new modified assessment offers will be made for them and if so they can be accepted but the Board cannot support the Collectors proposal of remitting ¼ of the Current assessment when a Tope is kept up "the full duty "being invariably levied when "the land is cultivated with a "crop of grain or any thing "else".

Tanjore 18 In this District there are no topes which have lapsed to Government from over taxation or other causes and now call for notice.-

Trichinopoly 16 The present Topes are limited to 10 and occupy 31 Cawnies of land assessed at Rupees 159-3-6 They now yield a rent of Rupees 280-4-0 and the Collector advocates these being

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being made over to the Ryots at the ordinary land tax. This can be done.

Madura 17 In this District there are a number of petty topes as shown in the following statement.

Topes paying fee Tax.	1313	763¾-2124-7-6-7/16-12-0
Do. rented omitting 4 held on duty & leases.	381	394¼-927-3-5-2345-8-5
Total	1694	1157-1-3051-10-11. 10056-4-5

The Collector does not state when these topes were planted or how they fell under Circar management but represents that they are coming into disadvantageous competition with the new topes planted under the rules of 1848 & which are exempted from taxation for a certain number of years and then pay the land tax. Mr. Parker therefore repeats the strong recommendation which he made in 1854 for all these topes being assessed at the ordinary land tax for some of the rented topes

From Collr. 13 Jan 20 March 54
To Govt. 2d April 58
From Govt. 31 May 29 October 1858 No 653 R&C

claimants

claimants can be found and he considers that the Collector should have a discretionary authority to make over the others to any respectable parties since giving them up to the village community would probably lead to their neglect or destruction from jealousies and disputes. The immediate loss of Revenue in this District by giving up the Topes will be about Rupees 1883.

Salem. 18 In this District the survey apeipment included all the cultivable lands whether occupied by trees or otherwise but the mistake was committed of fixing the highest rate of the Village on all land occupied with trees without reference to the intrinsic quality of its soil. The consequence is that same lands on which topes were planted have been abandoned and the trees are now rented out when no new party comes forward to apply for the land at its Tarum apeipment Here it is

obviously proper to place all these lands on a level with others of a similar class which were assessed in reference to their quality only. The immediate loss of revenue from this reform would be inconsiderable as the total lands only amount to 1863 acres with an assessment of Rupees 3543. The portion now rented out appears to be 945 acres assessable at Rupees 1983, while the renting system produces a revenue of Rupees 2663. The difference between these sums or Rupees 680 would thus have to be given up but it would be also proper to relieve the other lands which were placed at the Survey in a higher class than suits the quality of their soil on account of the trees which had been planted on them and the total apeipment to be struck off may be estimated at Rupees 1200; but this would probably soon be made good by the cultivation of some lands which are now left waste.

The

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Coimbatore
No. 4858 30 Nov
17 January 57

19. The topes in this district under the Collectors care are very inconsiderable those which now yield any revenue are 38 occupying 218 cawnies of lands and they give a Revenue of Rupees 97-8 while the ordinary land tax would amount to Rupees 214-8, eight petty topes only which stands on 1 Cawnie would yield Rupees 7 or the difference between Rupees 17 and 10 by being assessed at the land tax instead of on the present system. There are 18 waste topes, which like the 8 petty topes just mentioned can in future be assessed at the ordinary land tax when applications are made for the ground on which the trees stand but no parties have yet come forward and the Collector states that in 21 instances the land tax exceeds the rent which the topes used to yield.

Madura and Tinnevelly.
No. 19. 20 Dec 1856
in Con 3 January 57
No. 177. 29 March
in Con 7 April 56

20. There are no lapsed topes in these districts such as are contemplated in the order of Government. The plantations or topes in Madura which the Collector has

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has under his superintendence are on escheated lands and they are managed on the revenue system which prevails throughout the district. The system is capable of improvement but the Collector is rightly observes that "a change will involve the whole subject of a general Revenue Survey thorough land valuation and the introduction of a system of land taxation on a basis new to the Country."

Bellary
Cuddapah
Nellore
No. 1849. 5 Nov Con
26 May 1856
No. 1376. 22 April
in Cons 9 July
1856 No. 2958.
28 July in Cons
6th August
1856.

21. In the Ceded districts these are no old topes under the circumstances contemplated by Government In Kurnool however there are 605 topes occupying 1931 acres which are still rented in consequence of no assessment having been fixed on the land. These topes have been regarded as the property of Government "for many years prior to the assumption of the Province" and the Agent observes that "the heirs of many who planted them are known he is in favor of fixing an assessment

apeepment on the land and making over the Topes to the heirs of the original proprietors when they are desirous of cultivating them otherwise he considers it advisable to retain them as circar topes since giving them to the Village Community "would lead to endless squabbles and practically the profits would be engaged by the more influential persons of the Community" There appears no objection to the Agent being empowered to carry out his suggestion but what tinkering alteration of taxation it leads to will be against the Topes and not in their favor, as the rent is Rupees 1132 while the assessment on the land would be Rupees 1195.-

22 It thus appears that in the districts under review there will only be a present annual loss of about Rupees 8328 in carrying out the plan of

Tinnivelly	121
Madura	700
Coimbatore	7
Salem	500
	8328.

of surrendering the topes and Government will perceive that cultivation of the description supposed viz:- taxation in excess of the ordinary land assessment has rarely interfered with the cultivation of topes next to a scarcity of water the difficulty has been and still is that the ordinary assessment has discouraged the planting of trees as the land holders have preferred to raise produce which gives quicker returns ex when the land tax is suspended when the trees are fruitless. This is shown by the instance of Tanjore which is well wooded although the trees pay a tax which exceeds the tarum assessment because when assessed land is planted with trees the teerwah is suspended until the trees come to bearing. The Board presume however that Government do not intend to give a bounty for planting trees by reducing the ordinary assessment of cultivable land so employed and it is would

would certainly be premature now to dispense such a measure when the gradual operation of the rules of 1848 the increase of Capital the late relief of private well from taxation and the general modification of the land assessment now in progress may remove all argument for it. They deem it however advisable that Collectors should be empowered to give tracts of sandy land unfit for ordinary cultivation on a moderate quit rent when it is applied for to plant topes. These would consist principally of Palmyra Date and Cloopay trees which grow on soils which cannot otherwise be turned to account.

23 It only remains briefly to allude to the parties to whom the old topes are to be made over when applications are made for them & Government Contemplated their being offered first to the parties who originally planted them or their descendants when still resident in the Village, and otherwise to certain of the Chief ryots in trust for the

the whole village or perhaps to the whole body of ryots as a village topé. As however the main object of the measure is the preservation of the trees the Board are of opinion that care is necessary to prevent the topes falling into the hands either of needy men who merely desire an opportunity of selling the timber or of discordant communities whose jealousies would lead to the neglect and destruction of the trees. For this purpose it appears to the Board that Collectors should have a discretionary power on deciding on the parties to whom the topes are to be made over. The choice should be given to the descendants of the original planters when they are men of respectability and substance lent otherwise it should fall on men of wealth and standing to be looked for among the Chief inhabitants of the village or the former renters of the Topes. The Collector should feel a reasonable confidence in the parties to

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to whom the topes are given as they will become absolute proprietors and the preservation of the trees will depend entirely on their carrying out their expressed intentions of maintaining and improving the topes. Village topes however which have been hitherto enjoyed in common should continue to after they are assessed with the land Cessewah unless the parties now interested in them agree to resign their claims. The letter of the Collector of Tanjore shows that disputes and ill feeling would arise from a Contrary course.

24. The second branch of the subject of the general system of taxation to be pursued towards scattered trees and topes on waste or unassessed land has now to be considered.

25. One reform which Government ordered to be carried out

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ont was the exemption of fruit trees from tax when planted in backyards on Puttah and Enam lands and on the banks of fields according to the information at present before the Board this measure has caused no change in the 9 districts entered in the Margin where these trees were already free. In Coimbatore trees on Puttah lands are now taxed but accounts have to be prepared for the backyards and Enam lands and in Tinnevelly also the backyards require some investigation. In other Districts the surrender of Revenue as far as it is yet known will be as follows.

* Malabar. Canara. Vizagapatam. Nellore. Chingleput. Trichinopoly. South Arcot. Cuddapah. Bellary.

Remarks.

District	Rs.	A.	P.	
Tinnevelly	212	4	4	
Madura	867	—	—	For backyards the rest are untaxed.
Tanjore	4	—	—	On a piece of Enam land.
	22172	—	8	On assessed lands.
Salem	1500	—	—	Estimated for Palmyras on occupied Puttah lands.
Kurnool	705	—	—	
	24461	—	—	

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The only large revenue is in Sanjore where the System does not appear to have excited complaint as the land tax is light and the trees are the property of the land owners who can fell or otherwise dispose of them at pleasure - But the Collection of this revenue must tend to much inconvenience involving as it does the supposed annual Scrutiny of 678975 trees and a petty demand against numerous land holders & its abandonment will therefore be advantageous in the Boards opinion. In Malabar fruit trees have always been taxed

the trees of Sanjore Coimbatore

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when growing on assessed land, but this is a component part of the revenue System of the Province and could not be departed from without a general survey and revised scheme of taxation.

In some instances the trees are not enjoyed by the parties who hold the land the trees having been in the possession of parties while the land was lying unoccupied and this causes perplexity In some districts South Arcot for example. It is the practice to call on the party who hold scattered Trees to give them up or take the land on which they stand when another person offers to take it for cultivation and in Salem this usage prevailed also. But latterly it has been held that the tree as Puttahdar cannot be ousted, and the Board ruled

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that the scattered trees are to be paid for when a different party takes up the land for cultivation and pays its assessment thus a tax must still be levied in some instances for trees standing on occupied ground, but the spirit of the Government order seems to require that an equivalent tree should be deducted from the demand against the holder of the land.

27 Another reform which the Government desire is the substitution of a tax on the land for the tree tax or renting system which is now in force regarding Village topes and clusters of Trees on unoccupied lands. The object of Government in this is to encourage the planting and preservation of topes by reducing the excessive taxation

taxation which is now thought to weigh on them and information is called for respecting the amount of revenue which will thus have to be given up.

28 It is however found that almost invariable the land tax would much exceed what is now paid for the topes so that the change is rarely wished for and when it takes place no sacrifice of revenue will on the whole occur For some time past endeavours have been made to get rid of the tree tax whenever practicable in this manner and the Collectors will continue to follow this course. Two Districts however Tanjore, including the wet taluks of Trichinopoly where a similar system prevail and Bellary call for some special notice.

In Tanjore when applications

29 lands are planted with topes the practice is to suspend the assessment

appointment and substitute a tree tax which is collected on all fruit bearing at fixed rate, for each tree Kind. In reply to the Boards enquiry whether it would not be advisable to abolish this system and levy the land tax always the Collector replies that the change would be disadvantageous to the Government and the people. To the former it would be cause an immediate loss of revenue to the amount of Rupees 11478 & while as regards the latter it would remove the encouragement which is now given to keep up and extend valuable plantations by no change being made for the land while the trees are young and fruitless although therefore the tax system is cumbrous and has some disadvantages as remarked by Government it has procured for this province the great desideratum

desideratum of plentiful supply of valuable fruit trees and has increased the revenue and the property of the land holders.

As the tax tax exceeds the land assessment by Rupees 11478. it may be thought at first that an additional tax is thus imposed on the culture of trees but this is not really so. Government give up the revenue to which they are entitled for the land while the trees are growing and the system is thus merely a voluntary and amicable bargain between the two parties Government and the land owners to their mutual advantage Government receives eventually a small increase of revenue and the land holders must be large gainers for as they are perfectly free to abstain from planting trees or

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to int and sell them after they are
grown and they have found planting
so profitable that the tree tax has
gradually increased from a averaj
of Rs 49,436 in fusly 1236 to Rupees
92770 in 1262. In the latter yeir the
Linlier of the province was greatly
distroyed by a hurricane and the
tree tax fell off to Rupees 61842.
But this shows that the present
system of taxation is efficacious
in procuring the supply of fruit
and shade on which Government
lay stress for while the young
trees newly planted to replace
those blown down are growing
up the assessment on the land
is suspended, and has caused
this temporary diminution of
revenue. But Government and
the province will soon benefit
by extensive plantations coming
into yield, and as other systems
have failed to produce this
result

result and create the rich and wooded
appearance which distinguishes Tanjore
the Board concur with the Collector
on abstaining from a recommenda-
tion of a change of taxation.

31 In Bellary the principal
of reducing the tax on topes to the level
of the ordinary land assessment
will cause an abandonment of
revenue to the amount of Rupees
23,435. This sum consists of 2 items
the first is an Extra Cess called
Renaiz justly levied on Betelnut
and Cocoanut gardens planted
prior to the survey to bring up
the Survey assessment on them to
what it was under the rents the
additional sum thus collected
used to be Rupees 21570 lent from
the decay of the gardens under
the pressure of this impolitic
tax has sunken to Rupees 13030.
The Board recommend the
abolition of this Cess when
proposing a general modification
of the assessment in Bellary and
Government assented to the

measure

B.of Rev. 16 Nov. 1833 Para 48. Ett Imms. Cons. 2d June 1837 Para 28 in Cons. 4 June No 531 R.D.

measure so that this reform has been already sanctioned The 2d item amounts to Rupees 10385 and is the estimated loss which will occur on fixing a land assessment on the village and other Topes instead of renting them. The Board are inclined to think that the trees will often be found too scattered to fix a tax on their land, and that the very great difference in the calculation between the rents and the land tax will not occur but this is a minor consideration and the proposed change should be carried out wherever practicable

32 The next point relates to the management of Topes and clumps of trees when from their scattered position it is not practicable to apply them at the seerwah of the lands on which they stand. They must then continue to be rented out but the mode in which they have hitherto

* Rent — 11535
Est. Jaypetment 1170
Difference — 10385

hitherto been occupied their peculiar circumstances and the methods of taxation which are locally popular differ so much as that it is impossible to frame any general rule all that appears practicable is to lay down certain principles for the guidance of the Collectors who will act on them under the control of the Board of Revenue. These principles are (1) to induce the parties interested whenever practicable to pay the land tax and thus become proprietors of the Tope (2) When a Tope has been long held by a party, and there is no apparent prospect of the land being wanted for agricultural purposes to fix a Muctah or fair annual fixed sum and grant a long lease of 15 or 20 years the land holder having

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decayed timber and loppings lent not being allowed to fell trees or make use of the land except for planting (3) In other instances arrangements must be made by putting the topes up to competition or by giving them to parties who agree to pay the tree tax according as the Collector finds desirable, lent when the topes are at this held on lease of temures the protection of the trees seems to require that the contractor should have the fruit and leaves only and not be allowed to touch the trees.

33 The question of permanent Puttahs next calls for attention. It is proposed in the proceedings of Government to issue them on two occasions. First when a tax is levied on one or more scattered tree standing on

× Paras 9 & 20.

on unoccupied ground, and when parties who have planted topes on unassessed land agree to pay teerwah for it instead of the tree tax. It will be observed that the Collectors agree against giving a Permanent Puttah in the first case and the Board entirely concur in the objections they express. Instead of encouraging the inconvenient and embarrassing occupancy of waste land by giving "permanent puttahs" to parties who plant a detached tree upon it without permission the Board consider that the practice should be prevented as much as possible since it interferes with the disposal of land for agricultural purposes and leads to constant disputes when one party holds the land and another enjoys a tree standing upon it. The Board would therefore as

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as heretofore give us separate Puttahs for detached trees when it can be avoided entering the tax which is payable for the tree in the party's ordinary Puttah when he holds one, and otherwise giving him a paper showing merely the demand against him for the print of the tree - and they would as much as possible maintain the practice of requiring the party to resign the tree or pay teerwah for the land on which it grows when Government wants the land or another person applies for it for agricultural purposes. Parties who wish to plant should in the Board's opinion take up land formally for the purpose either on payment of its assessment or under the Inpe rules. To admit their right to land when they occupy it irregularly by the

surreptitious

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surreptitious planting of a tree which is frequently done to evade the land revenue and prevent the occupancy of other parties appears very undesirable.

31. In the second case also the Board would deprecate the issue of any special or "Permanent" Puttah such a Puttah is quite unnecessary and would lead to misconstruction. When a Ryot takes land pays its assessment and receives the ordinary Puttah for it he becomes its proprietor as far as the Government is concerned in the fullest sence. He has the absolute disposal of the land and of all that stands on it and may dispose of his property in whatever way he likes. No further title is therefore required from the Government and to grant "Permanent" Puttahs now on the occasions proposed would

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do harm by implying that the holders of other puttahs have not the same rights and previleges. The Board would have one form of Puttah for all lands whether they are planted with trees or turned to other purposes and make known by the District & Tookimmamah rules and publication as at present the rights and advantages which a Puttah confers.

35 When however Ryots are rented out or given an Mustah lease, a Puttah agreement in the form of that used in North Arcot may with advantage be adopted. But the Board would suggest an addition to it notifying that the Puttahdars right was limited to the precise terms of the Puttah and that if he desired to cultivate the land or hold it in permanency he

° a translation of it is appended to the Boards circular to which the Collector have not replied.

he must pay its assessment.

36 The next point is the right of the owners of private topes and trees on puttah lands, to the full enjoyment of their property. This has already existed in most Districts and the exceptional cases have been removed by the circulation of the orders in which Government expressed its sanction of the Boards proposal for establishing this principle throughout the presidency it will occasionally happen that the privilige is abused in the instances of the topes which Government is about to assign to private parties on an engagement to pay the land tax and in as limitless the Collector appears to deprecate a departure from the rule which has prevented land holders felling their trees until it is ascertained that the land will not be so denuded as to be

incapable

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incapable of yielding it's assent
But the Board are opposed to
any restriction or interference
respecting trees on lands in private
occupancy Independantly of the
general evils which result from
all such interference on the
part of the subordinate native
Servants of Government, the restric-
tion on Cutting trees on private lands
without permission must fail to
answer its intended purpose for
though a few trees may thus be
preserved, the owners of land are
discouraged from planting others
as they would be tempted to
do if they had the undisturbed
enjoyment of their property. The
beneficial effect of freeing
private wells from extra taxation
would thus be seriously
neutralized, and the Board are

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anxious to avoid such a result
since it is to private wells more
than to the tope rules of 1818 that
they look for a gradual increase
of fruit trees over the land. To
apprehension therefore of a few
topes or trees being cut down ought
in their opinion to be allowed to interfere
with a general principle which is un-
doubtedly just and sound and
rather than interfere with this
right or make it appear doubt-
full in the eyes of the people,
they would prefer retaining the
Government topes under circar
management.-

37. As respects the preser-
vation of trees in avenues and
on tanks and channel banks
no new rules seem to call for. The
best descriptions of trees to be
planted in these localities have
been already described in a Ce
Circular Order issued in the
Department

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Department of Public Works on 31 July 1855.

38 New orders are also unnecessary to give the Villagers a right to cut fuel and wood of the commoner kinds for their domestic purposes. The Board will not however enter into the question of how valuable forest timber is to be protected and plantings effected as a Conservancy Department has been recently established for this purpose.

39 One subject remains the completion of the revision of the rates of taxation for scattered trees In their late letter the Board proposed revised rates for 7 Districts which have been sanctioned by Government and pointed out that in 12. other Districts no such measure was called for. These thus remained for future disposal the two provinces of Madura and

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B.C. letter to Govt 2d April 58 No. 813 para 16 Govt 31 May m/Cor 29 Octr 1858 No. 658 R.D.

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and Tanjore as respects the former the Collector now reports that the revised rates sanctioned for Trichinopoly would not be applicable as they would raise the collections from Rupees 9257 to 10628 instead of reducing them. The only reform proposed is to moderate and simplify the Tax on scattered Palmyras by reducing it to 6 pice when it exceeds that Amount. The Board recommend this measure for sanction which would cause a toiffling sacrifice of Rupees 88. The Collector is opposed to exempting scattered Palmyras from taxation, for although this description of tree is now scarce there are large tracts of land in the District fitted for it growth.

40 In Tanjore also it does not appear to the Board that any alteration of rates is at present called for. These rates

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have hitherto varied in different parts of the District where they were introduced by different Collectors but all trees so planted since the Pymash have been assessed at Mr. Harris's rates which will soon prevail throughout the District as the old trees are fast disappearing and thousands of them were destroyed in the storm of 1853 This scale tallies closely with the taxation under the Board's decided rates as shown by the Marginal statement, and the voluntary planting which goes on under it shows that it is acceptable to the landowners.

Scattered Trees: Rate of Assessment 1/4 rate. Dead rate. 1/8 rate.

On waste land. 2715 – 2603

On Brumpoke &c. 321 – 111.

41 When collecting the information required by Government, the Board took advantage of the occasion to call for a return of topes planted under the rules of 1828 This call has only been as yet responded to by a few Collectors, and their replies

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replies shew that the rules have not been made use of to the extent wished and anticipated From the information before them the Board are on the whole led to believe that land owners prefer the toll system perhaps in some degree from the facility it affords for evading the revenue but chiefly from a dislike to be taxed in any form for trees which are not in absolute bearing. The result of the Topes rules thus far leads the Board to place their chief hope of a spread of Trees on the encouragement given to their cultivation by a modified land assessment

* Districts	Acres planted
Guntoor	168
Vizagapatam	5
Salem	191
Chingleput	118
South Arcot	330
Tanjore	264.

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and the exemptions given to lands under private wells from extra taxation. It seems however desirable, as already observed, to promote plantations of Palmyras, dates and other toddy trees which grow on land not fit for agricultural purposes by measuring off and giving pieces of ground to applicants on a moderate and fixed quit rent.

Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.

903
My No. 175
From the Collector of Tinnevelly } No persons charged under Regulation IX of 1822 for last Month.

From,

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904
My No. 174.
From the Collector of Tinnevelly } No persons in confinement under Regulation IX of 1822 for December 1857.

905
My No. 172.
From the Collector of Rajahmundry } Returns of Public Servants deceased &c. for the 4th quarter of 1857.

906
My No. 171.
From the Collector of Rajahmundry } Returns of fines &c. for the 4th quarter of 1857.

907
My No. 173
From the Collector of Tinnevelly } Return of Village Officers &c. under Regulation VI of 1831. for December 1857.

908
My No. 176.
From the Collector of Salem } No persons in confinement under Regulation VI of 1831 for October last.

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of 1362-9. have continued to lie unrented out because the ryots refused to occupy them permanently on payment of the land tax. Mr. Hall thinks that under the new modified assessment offers will be made for them and if so they can be accepted but the Board cannot support the Collectors proposal of remitting ¼ of the Current assessment when a Tope is kept up "the full duty "being invariably levied when "the land is cultivated with a "crop of grain or any thing "else".

Tanjore 18 In this District there are no topes which have lapsed to Government from over taxation or other causes and now call for notice.-

Trichinopoly 16 The present Topes are limited to 10 and occupy 31 Cawnies of land assessed at Rupees 159-3-6 They now yield a rent of Rupees 280-4-0 and the Collector advocates these being

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being made over to the Ryots at the ordinary land tax. This can be done.

Madura 17 In this District there are a number of petty topes as shown in the following statement.

Topes paying fee Tax.	1313	763¾-2124-7-6-7/16-12-0
Do. rented omitting 4 held on duty & leases.	381	394¼-927-3-5-2345-8-5
Total	1694	1157-1-3051-10-11. 10056-4-5

The Collector does not state when these topes were planted or how they fell under Circar management but represents that they are coming into disadvantageous competition with the new topes planted under the rules of 1848 & which are exempted from taxation for a certain number of years and then pay the land tax. Mr. Parker therefore repeats the strong recommendation which he made in 1854 for all these topes being assessed at the ordinary land tax for some of the rented topes

From Collr. 13 Jan 20 March 54
To Govt. 2d April 58
From Govt. 31 May 29 October 1858 No 653 R&C

claimants

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909 — Fort St. George 22d January 183
Mr No. 177.
From the Collector of Chingleput — Statement of Salt for exportation to Calcutta on 15

910 — January 1838.
Mr No. 180.
From the Collector of Tanjore — Import Bullion Statement for December 1837.

911 — ment for December 1837.
Mr No. 168.
From the Collector of Guntoor — Statement of Demand Collection and Balance of

912 — Revenue for December 1837.
Mr No. 178.
From the Collector of Chingleput — List of letters received from the Board of Revenue and remaining unanswered up to 31st December 1837.

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Mr No. 179.
From the Collector of Chingleput — List of letters addressed Mr up to 31 December 1837.