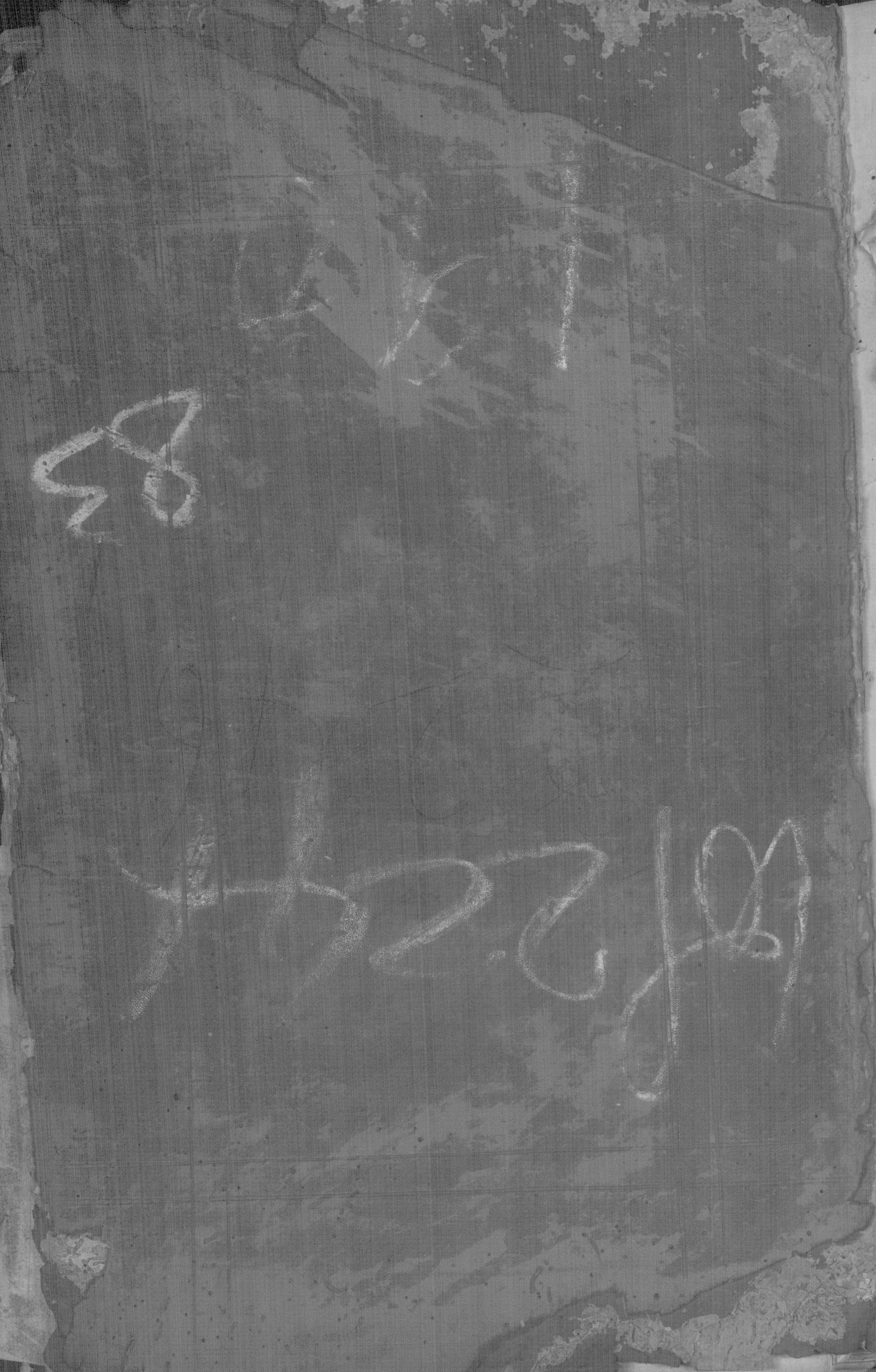


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Diary

2d July— Sent the following Memorandum

(1) Official Memorandum.

To the Post Master General. The Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to request that the accompanying Packet to the address of the Officiating Collector of Salem may be delivered with the utmost despatch, as it is important that it should reach the Collector before the 6th Instant.

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 2d July 1850. } Signed W. H. Bayley Secretary.

At a Meeting Present.

Thursday 4th July, 1850. } H. Goldingham Esqre Second Member and F. L. Blane Esqre Third Member

Walter Elliot Esqre Senior Member Absent on duty as Commissioner Northern Circars

Minutes of the last Meeting

(2) read and approved.

Read the following Extract

From the Secy to Government— Deeming it necessary to enter into a review of the practice of the Madura Revenue Auditing the fesibility and expediency

} Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 1st June, 1850 No 540.

Read the following Papers

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Fasc ante 4th Fin. Misc. (No 43)

Para 1 * * * The Right Honorable the Governor

explaining of the arrangement proposed by the Board and &c. Considering an improvement of the present system to be only essential when effected by additional checks and better supervision.—

Governor in Council has perused with the utmost attention, the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue above recorded, upon the subject of the Madras Abkary and the voluminous papers which accompanied them and he must express his entire concurrence in the opinion of the Board, as to the insufficiency of the explanation offered by the Collector. He considers it altogether unnecessary to enter upon any review of a question upon which the sentiments both of Government and the Board have already been so fully set forth, and he trusts that Mr. Casamaijor himself, will on reflection see the impolicy of attempting any Vindication of the past, and will apply himself heartily for the future to the amelioration of the Abkary Department of his Office, in conformity with the instructions which may be furnished to him by the Board of Revenue.—

2. With respect however to the changes in the present system of Madras Abkary, proposed by the Board in Paras 6–8 of their Proceedings of

of 4th March last under which it is intended that settlements shall be made annually for entire Gardens or parts of Gardens, in supersession of the existing mode of allotting trees by number, the Government apprehend that the introduction of such a measure would be a matter of great difficulty and they fear that the Board have treated too lightly the obstacles mentioned by the Collector. The Board do not appear to have sufficiently considered a most important point that the settlement is not with the holders of Gardens but with the Toddy shop keepers &

From Collector 4th August 1838 Para 38

whose arrangements with the owners of Gardens the peneume servants do not disturb. A man takes a Toddy shop having arranged with the owner of a Garden for the right to draw Toddy from his trees and he settles with the Collector for the rent to be paid for the shop. The number of trees from which Toddy is to be drawn is then fixed. It is necessary for the Abkary servant to take account of the trees appropriated for the supply of the shop, to see that they answer in their states &

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and condition to the description given of them, and to take account also of the remaining trees in the Garden and of the manner in which they are disposed of, so that no illicit use be made of them. Repeated inspections are necessary to ensure Toddy being drawn from those trees only that are included in the contract. If the Government rightly understand the Statement D received with the Collectors letter of the 14th August 1848. many of the shops are supplied from several Gardens, while on the other hand one Garden is sometimes large enough to supply several shops. It is presumed that the Board do not mean that the settlement shall be made in future with the Owners of Gardens fixing on them the responsibility of buying from the shop keepers who draw Toddy from the trees the tax payable to Government for the same. This would be a fundamental change, constituting them middle men between Government and the Toddy sellers and to

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it is doubtful whether such an arrangement would be legal. If as is probable it be meant that every Toddy shopkeeper shall be obliged to engage for the Toddy drawn from all the productive trees in every Garden for which he contracts, on an estimate for the year it remains to be considered how the estimate can be made without numbering and taking the trees and taking into account the periods during which they will yield toddy perpetually. Again what is to be done when the Trees in a Garden are more than sufficient to supply Toddy to one shop, are the shopkeepers to be obliged to take additional shops to exhaust the whole supply. How is the owner of the Garden to be constrained to come into the arrangement. and as generally some trees are reserved by the Owners of gardens ostensibly for the production of fruit, how is the necessary surveillance to be maintained to prevent those trees being used for the illicit

supply.

supply of Toddy: suppressing all the difficulties to be overcome as regards the permanent shops, what provision is to be made for those Toddy shops which are open only for limited and uncertain periods regulated by the demand for the liquor and the favorableness of the season for the production of Toddy? If the contemplated mode of settlement could be effected the result would very probably be a monopoly to a great extent among the wealthier shanars and a consequent considerable diminution of revenue, as those with the less means would be precluded from entering into the competition, and would thus be thrown out of the occupation by which they at present subsist.

Para 7. 3. The Government cannot perceive the analogy referred to by the Board between the Ryotwary system of Land Revenue and the Madras Abkarry system or consider that the principle which regulates the former can be advantageously applied to

to the latter, and on the whole they feel so doubtful both of the feasibility of the arrangement proposed, and of the expediency of it, if feasible that they are altogether averse to the change being attempted. All that appears to be required is additional checks and better supervision and arrangement in carrying out the present system and thus to improve, not to change it.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. Sycroft

Secretary to Government.

To The President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated for the information of the Collector of Madras with reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 4th March last.

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From the Secretary to Government &c. Communicating papers received from the Government of India requesting that provised classifications of such establishments as require it may be submitted and directing the Board to submit the revised arrangement they would propose &c.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, Dated 7th June 1850. No. 513.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, Dated 16th May, 1850 No. 1822.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.

To, The Secretary to Government Military Department Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your Dispatch No. 203. of

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of the 12th March last Commanded to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of Government in the Financial Department No. 527 dated the 10th April 1850, directing that revised classifications of such Establishments as require it may be submitted for consideration at a Cost not exceeding their present aggregate of allowances, and sanctioning as a temporary measure only, the alterations suggested in the Establishment of the Commissary General at Madras.

Council Chamber,
Fort William,
19th April, 1850.

Signed R. Hyde, Major
Offg. Secretary to the Govt of India
Military Department.

No. 527.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Most Noble the Governor General of India in Council in the Financial Department, under date the 10th April, 1850.

Read an Extract from the Proceedings of the Most Noble the Governor General of India in Council in

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in the Military Department No. 68 dated the 3d Instant, forwarding for consideration and orders, a Despatch in original No. 293 dated the 12th Ultimo with enclosures from the Government of Fort Saint George relating to alterations proposed to be made in the salaries of certain individuals in the Office Establishment of the Commissary General on the retirement on pension of an Accountant in the Current branch of his Office and bringing to the notice of the Government of India the inconveniences felt in carrying out its orders prohibiting the parceling out of savings in the shape of increase of existing allowances, without a general revision of the Majority of Office Establishments at that Presidency on a principle of fair graduation.

Resolution. It appears from the letter of the Secretary to the Government of Madras in the Military Department, that in many of the public Offices at that Presidency, the classification of Establishments is too

too defective to admit of any immediate application of the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors that reduction of Salary; where found practicable shall be carried to the credit of the State in lieu of being appropriated towards augmenting the allowances of individuals already in the service of Government.—

This arises from the practice which has obtained of allotting salaries to individuals rather than to situations proportioned to the extent and responsibility of the duties attaching to them, and the practice the Right Honorable the Governor in Council equally with the Government of India considers to be faulty and defective in principle.—

The only remedy in the existing state of things is to adopt a fresh classification of all such Establishments as may appear to require it based on the plan of proportioning salaries to situations, and fixing such a graduated scale of

of Pay as shall admit of deserving individuals being rewarded by promotion to higher employment instead of by personal increase of allowance without reference to the duties that may be required of them.—

Length of service is in itself no plea whatever for increase of allowances. Personal merits may justify special personal grants, but these have nothing to do with ordinary Official Salaries.—

The Most Noble the Governor in Council accordingly requests that revised classifications of such Establishments as require it may be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Government of India at a cost not exceeding their present aggregate of allowances, and he resolves when such arrangements are completed, that Heads of Departments shall be authorized either at once, or as opportunities may offer by the occurrence of vacancies, to impose the revised scale of Pay which when once adopted shall on no consideration be altered without the further orders of the Supreme

supreme Government.

Pending these arrangements His Lordship in Council sanctions as a temporary measure only the alterations now suggested in the Establishment of the Commissary General

Order. Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Military Department for communication to the Government of Fort St. George, and that the Despatch above adverted to with enclosures be returned, Copies being kept for record in this Office.—

A true Extract
(Signed) S. Dorin
Secretary to the Govt. of India

(True Copy)
(Signed) R. Wyllie. Major
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council under the authority of the Government of India sanctions as a temporary measure, the alterations in the Account Department of the Commissary General's Office exhibited in the Statement which accompanied the

the Commissary General's letter 15th February 1850 No. 29.

2. Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Secretary to the Government of India be communicated to all Departments concerned.—

(Signed) C. A. Browne Lt. Col.
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.
" Political Department.
Revenue and Judicial Department.
Adjutant General.
Quarter Master General.
Deputy Adjt. General H. M. Forces
Deputy Dr. Mr. General H. M. Forces
Military Board
Medical Board
Clothing Board
Military Auditor General
Commissary General
Chief Engineer.
Town Major
Paymaster Presidency.
Supt. of Family Payments & Pensions.
Judge Advocate General.

Resolved that the correspondence referred to in the foregoing Extract be communicated for

under consideration will have to be altered or rather joined in with para 4 so as to leave the question of private & Well cultivation open.—

4. It will be necessary also to omit the grant of Nuncions to Village servants proposed in para 10 except as regards the Taliary and Poty whose services are required on the Park of Government.—

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From the Chief Sec.y to Government.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 24th June 1850 No. 530.

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

(Here enter 10th June 1850 No. 745)

Resolved that 120 Copies of the paper presented with the foregoing letter be struck off on cheltenham Paper at the Government Press and distributed as follows.

60. Copies to the Board of Revenue.
30. Do. to the Medical Board
20 Do. to the Military Board
10 Do. to be retained in the Government Office.—

2 With reference to the remark in the concluding para of the above letter the Right Honorable the Governor in Council would observe that it was at the suggestion of the Board of Revenue and in their office to see to the proper distribution of the Copies with which they might be furnished. that the Government consented to

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to have selection from Dr. Buist's papers printed.

(Signed) B. C. Montgomery
Chief Secretary.

Ordered to be recorded.

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Order thereon.

When the printed papers are received they will be duly Circulated.

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From the Secretary to Government granting authority for allotting other land in lieu of the Service and Charity Enams included in the Public Cattle Grazing Farm at Bellary and for resuming the Pagoda Enams included therein and Sanctioning the Estimate for constructing boundary stones for defining the limits of the Farm.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 27th June, 1850 No. 624.

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

(Here enter 27th May 1850 No. 232.)

Para 1. The lands retained for the public Cattle grazing farm in the Bellary District amount to 9,919 Acres including 242 Acres of Enam. These Enams are chiefly for Service; but some are charitable Enams, and some are attached to religious Institutions now fallen into decay. The Acting Collector recommends that for the Service and charity Enams included in the Farm, other lands of the extent of Acres 283: 21: 3 should be granted in exchange, which the Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves and Sanctions. The Pagoda Enams, the Acting

	Lands included in the Farm.	Lands to be given in exchange.
	a. g. a.	a. g. a.
Village Service Enams	171 : 12 : 8	268 : 5 : 7
Pagoda Lands	54 : 24 : 11	87 : 38 : 3
Charity Lands	16 : 2 : 10	15 : 15 : 12
	241 : 39 : 13	371 : 19 : 6

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Acting Collector recommends, should be permanently resumed to which there seems no objection; as it is represented that there are apparently no legal claimants for the lands, that the Pagodas to which they formerly belonged are in ruins, and no service performed in them.

2. The lands not required for the purposes of the Farm and therefore excluded from the present limits, amount to 4,847½ Acres, of which 492½ acres being Enam have been given up to the Enamdars, who it is represented consider themselves sufficiently compensated by the restoration.

3. The Governor in Council is of opinion with the Acting Collector that to prevent all further question, the limits of the Farms as now reduced should be defined by permanent boundary stones and he sanctions the Estimate for Rupees (425) Four hundred and twenty five submitted by the Acting Collector for erecting them and desires that the work may be commenced upon immediately.

4. It is essential also that a Map of the new limits of the farm should be prepared as directed in Extract Minutes

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Minutes of Consultation 11th December 1849; and instructions will therefore be issued through the Military Department for a Survey being made and Map executed in Duplicate by the Quarter Master General's Department, one Copy for deposit in the Collector's Cutcherry and the other to be lodged with the Commissariat Officer.

(A true Extract)

To The President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government.

Order thereon.

(10-11)

Ordered to be communicated for the information and guidance of the Acting Collector of Bellary with reference to his letter dated 24th April last.

In Cons. 27th May 1850.

Read the following resolution.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 27th June, 1850 - No. 623.

(From Board 13th June)

(12)

From the Secretary to Government.

Resolved that the Collector of Trichinopoly be authorized to disburse subject to audit the arrears of Yeomiah due to Pacha Bebee from the 1st December 1848 to 31st March 1850 amounting to Rupees (170 - 10 - 8) One hundred and Seventy Six, Annas ten and Pice eight; and to continue the payment of her allowances.

(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

Ordered

Order thereon.

(12-13) Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Trichinopoly with reference to his Statement dated 19th April last.

(14) Read the following Extract

From the Secretary to Government Containing the observations and orders of Government on the Board's Proceedings relative to the settlement of Land Revenue in the District of Malabar for Fusly 1258.

No. 625.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 27th June, 1850.

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

(Here enter 6th June 1850 No 244)

Para 1.

The season in Malabar for Fusly 1258 was far from favorable. The early and after rains were very scanty and the quantity which fell during the whole year was below the average fall of the preceding five years by 48 inches. Both the first and second crops of rice suffered in consequence and the outturn was about 30 per % below the ordinary produce. As was to be expected the price of grain rose, and from this cause and from the deficient harvest the quantity exported by Sea was below the value of the export in Fusly 1257 in the sum of Rupees 4,000.

2. The failure in the rice crops was however in a great measure

compensated by the success of the garden cultivation. The yield of all species of garden products is stated to have been "superabundant," and to have been attended with a brisk demand for external consumption. The large increase in the export of Pepper, Coffee, Betel nuts and Cocoanuts, is very satisfactory. From a glut in the market the price of the latter article fell from 15 to 20 per Cent below the rates of the preceding year which however were very high.

3. The Settlement of Fusly 1258 less remissions was

Nunjah Lands	1,12,3,570	1	9
Poonjah Ditto	63,381	6	1
Bagayet	4,30,588	4	6
Cochin	14,113	7	7
Cananore Beebee's Peishcush	1,500	0	11

The total is Rupees 16,46,659 4 10 or below the previous years Bariz in the sum of Rupees 6,420 0 1 but if allowance be made for the assessment on the lands transferred to the Quilandy Mosque. the true deficit is only Rupees 4,620 0 1. The decrease has been in the Nunjah and Poonjah lands. In both of these the extent actually

actually under cultivation was above the area of Fusly 1257; but the unfavorable character of the season, and consequent necessity for remissions reduced the Bariz.

4. The remissions in question amounted to Rupees 13,051–11–3 Viz. Rupees 11,040–2–11 for Nunjah, and Rupees 2,011–8–4 on garden lands. The chief items are Rupees 6,109–0–4 for failure of wet crops and Rupees 1,800 value of land given over to the Mosque at Quilandy. The other heads are sufficiently explained by the Board and the Collector.

5. It is gratifying to observe the quantity of waste lands taken up for reclamation notwithstanding the unpromising nature of the season. 418 Cawnies to yield in due time a revenue of Rupees 900 are stated to have been taken on Cowle for Nunjah Cultivation; besides 609 Cawnies to be formed into 277 Gardens capable of containing about 48,700 Cocoanut trees; — 15,0700 Trees Jacks Cocoa and Betel nut were also planted during the year in place of old trees which

which had gone to decay.

6. The Collections during the year were.

	Demand.	Collections within Fusly.	To 31st March 1850.	Balance.
Current—	16,46,659–4–10	16,32,017–8–10	4,088–7–9	10,553–4–3
Arrears—	14,832–15–10	12,695–7–8	656–10–4 written off	1,480–13–10
Total—	16,61,492–4–8	16,44,713–0–6	4,745–2–1	12,034–2–1

nearly the whole of the Current balance or Rupees 10,000 is due by the Beebee of Cannanore "which her Highness declares she is unable to discharge immediately in consequence of her still laboring under the difficulties occasioned by the inundation of her Laccadive Islands in April 1847." It is remarked that a similar proportion of the demand upon the Beebee for Fusly 1257 was outstanding at the close of that year, but a moiety of it had been recovered at the date of the Board's Proceedings upon the Settlement. The Government are not yet in possession of the report referred to in the Extract Minutes of Consultation 19th October 1849 paras 10 and 11

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and Resolution of Government 24th December 1849 regarding the reforms to be introduced into the Management of the Beebee's Islands, and the terms upon which she is to be admitted to the benefit of the remissions of Peishcush authorized by the Government of India - Rupees 3333 1/2 annually for 10 years Commencing with Fusly 1259; but it should be intimated to her that one of the conditions annexed to the indulgence will be the punctual discharge of the remainder of her Peishcush for the future, and early measures should be adopted for the recovery of the sums now outstanding.-

7. Of the balance of arrears the Sum of Rupees 137 — 14 — 11 due for fushes 1253—1257 is reported to be irrecoverable, and the Right Honorable the Governor in Council at the recommendation of the Board of Revenue sanctions its being written off to Profit and Loss.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government.

To The President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

14·15
Order thereon — Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Malabar, with reference to the

the Board's Proceedings dated 6th June 1850.-

2. Mr. Conolly's attention is called to para 6 of the above Minutes of Consultation. It is observed that the Board's Proceedings transmitting to him the orders quoted in this para have not yet been replied to.-

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17th January 1850

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From the Secy to Government } Read the following Resolution.-

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 27th June 1850 No. 1524.-

(From Board 13th June)

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing letter be furnished to the Military Board who are requested to cause the required Stamps to be prepared at the Arsenal and to distribute them to the several districts with instructions for their use.-

(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government.

16-17
Resolution thereon. Resolved that Copy of the foregoing order of Government and of the Board's letter to which it is a reply be circulated to all Collectors for their information.-

Read the following Memorandum.-

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From the Secretary to Government } Memorandum.-

The Secretary to Government has the honor to request the Secretary to the Board of Revenue will be pleased to furnish copies of the Proceedings of the

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Board of Revenue dated 23d March and 10th April 1843 referred to in the letters from the Collector and Sub Collector of Salem dated respecting the 6th October and 8th November 1847 respecting the reduction of a Assessment on the lands of the Village of Edumboncolum in the Talook of Paramutty.

Fort St. George, 2nd July, 1850. } / Signed / T. Pycroft, Secretary to Government.

Ordered that the following Memorandum be sent in reply.

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To the Chief Secretary to Government. }

Memorandum.

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to forward to the Secretary to Government a Copy of the Board's Proceedings dated 10th April 1843 referred to in his Memorandum of 2d Instant. a copy of the Board's Proceedings of 23d March 1843 was forwarded to Government on the 15th April following.

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 4th July 1850. } / Signed / W. A. Bayley, Secretary.

Read the following Memorandum.

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From the Secretary to Government. }

Memorandum.

The Secretary to Government has the honor to request that the Secretary to the Board of Revenue will be pleased to furnish the papers referred to in 1st para.

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para 2 of the Board's Proceedings dated 24th June 1850 No. 262, regarding the succession of Appa Row Moodelly to the Shrotrium of Manalary.

Fort St. George, 3d July, 1850. } / Signed / T. Pycroft, Secretary to Government.

Ordered that the following Memorandum be sent in reply.

20.21

To the Chief Secretary to Government. }

Memorandum.

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to forward to the Secretary to Government, the undermentioned papers as requested in his Official Memo of 3d Instant.

From Chingleput 1st in consultation 22d October 1840
From Do. 29th October in consultation 2 November
Proceedings 2d November - - - - - - - - - - - - - "

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 4th July 1850 - - - } / Signed / W. A. Bayley, Secretary.

Read the following letter.

To W. A. Bayley Esqr.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

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From the Collector of Guntoor - - - }

Sir,

With reference to your letter

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letter of the 28th February last calling for a report on Cotton cultivation, I have the honor to explain that a Statement of Cotton Cultivation in the season of February 1258 was already furnished to the Board with my letter of the 9th February 1849 and as little authentic information can now be furnished in addition thereto, I beg to suggest that any further report be dispensed with.

2. Steps have been taken to procure the required information with greater care for the Current Fusly and it will be given in comparison with the returns of Fusly 1258.

3. I beg to be informed whether the Report for Fusly 1259 is to be furnished thro' the Commissioner or to the Board direct.

Guntoor Zillah, Collector's Office
Dindy, 11th June, 1850.

[Signed] F. Stokes
Collector

Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over.

(22-23)

Read

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Read the following letters.

To, W. A. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

(24)

From the Acting Collector of Bellary stating that Ragunnah son of Gooroo Row Curnum of Bellary being called upon to assist in making a fair division of the Enam lands between himself and Jayaram refused to do so that he ordered the Tahsildar to make a division who accordingly made it and forwarding a statement for the approval of the Board also requesting the order of the Board for paying the sum of Rupees 1,850-2-5 which have accrued from the produce of the lands due to Jayaram.

Sir,

In pursuance of the Instructions contained in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 10th January 1850 directing "that the whole Curnum, Dasayee, "Coolcurnee and Puttie Ree Enams "at issue, being Acres 1,283—31—12 and "bearing a survey assessment of Canteroy "Pagodas 332—8—3 be enjoyed in "equal shares by Jayaram and by "Raugunnah, son of the late Gooroo "Row", I have the honor to inform you for the information of the Board that Raugunnah the son of Gooroo being called upon to assist in making a fair division of the Enam lands between himself and Jayaram refused to do so; I accordingly ordered the Tahsildar with

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with the Assistance of respectable Assessors to make a division and the following division was made which appearing to be fair and just I have the honor to request the Board will sanction and confirm - The accompanying Statement shows the Division made: Jayaram is ready to take either share; and the other party has made no objection on the ground of an unfair division - In the Village of Bellary alone the land is divided between each party - In all the other Villages each party takes the whole land of the respective Villages -

See Enclosure No 1

The Lands in question have been held for the most part by Goorow and his son Rauguenah the party now nonsuited, from the time the decree was first past by the Sub Collector in 1839; but security was taken from them - There is consequently a sum of Rupees 1,850 - 2 - 5 -

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of the land due to Jayaram in whose favour the decree has been finally confirmed by the Board, being his share of the produce during the said period - This sum has been recovered from the Securities and is now in deposit But as no orders has been given by the Board respecting these arrears of 10 years I have the honor to request the Board's orders for making it over to Jayaram -

Bellary,
Collectors Office,
14th June, 1850.

/ Signed / C. Pelly
Acting Collector

Statement

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Statement shewing the division of the lands between Sayaram and Raghanah referred to in the letter of the Acting Collector of Bellary under date the 14th June 1850 No. 33

Names of Villages.	Enam lands of Curnumships.				Enam lands of Dasayees.				Enam lands of Maud Cool Kurnee.				Enam lands of Patakee.				Total.			
	Acres.		Survey Assessment.		Acres.		Survey Assessment.		Acres.		Survey Assessment.		Acres.		Survey Assessment.		Acres.		Survey Assessment.	
	Acres	G	Cps	fs	Acres	G	Cps	fs	Acres	G	Cps	fs	Acres	G	Cps	fs	Acres	G	Cps	fs
In part at Bellary	84	4	10	7	82	25	25	1	18	2	7	2	29	2	10	8	213	33	53	8
1 Besalapully	29	26	17	8	"	"	"	"									29	26	17	8
2 Gonahall	45	25	11	4	46	30	10	9									92	13	22	3
3 Caterboodihall	35	14	7	1	"	"	"	"	14	7	14	2	"	"	"	"	49	21	21	3
4 Sunjeenarayen cotah	26	17	7	9	"	"	"	"									26	17	7	9
5 Aladahully	43	1	12	9	"	"	"	"									43	1	12	9
6 Seedaragiddah	31	21	3	2	"	"	"	"									31	21	3	2
7 Honnahully	31	13	3	9	"	"	"	"									31	13	3	9
8 Charrecoonty	53	35	9	4	"	"	"	"									53	35	9	4
9 Banenahully	14	25	7	3	"	"	"	"									14	25	7	3
10 Chick Ranayakahully	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"									"	"	"	"
11 Senkarahundah	"	"	"	"	31	20	7	9									31	20	7	9
11 Total	311	15	80	9	78	10	18	8	14	7	14	2	"	"	"	"	403	32	113	9
Total	395	19	91	6	160	35	43	9	32	9	21	4	29	2	10	8	617	25	167	7

For each Man in the other Villages.

Villages divided between Sayaram & Ramanah

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Villages divided between Cumum ship & Dasayee

Names of Villages.	Enam lands of Cumum ship. Acres.	Survey Assessment.		Enam lands of Dasayee. Acres.	Survey Assessment.		Enam Lands of Naud Cool Kurnee. Acres.	Survey Assessment.		Enam lands of Patakee. Acres.	Survey Assessment.		Total. Acres.	Survey Assessment.	
	Acres	G	Cts fs	Acres	G	Cts fs	Acres	G	Cts fs	Acres	G	Cts fs	Acres	G	Cts fs
In part at Bellary	179	29	39 3	82	25	25 1	18	3	7 2	29	1	10 7	309	18	82 3
1 Budenagoondoo	30	6	3 "	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	30	6	3 "
2 Kakabavenahully	18	34	8 5	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	18	34	8 5
3 Sen Karabundah	10	15	2 6	31	20	7 9	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	41	35	10 5
4 Tundrahall	34	13	2 6	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	34	13	2 6
5 Booranai Kanahully	14	19	2 2	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	14	19	2 2
6 Minchary	22	7	6 6	42	20	12 6	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	64	6	19 2
7 Halacoondy	31	5	7 "	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	31	5	7 "
8 Raboocoontah	24	7	6 "	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	24	7	6 "
9 Ebrampoor	43	11	10 8	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	43	11	10 8
10 Maudenayakunadody	25	9	3 1	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	25	9	3 1
11 Seedaraguddy	"	"	" "	"	"	" "	50	24	10 1	"	"	" "	50	24	10 1
11 Total	254	"	52 4	74	"	20 5	50	24	10 1	"	"	" "	378	24	83
Total	433	29	91 7	156	25	45 6	68	27	17 3	29	1	10 7	688	2	165 3
For each village In other Villages							36	5	14 4	58	3	21 5	523	"	136 1
							64	31	24 3	"	"	" "	782	16	196 9
Total							100	36	38 7	58	3	21 5	1305	27	333 "
1 At Cushah Bellary	263	33	50 "	165	10	50 2									
20 In other Villages	565	15	133 3	152	10	39 3									
21 Total	829	8	183 3	317	20	89 5									

Bellary Collector's Office, 14th June, 1850. E. E. St.

(Signed) C. Pelly
Acting Collector

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Proceedings thereon.

(24.25)

As the distribution proposed by the Acting Collector, appears to be fair and just, and as neither of the Parties concerned is opposed to it, the Board see no objection to its being carried into effect, and they also authorize the payment to Jayaram of the sum which has accrued from his share of the Land whilst in dispute Viz.t Rupees 1,850 2-5

D.G.

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To W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

(26)

Sir,

From the Acting Collr of Bellary

Submitting for the sanction of Government a Statement of expenses incurred for the Government Plantations in the Bellary District during the past Fasly 1258 Amounting to Company's Rupees 3323-5-9.

I have the honor to submit a Statement Talookwar exhibiting the expenses actually incurred for the Government Plantations in this District during the past Fasly 1258, amounting to Company's Rupees 3323-5-9, and the number of Topes maintained, as well as the years in which the same were planted.-

2. The number of Topes which were actually maintained at the cost of Government in the above Fasly is 66 consisting of 30,689 Trees- The charges for which are as follows.-

See Column 15 of the Statement		Wages of 109 Gardeners at the average rate of Rs a P 2-4-3 each per Mensem	2969-5-9
Do. 16	Do.	Charges for Legging planting 20 Trees	20----
		Repairs of wells from which the Trees are watered including Charges for erecting embankment for the preserving Topes from being destroyed by Flood	135----
Do. 17	Do.	Purchase of Bullocks & charges for leather &c.a for Buckales	129---- 354----
Do. 18	Do.		Total Rupees 3323-5-9

3.

Actual charges.

Fusly	Topes	Rs. a P.
1257	70	3,500 - 4 - "
1258	64	3,323 - 5 - 9
Decrease	6	176 - 14 - 3

The charges of Fusly 1258 are less than in the preceding year, by Rupees 176-14-3, as hereunder stated.-

Decrease resulting from the reduction of charge on account of Topes which have attained Maturity.-

	Topes	Rupees
	11	341 - 15 - "

Rs. of charges incurred last year on Topes still maintained not required this year - " - 151 - 10 - 10

Total Decrease - 11 - 493 - 9 - 10

Increase. Wages of Gardeners re-employed in certain Topes in which the charges had been lately discontinued -

	Topes	Rupees
	5	161 - 8 - "

Extra charges incurred on account of Topes still under care not incurred last year - " - 155 - 3 - 7

Total Increase 5 - 316 - 11 - 7

Net Decrease of Charges Rupees - " - 176 - 14 - 3

Subjoined

4. Subjoined is a Memorandum of Topes, planted since A. D. 1825.-

Topes planted as per account	Topes	Trees.
prepared up to Summabundy of Fusly 1257	705	188,380
Of which, deduct Trees which have died and errors of Account	"	1,741
Net as per account of Fusly - 1258	705	186,639

Of this number, there are 541 Topes which have commenced bearing fruit - These contain 140,926 Fruit Trees 44,899 of which are said to be productive / the rest 96,027 have not yet borne fruit / the Revenue derived from them was.-

	Rupees	a	P
In Fusly 1255	1,050	- 4	- "
" " 1256	977	- 4	- "
" " 1257	1,381	- 10	- "
" " 1258	1,534	- 10	- "

5. In conclusion, I request that the Board will obtain the sanction of Government for Rupees - 3,323 - 5 - 9 actually incurred in Fusly 1258.-

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/Signed/ C. Pelly
Acting Collector
Talookwar

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No. 1. Tables for the Topes

Name	No.	Fusilier Tala	Total	Average of Trees per each Tope	No. of persons
			11	12	13
	1	Fusly 12	3974	993	4
	2	12	575	575	1
	3	12	1971	985	1
	4	12	224	224	1
	5	12	362	362	-
	6	12	228	228	1
	7	12	722	361	2
	8	12	1952	325	6
	9	12	782	261	3
	10	12	3174	635	13
	11	12	2829	707	9
	12	12	5134	513	25
	13	12	2840	315	16
	14	12	5444	419	24
	15	12	478	239	3
	16	12	-	-	-
			30689	479	109

Year in which Trees were Tabled

Remarks.

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No. of Topes	Extent of land occupied for Topes — Acres	Abstract-ment	Remaining	No. of
2	3 Acres	4	5	
19	271 6 10	311 14 -	6541	2
3	42 5 -	34 11 -	536	
3	18 23 -	15 14 -	11	
5	70 22 4	91 - -	1129	
3	13 25 -	17 3 -	58	
7	89 6 4	49 5 -	663	2
1	8 39 -	11 13 -	207	
1	17 - -	10 3 -	583	
6	34 3 -	11 15 -	897	
-	- - -	- - -	-	
4	41 27 -	7 14 -	967	
5	60 9 8	20 7 -	1334	
-	- - -	- - -	-	
1	7 10 -	4 1 -	82	
2	19 3 -	11 2 -	357	
-	- - -	- - -	-	
4	23 28 -	2 10 -	674	
14	717 7 10	630 - -	14039	8

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Trees Standing								Sibbendies		
Fruit Trees										
Mango	Sapicon Bania Satchila	Other sorts of Fruit Trees	Total	Other Trees	Total	Average of Trees per each Cottah	No. of Persons	Average rate of pay each per mensem	Ch for	Remarks.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		24
								C Rs a p	C	
838	1564	1018	11961	1483	13444	707	42	2 8 10	1,2	
502	164	216	1418	19	1437	479	6	2 8 "	1	
340	"	73	424	68	492	164	3	2 " "	1	
828	216	55	2228	19	2247	449	11	2 " 7	2	
350	"	5	413	38	451	150	3	1 6 8		
3659	168	35	3525	8	3533	505	18	2 19	4	
71	"	"	278	"	278	278	2	2 7 11		
19	26	29	657	9	666	666	2	2 " "	1	
228	83	20	1228	30	1258	209	6	2 " "	1	
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" " "		
462	117	48	1594	131	1725	431	5	2 3 2	1	
244	1343	124	3045	55	3100	620	5	2 29	1	
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" " "		
92	93	1	268	13	281	281	1	2 " "		
39	267	31	694	28	722	361	2	1 5 4		
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" " "		
70	169	63	976	79	1055	264	3	1 10 "		
42	4210	1718	28709	1980	30689	479	109	2 4 3	2,9	

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Proceedings thereon (26.27) Resolved that the foregoing letter, together with the Statement of charges be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. It will be observed that no additions have been made to these plantations during Fusly 1258, the number of Topes remaining the same as at the close of the previous Fusly, Viz. 705, then containing ——— 188,380
Trees but of the latter ——— 1741
are reported to have died, or
to have been stated in error
leaving net ——— 186639 Trees
of which 541 Topes containing 140926 Fruit
Trees, have commenced bearing fruit, the
Revenue derived therefrom during Fusly
1258 being Rupees 1,534—10—— or Rupees 153
beyond that of the previous Fusly.—

Fusly 1257—1381—10—
" 1258—1534—10—
Difference 153 ——

3. The number of Topes actually maintained at the Government expence in the above Fusly, was 64 consisting of 30689 Trees, and the charges incurred for the same amounted to Rupees 3323—5—9 which the Board beg to recommend for the sanction of Government.—

4. There has been a saving

Fusly 1257 Rs 3500. 4. 0
" 1258. " 3323. 5. 9
176. 14. 3.

of expenditure compared with the previous Fusly of Rupees 176. 14. 3 as shewn in the Margin, resulting chiefly from the reduction of charges on account of Topes which have attained maturity.

To, W. A. Bayley Esqr
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

(28)

Sir,

From the Ag Collr of Bellary — I have the honor to send by Bangy 3 Parcels of Cottan, the respective value of which I request with the permission of the Board of Revenue may be ascertained at Madras.—

N. 1. is new Orleans Seed Cotton cleaned with the Dharwar Hand Cotton Gin.

N. 2. is the Bellary District common Cotton cleaned with the same saw Gin.

N. 3 is the Bellary Comman Cotton cleaned with the Native churka.

Bellary Collr's Office, 27th June, 1850. — I Signed I C. Pelly. Acting Collector.

Order thereon (28.29) Ordered that the three parcel of Cotton received from Bellary together with copy of the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Collector of Sea Customs at Madras with a request that

that he will endeavour to ascertain the respective value of the Cattra contained in the several parcels.

Read the following letter.

To, W. A. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

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From the Ag Collr of Chingleput. Para. 1. With reference, to the Endorsement of the Board of Revenue, on Petition No. 527, and the order of Government dated 27th April 1850, "to report "whether the Petitioners son is a "Member of the family of the original "Jaghiredar, and as such entitled to "any provisions from the funds of the "Estate the succession to which was settled in Minutes of Consultation of "the 16th September 1846", I have the honor, to submit the following as the result of my enquiries on the subject.

Reporting on the Petition presented to the Bd by one of the Members of the family of the late Jaghiredar of Codumbaukum. Statement returned

2. It is not denied or disputed that the Petitioner was lawfully married to Badsha Beebee, the Grand daughter, in a legitimate descent of Mohamed Ghouse, the original Jaghiredar of Codumbaukum, and the infant son of the Petitioner therefore

† Syd Salabordeen

† Syd Hareem Moideen

therefore as the issue of that marriage, may properly be recognized as a Member of the family.

3. It is known to the Board, that the Petitioner and Rehmanshe Beebee the daughter of Mahomed Ghouse and Mother-in-law of (Petitioner) combined by altering a forged will, to set aside the right, of the present incumbent to succeed to the Jaghire, on the lapse of the 2d life. It is also known to the Board, that independent of the grant of the Jaghire, Mahomed Ghouse was in the enjoyment of a Pension, which on his death was divided amongst the family, in the portions specified in the Margin; and it will be observed that Rehmanshe Beebee (the Grand Mother of the infant) was a participator;

† Hanefa Beebee

Rymanshow daughter of the Subadar Major Mahomed Ghause Saheb Bahadoor	19
Mahomed Bee ... Do. ... Do. ...	19
Rumroobee Nicka wife of the Subadar Major ...	15
Sackeenabee sister of the Subadar Major ...	7
Mahomed Ghouse ...	11
Khudrum Khan ...	4
Ghoolam Mahomed Surfodeen ...	10
Mahomed Taher Said ...	34
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thus shewing, that the claim of that branch of the family, to a provision, was allowed by the Government so long as the Pension was continued.

4. The Pension however lapsed to

to the Government with the 2d life, and the Goomasta of Runnefa Bee: :bee, the present incumbent, has ad: :mitted before me, that upon her claim to the succession being sanctioned by the Government, the assigned 1/5 of the revenues of the Jaghire for a Pro: :vision to Rehmanska Beebee, as a Member of the family, but that on her death the next heir was not entitled to receive it, as being the 4th life in that line, arguing, that as the grant of the Jaghire was limited to three lives, the claims of the family to a provision from the resources of the Jaghire, should be regulated on the same principle. It does not appear to me, to be necessary to entertain this question, it being sufficient to remark in regard to it, that the infant, on whose behalf a claim for Provision is now made, is the 3d life from the original founder, his Grand Mother having been the only intermediate Member in his line, to whom any provision was allowed. The only objection that I see to the admis: :sion of the present claim is the

[1] The Petitioners son

misconduct of the Petitioner in the matter of the forged Will, but if the Board should consider, from the circumstances above stated, that his son should not thereby be de: :prived of any claim he may possess to a provision as a member of the family, I would beg to suggest that the 1/5th portion of the revenues (or say 19-9-0 Rs as per Month) which was enjoyed by Rehmanska Beebee, should be con: :tinued for the support of the infant.

5. It will be observed that the sum proposed corresponds in amount with the sum granted to this branch of the family from the Pension above alluded to.

Annual Berij of Coleumbaukum Rupees 1174-7-6
1/5th share per annum Rupees 234-14-3½

Chingleput District, Collr's Circuit Cutcherry, Guindy, 18th June, 1850

I have &c
Sd/ J. A. Conway
Ag Collector

Order thereon

Ordered that the fore: :going letter be submitted with the following address.

To, the Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board

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To the Chief Secy to Government
Submitting letter

Letter from the Collector of Chingleput affording information on the several points called for on a Petition from Salabordeen to participate in the resources of the Jaghire of Codumbaukum with the Bds opinion that the question should be left for the decision of the present incumbent.

18th June in Cons: 4th July 1850.

of Revenue with reference to the order of Government, on a Petition from Salabordeen desiring the Board to report whether his son is a member of the family of the original Jaghiredar of Codumbaukum and whether he is entitled to any provisions from the funds of that Estate, to submit for the information of the Government the accompanying communication from the Acting Collector of Chingleput affording explanation on these points.

27th April 1850 Govt No: 527 &
Bd's No: 23 &

2. The Petitioner Said Salabordeen is represented as having married the grand daughter of Mahomed Ghause, the original Jaghiredar, his son therefore as the issue of that marriage may properly be recognized as a Member of that family.

3. The Jaghire of Codaumbaukum was originally granted to Subadar Major Mahomed

Mahomed Ghause for a term of three lives, and the present incumbent Hanefa Beagum the grand daughter is in possession of the Jaghire as the third life which will lapse of course to Government on her demise.

4. The claim of the son of the Petitioner, althº the fourth life, to participate in the resources of the Estate, to the extent of one fifth of it's revenue, have been urged by the Acting Collector if not considered inadmissible in consequence of the Petitioner's connexion with the fraudulent attempt made by his mother-in-Law to deprive the present incumbent of her rights which formed the subject of the correspondence noted in the Margin.

* 234 Rs per annum

From Collr 11th June in Cons: 6th July 1846.
To Collr 6th July "
From Collr 15th July in Cons: 24th Augt "
To Govt 24th Augt "
From Govt 15th in Cons: 24th September "

5. The Board of Revenue are of opinion however that it would be preferable to leave the question of provision in favor of Petitioner's son, to the decision of

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of the present incumbent.

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 4th July, 1850 — } (Signed) W. H. Bayley Secretary.

Read the following Memorandum.

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From the Collector of North Arcot }

Official Memorandum.

The Collector of North Arcot has the honor to request that the Secretary to the Board of Revenue will furnish him with a copy of the order of Government dated 4th June 1803 under which orders the Enam Village of Vengalattoor in Trimuttoor Taloork was granted to Seemun Row the original incumbent, as the document in question is not forthcoming in the Collectors Office, and it is now required for a reference.

North Arcot Collr's Circt Cutcherry, Palmanair, 30th May, 1850 — } (Signed) J. D. Bourdillon Collector

Order thereon

Ordered that the following Memorandum be sent in reply.

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To the Collector of North Arcot }

Memo.

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to forward to the Collector of North Arcot in compliance with the request contained in his Official Memorandum of 30th May last copy of the undermentioned documents relating to the grant of the Shrotreim Village of Vengalattoor, to Seemun Row.

From Government 15th in Cons: 27th Janry 1803. para 23.
From Government 14th in Cons: 30th May 1803 para 7.
Purwanah dated 24th June ..... 1803.

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 4th July 1850. } (Signed) W. H. Bayley Secretary

To

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Read the following letter.

To W. H. Bayley Esqre Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St. George.

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From the Collector of North Arcot..... } Sir,

I have the honor to submit an original application received from Mr. J. A. Hickin requesting that the license for distilling arrack heretofore in the name of Messrs Thomas Arthur Chamier and James Arnold Hickin may be cancelled, and that a fresh license may be issued in lieu, in the sole name of the above Mr James Arnold Hickin. I beg that you will be good enough to obtain the Board's permission for granting a license accordingly in the usual form agreeably to act XXXII of 1845. The old license will be cancelled.

North Arcot, Collector's Circuit Cutcherry Palmanair..... 22nd June 1850.... } (Signed) J. D. Bourdillon Collector

To

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To J. D. Bourdillon Esqre
Collector of North Arcot
Chittoor

Sir,

As the Copartnership existing between me and Mr. Thomas Arthur Chamier of Madras ceased in December last, I beg leave to request you will be pleased to obtain the special sanction of the Board of Revenue of Fort St. George for continuing to me at this Place, the Establishment for the distillation of Rum, by process similar to the European system, only in my individual name by cancelling the former License granted by your Predecessor to Messrs. Chamier & Co. of date 13th January 1847.

James Arnold Hicken

Palamanair
19th June 1850.

[Signed] J. A. Hicken

Proceedings thereon.

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The Collector will be so good as to ascertain from Mr. Chamier, whether he has any objection to a compliance with the application of Mr. Hicken.

To

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To W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

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From the Collector of North Arcot..

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge an extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 27th Instant having reference to the grant of Enams to the Subordinate village Officers in the Village of Cummapully in the Tripatty Talook.

2. If the Board are determined not to grant enams to the Village artificers the terms of the Cowle given must be altered. But with reference to the concluding observation in the first Para of this Extract, the Board appear to have forgotten that though they oppose the grant of such Enams now, this condition of the Cowle has been once both approved by the Board and confirmed by Government, and it was on the strength of that sanction that the Present cowle was given, and not without

From Bd to Govt. 7th January 1850 — Extract No. of Cons. of Government Dept 4th January 1850.

sanction

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sanction as the Board erroneously state.—

North Arcot .....
Collector's Cutcherry
Palmanair .....
29th June 1850 .....

Signed J.D. Bourdillon
Collector

Proceedings thereon.—

(36.37)

The Board see no reason to modify their opinion as to the inexpediency of making grants of land for Village Servants and there will be no more difficulty in altering the terms of the cowle to suit this view than in making the other alterations required by the Board in their Proceedings of 30th May 1850.

The approval given to the Cowle by Inl Cons 28th June 1850. Government in Extract Minutes Consultation June 24th 1850. was, the Board consider, with reference to the general principles thereof and neither barred such modifications as the Board might propose nor rendered their sanction of the revised cowle superfluous as Mr. Bourdillon has inferred.—

Extract Minutes Cons 24th June & Cons 4th July 1850.

The Board consider that the late orders of Government in the case of the Wadoor and Balpilly Cowle represent the principle in which they grant authority for the Board to act on occasions of this nature.—

To

Fort St. George 4th July 1850.

To W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Court of Wards
Fort St. George

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From the Collector of Madura .....

Forwarding translation of a Deposition given by Pichammaul Nacheyar mother of the Minor Zemindar of Shevagunga & relative to certain Jewels 7 viz.—

Sir,

Para 1. Having received urzees from Pichemaul Nachear, the Putta stree of the late Zemindar of Shevagunga, stating that the Guardian had falsely represented that she acknowledged 20,000 Rupees and the Putta aroonal to be in her possession, and accusing him and Mungunmaul Natchear Sister of the late Zemindar, of having taken above one Lac of Rupees and some precious stones viz. from the Mansion house soon after the death of the Zemindar I proceeded to Shevagunga for the purpose of investigation.—

2. I took the deposition of Pichemaul Nachear, translation of which is enclosed from behind a Purdah, and afterwards examined the Witnesses she mentioned together with the Gomastah who wrote an urzee dated the 28th April 1849 & which is signed with her name and & unequivocally

unequivocally acknowledges professsion of the 20,000 Rupees and Puttaroonal/and the Manager Sabaputty Pillay.-

3. The result convinced me that Pichmaul Nachear's disavowal of herso former Vrzees is untrue. The Court will observe that she asserts that at a former interview, which I supposed I had held with her from behind a Purdah, she was personated by a Mahamaul Nachear. I do not credit the statement. Mahammaul Nachear resides in a different house. On the former occasion alluded to I was taken to exactly the same place (which is the residence of Pichemaul/as on the present, and feel certain that the voice which addressed me was the same.-

4. I do not exactly remember whether the detention of the 20,000 Rupees then formed the subject of conversation, but I think it did; and if her name had been fraudulently used, she would then have told me of the fact. The Gumastah heard her give directions to Cotee Joseyer, who repeated them to him after which he went to

to a Verandah close by and wrote out the urzee, and finally the Manager an undisguised enemy of the Guardian, admits in his deposition, that he was called on one occasion to her appartments and heard her (she spoke behind cover) say that she would give an answer to my demand for the Money in 4 days. He has no doubt of the voice being hers as he is accustomed to it.

5. To account for her coming at length to the knowledge that her name had been thus fraudulently used, she said that the Guardian read to her my last Memorandum calling for the Money that this was in Chittray 12th April but she had been unable to write to me till now.-

6 This appears to me an incredible story. If the Guardian had used her name unknown to her for nearly a year it is most improbable that he would reveal the fact to her at last, without any greater necessity than had previously existed. And with respect to the delay in writing to me, it is to be observed that she is not a friendless female, but has a

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a Brother nearly 40 years old, who formerly sued for the Estate, and who scolded the Guardian very freely in my presence.-

7. I must mention further as regards the deposition that there was much whispering behind the Purdah while it was being given

8. With respect to the abstraction of the Money by Mahomaul Nachear Pichumaul Nachear states that her information was derived from 3 females These persons depose to the fact, but differ from her and from each other in all those particulars in which persons telling a previously concerted story could differ.-

9. I have also information from the Manager that a short time ago, fifteen hundred Rupees were paid by Pichumaul, as arrears of ~~Peroopoo~~ Quit Rent on her Durmasamum Village in Money obtained from the one of the rooms mentioned in her deposition that the Key was obtained from the Guardian who was at Madura / and who admits the fact / and the boys bore

the

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the name of one of the Villages held by the Minor (now resumed) from which it was collected- This being the case it is plain that the whole of the Money could not have been removed by the Guardian or Mahomaul Nachear soon after the Zemindar's death.-

10 As Pichumaul disclaimed property in any Money contained in the rooms mentioned I was released from all scruples in examining them- I therefore sent to the Guardian for the Keys- He applied for them to Pichumaul who said they were not with her- Consequently I caused the rooms to be broken open in presence of Pichumaul's brother the Guardian the Manager and some Public Servants, but found nothing except Rupees 46-11-11 lying in a small Swamy closet wrapped in a ragged cloth, which were recognized as part of a Kawnikay or Offering given to the Government Cakeel at Madras for the Triplicane Pagoda, but sent by him owing to his scruples as a Mussulman to the Zemindar and a small basket in a box- The Money, I think, should not be

carried

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carried to the Public account, but kept in deposite till some one of the family goes to Trippetty.-

11. The truth of the case appears to me to be this. That the Guardian Pichumal and Mahamaul Natchiyar were in good terms at the time of the Zemindars death, and that whether the sum lodged in the depositories in the private apartments amounted only to 2,000 Rupees or much more, Pichumal was a party to its detention and consented to and signed the writtten in her name that there has since been a quarrel owing to Pichumal appearing more in public than is usual for a young widow so soon after her husbands death - and that she has now removed the Money from the former depositories to some other place and made this accusation.-

12. I believe that the female Witnesses saw nothing of what they mentioned - One of them asserted that she was dismissed in consequence, yet though I have myself been several times at Shevagunga and also Mr. Ratliff and Mr. Hodgson, and on

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on one occasion the object of our visits, within short intervals of each other was the investigation of an alleged Murder by Mahamaul Nachear when her enimies did their utmost to inculpate her, no information of the fact now mentioned by the Witness was given to us. Pichumaul Nachear also by her own avowal, was acquainted with this robbery of her son, after Mahamaul Nachear had personated her in an interview with me (which was in May 1849) - she would not have failed to communicate it to me within the year which has since elapsed.-

13. While, however, I express a decided opinion that the accusation of Pichumaul is groundless, I would beg to be understood as not deeming it improbable that at some time previous or subsequent to the death of the Zemindar Money may have been removed from the Palace - On this point I keep my mind open to any information that may be afforded by accounts or the course of events.-

14 I have received some information regarding the arrival which leads me to doubt whether it belonged to the Rajahs

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Its cost is said to be included among his debts, the accounts of which are now under examination. When I arrive at the Item I will make more particular enquiry.-

15. I am induced to make this Report to the Court of Wards, not as expecting any instructions thereon, but as relating to circumstances with which, in the position of the Estate it is fit they should be acquainted.-

Madura ...
Tinnevelly ...
19th June 1850.

(Signed) R. D. Parker,
Collector

No. 1.

Translation of a Deposition given on the 12th June 1848 by Pechamanacheyar or Mother of the Minor Zemindar of Shevagunga.-

Q. Are you Pechamanacheyar?

A. Yes I am.-

Q. Certain urzees have been received from 5th Instant by Dyewcunnoo stating that they (Urjees) were given by you.- are those Urzees sent by you?-

A. I have written those urjees.-

Q. The Urjees received in your name under

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under date the 28th April 1849 last states that Coolgoseyer sent word to you that an Order was received to the effect that 2,000 Rupees should be demanded from you, and that the sum has been given to you by the late Zemindar for your private use, and that the sum in question has been secured in a house called Karoongul Chowkey in which you live.- Did you write that urjee?

A. I did not write such urjee

Q. Did the late Zemindary give you 2,000 Rupees?

A. He gave me no money but he told me that there is money kept in Karoongul Chowkey

Q. Have you got Puttu aroonal (waist Ornament)?

A. I have not.

Q. Have you got the two Keys belonging to Mahal Veedoo and Pooja Veedoo?

A. No.-

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Note The Karrumgal chow-kry is a raised gravelled Platform situated in a square yard.

The Poojah Veedoo is a small swamy House and the Mahal Veedoo a room, both with doors opening into the yard.

Is the House called Karrumgal Chowkey attached to Pooja Veedoo or Mahal Veedoo or is that separate?

A. The above mentioned three houses are separate.

2. Had the Zemindar money in the three houses?

A. He kept it in the two houses viz^t Mahal Veedoo and Pooja Veedoo you have stated that the Zemindar told you that there was money kept for you.

2. Do you know how much money was left by the Zemindar at the time of his death?

A. I have head by the late Zemindar that there was a sum of more than one lac of Rupees.

2. Will that money be there?

A. I know when the money was carried away but I do not know now whether that sum is there or not. I have heard that the money was carried out by Mahamanacheyar of Malaaramana and Sokoonayakan. I have also been informed that they carried out the money in question on the 8th 16th and 17th days after the death of Zemindar

you

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2. you say that you have heard. By whom you were informed.

A. I was informed by my Manapathy /Kathalayaye/ who was then guard of that house.

2. When did she inform you?

A. My Manapathy /Kathalayaye/ informed me after your honor had conversation with Mahamanacheyar at Palace and returned. I do not know on what date she informed.

2. I did not think that I spoke with Mahamanacheyar but thought that I spoke with you at this place As there was a curtain in the middle I did not see your face. Did I not speak with you at that time?

A. Mahamanacheyar standing before would not allow me to speak to you she spoke to you but I did not speak to you.

2. Were you behind her?

A. She prevented me to come there I did not stand behind her.

2. Did you hear the Takeed I sent you

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you regarding the Pattaaroonal and 20,000 Rupees?

A. I heard the Takeed read by Cooty joseyer and in answer I told him to write that I have neither the twenty thousand Rupees nor the Putta aroonal, to which he said that an answer can be forwarded after two Months. I have written to your honor afterwards.

Q. Has one year elapsed since the Takeed was sent to you?

A. I received the Takeed in the Month of Chittray April May. of this year.

Q. Did you not hear the Takeed sent before this?

A I do not know of it.

Q. You said that Mahamanacheyar spoke with me. Where were you that that time?

A. I was in my Palace. I got something to say more

Q. Tell what you have to say?

A. The Maharaja (Zemindar) had told me that there were Pound Gold, Diamonds Rubies, and Emeralds in the Possaveedoo

Mahamanacheyar

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Mahamanacheyar of Mala arunia-
na who took a loan of my Jewels
Viz.t Mooro-pgoo, Large Earrings and
and Chendrahaaram has not returned
them and she has not yet given me
the Jewel called "Innigamalai"
which was made thro' her means when
Rajah was alive. Mahamanache-
yer, having destroyed the accounts
and Chits written for the said one
Lac of Rupees and Diamonds
Rubies, and Emeralds, gave
some paper Bundles to Mootah-
thah who is a servant of Mala
Arunana.

How

2. How do you know the above particulars?

A I sent my two Women Stanapathies / Veeree and Vally: ama / to bring me the bed used by Maharaja which was in Karoongul Chonkry. they told me that when they were at that Karoongul Chonkry the Sacheyar was destroying the said Documents.

/Signed/ Pichuma Sacheyar.

/True Translation/

/Signed/ R. D. Parker

Collector

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Order thereon:-

Ordered to be recorded

J. C. R.

To,
W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Court of Wards.
Fort St. George.

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From the Collector of Madura.

Sir,

A Promissary Note for 10,500 Rupees deposited in the Civil Court as security for the mesne Profits of the Cuttanoor Sub Division Estate in the Shevagunga Zemindary, now finally adjudged to the Grantee by the Sudr Adalut, will soon fall to the Minor's Estate on the execution of the Precept. I have the honor to request instructions whether to sell it or Keep it in deposito. As the Zemin= =dary is in arrears for Peshcush and may be awarded soon to another Party I would re= =commend the sale. Should the Court Concur, it will be necessary to forward the Note to Madras, as it will not find a Purchaser at Madura but I am not aware whether the usual Course is to transmit it to the Court's Secretary for sale or to the Accountant General.

Madura,
Thoveramcoorchy,
20th June, 1850.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

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Proceedings thereon.- (40.41)

The Board approve of the recommendation of the Collector to sell the Bond of Rupees 10,500, referred to in the foregoing letter, on its coming in possession of the Minor. If Mr. Parker cannot effect its sale at Madura, he will forwarded it to the Government Agents with instructions to dispose of it at Madras, and remit the proceeds direct to him.-

Read the following letter.-

To,

W. H. Bayley Esqre.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

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From the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly - Submitting further information on the Subject of Petition No. 2110 of 1849.-

Sir,

Para 1. With reference to your letter of the 4th April last calling for further information on the subject of Petition No. 2110 of 1849 herewith retransmitted, I have the honor to state for the information of the Board that in the Ayacut Accounts of the Village of Moortheeswarem in the Nelliambalum Taloot[e] paying a hariz of about

about 1000 Rupees per Annum seed e Cottahs 5-12-5- of land are entered as Tripany land of the Nelliapper Pagoda in the said Taloot[e] paying 2/8ths Varem only to Government. From the produce of such portion of the above extent as was cultivated in each year, 2/2 shares were paid on account of the Cultivator's share, and the remaining 2/2 shares to Kowly the Circar of which 2 shares were usually carried to the credit of Government and the remaining 1/2 share paid to the Pagoda.-

2. These lands form a part of the Jodegee lands alluded to in Para 7 of the Mr. Parker's letter to the Board of Revenue dated 21st December 1846 regarding the transfer to the Pagoda Trus=tees of all Sundry Pottom Poorapoo Vara=reyayet &c. lands, and agreeably to the Board's instructions contained in Para 2 of their Secretary's letter of 6th November 1848, the lands in question were made over to the Trustees in common with all other similarly situated lands in the District and a Moochilkah has been taken from the Trustee

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Trustee that from the produce of such
extent of the land in question as
may be cultivated in each year he
should collect 2½ shares and pay 2
shares to the Circar taking the ½ share
for the Pagoda, and that he should

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that the transfer of the same to the
Management of the Trustees will not in
the least affect the rights of the Petitioner.
The Trustees will collect 2½ shares with re-
ference to the extent Cultivated, paying to