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Fort St. George 24th. August 1854

Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

29-30.

No. 14

To

J. Pycroft Esqre.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

31.

B. No. 2818

From the Agent to the Governor at Kurnool

Sir,

The Board of Revenue having directed me to forward a periodical report for the information of Government on the state of the season &c. until further orders, I have the honor to state that since the date of my last report, the weather has continued to be extremely favorable and great energy and Activity has been displayed by the Cultivators whose means admit of it to bring their lands under Cultivation.—

X 21st July 1854

Several of the Tanks in the Dis-

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trict have received a fair supply of water and the Ponasa Crops are doing well. I request however to state that Cholera has been raging to a great extent in nearly all parts of the District, but more espe-

cially in the Southern Talooks. The poorer Classes of Cultivators who for a time relinquished employment on Public Works in order to sow their lands are again seeking it and until the harvest season, it will be necessary to afford them this means of subsistence.—

Kurnool, Government Agents Office, 2d. August 1854

(Signed) T. Conway

Agent to the Governor

To

11274. Fort St. George 24th August 1854

Order thereon (31-32.) Ordered to be recorded.

No. 29

To

B. Cunliffe Esqre

Sub Secretary in charge
to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

(33.)

B. No. 2958

From the Agent to the Governor at Kurnool — Sir,

In continuation of my letter addressed direct to the Government, under date the 2d Instant, I have the honor to report that the season still continues favorable, and the Ponasa or early dry Crops are in a thriving state, save in one or two Villages in the Goodoor Talook (bordering on the Punchapaliem Talook in the Bellary Destrict) where very little rain has fallen.—

The large Tanks of the District have received a supply of water sufficient for commencing the cultivation of the Wet Crops, but the supply has been deficient in the smaller Tanks. The Cholera has greatly abated, and food is getting cheaper, but until the harvest of the early Crops, the people will continue to be dependent upon employment on Public Works.

Kurnool, Government Agents Office 11th August, 1854 — (Signed) I. Conway — Agent to the Governor

Ordered

11275. Fort St. George 24th August 1854

Order thereon (33-34.) Ordered to be recorded.

No. 187.

To

W. H. Bayley Esqre

Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

(35.)

B. No. 2735

From the Ag. Collector of Chingleput — Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 5th July, I have the honor to state for the information of the Board of Revenue, that the time allowed for the defence of the Suit instituted against Mr. Cochrane and others by the renter of the Shrotriem Village of Mavaloor Cooppum expired with the 27th Idem. I have directed the Government Vakeel to apply for a further period of one month, and request the early instructions of the Board on the subject.—

Chingleput District, Collector's Cutcherry, Sydapet, 2d August, 1854 — (Signed) P. B. Smollett — Acting Collector.—

Order thereon (35-36.) Ordered to be recorded the reply of Government has since been received and forwarded to the Collector.—

No. 59

To

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

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B. No. 2261

From the Collector of North Arcot

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Endorsement on Petition 710 of 1854 herewith returned, I have the honor to submit the following brief report on the claim of the Petitioner Rochalla Shah therein set forth.—

2 The Village of Cunnecunniah in Vellore Talook was granted by Nabob Omdut-ool Omrah in Hyjeree year 1214, as an Enam to the family of one Syed Kareem Ollah Shah for their subsistence, in lieu of a yeomiah of one Rupee daily. The original grant is not now forthcoming, but a second dated in Hyjeree year 1215 is produced which recite the previous grant, and adds to it the Cuttpuddy & lands of the Village, which had been excheated from the first grant.—

3 The holder of the Village at the time of the British assumption appears to have been Amtool Fatmah, widow of the above said

said Syed Kareem Oollah Shah, who seems also to have held the position of head of the family from the first. This female resided at the Presidency and received the proceeds of the Enam through the Collector of Madras, she is stated to have died on the 30th December 1853. The present Petitioner Rochollah professes to be her Grandson and heir, his Father, her only son being dead.—

4. Respecting the truth of this alleged relationship I have no means of judging, as Amtool Fatmah and all her family have for many years resided at Madras. The necessary enquiries must therefore be made there. As respects the tenure of the Enam, I beg to enclose a translation of the summud already spoken of, as well as an Extract from Mr. Grame's Register of Enam Villages prepared in 1815, so far as it relates to Cunnecunniah. When the Dehaut Enams were commuted into Money allowances in 1849 an allowance of 576 Rupees annually was assigned to Amtool Fatmah, as the average yearly value of the Village.—

North Arcot, Collector's Cutcherry, Chittoor, 29th June 1854

Signed J. D. Bourdillon
Collector

No. 1 Petition
Extract

11278

Fort St. George 24th August 1854

No. 2. Extract from the Register of alienated Villages in the District of North Arcot prepared by Mr. Greme in A. D. 1815.-

Number in the Register	Name of the Villages in English	Name of the Villages in the local Language	Actual or estimated annual value of the Village		Name of the person at present holding the Village or the Pagoda or mosque for the expenses of which the Village was assigned	By whom Originally granted & by whom confirmed	Date of the Grant		Hereditary or during the natural life of the Incumbent	Copy of the grant registered or not registered in the Collr's Office	Annual Rent payable for the Village	Remarks
			Pagodas	F C			A.D					
1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
258	Canakanyah of Vellore Taluk	கன்னிகாபுரம் தாலுக்கு வேலூர்	98.	4039	Amaytool Fatimah Wife of Syd Carrim Oollah Shah assigned for prolongation prosperity of Government	Granted by Nabob Oomdut-ool-Oomrah	26th Rujjub 1214 Hijera of the Purwanah and 26th Jamadis-sanie 1215 Hijera of the Purwanah of Nabob Oomdut Oolomrah		Hereditary	Registered 2 Original Purwanahs	" "	

True Extract
Signed J. D. Bourdillon
Collector
Shayah

No. 3

Shayah Allum
Bahadoor Badshah Ghazee
Nabob Comdut Ool Comrah
Wallajah Ameer Ool Hind Comdut
Ool Mooluk Asfooded Dowlah Asee
warthey Coun, Hoosain ally Caun Bahadur
Yool Faukur Jung Sephasirdar
Saihoos saif Wull Callum
Furzeud Azzees Azjam
Hizree 1210.—

Be it Known to the present and future anuels of the Veeranjeepoor Vulgo purganah Talook of the Jaghire of the Fort at Vellore in Carnatic Poinghaut in the Soubah of Mahomedpoor otherwise called Arcot that the Village of Curmy cunniah in the Vapumput Talook of the above said Purganah, yielding at present a Collection of 360 Rupees inclusive of Cuttuddy land, but exclusive of Enam Roosoom, Merah and Muckmah Vulgo was granted, exclusive of the Cuttuddy land, as Enam from fusly 1209 to the family of Sied Curreem Oollah Shah, in lieu of a yeomiah of 1 Rupee per diem, by virtue of my letter of the 26th Rajub, Hezree 1214— But now, in accordance with the Saval Dusturly, the Cuttuddy land is also to be included in the Grant from the commencement of fusly 1210 and the same puts in

in possession of the said family, that they may enjoy the produce and pray to God for my prosperity.—

26th Jamadesany }
Hizeree 1215— } A Saval Dusturly relating to the case, the purport of which is as follows. It recapetulates the particulars of the Village of Curmy cunniah to be granted to the family of Sied Curreemollah shah, with the Cuttuddy land attached to it, from fusly 1210— Of the Nabobs personal initials on Sied Curreem Oollah Shahs petition signifying his pleasure to prepare the Purwanah accordingly and of the Jumabundy account for fusly 1209 to be received by the Hoozoor Order from Mustafzur Ray Anund row, showing the Collection of this Village to be 360 Rupees exclusive of the Cuttuddy land, Enam Roosoom Merah and Muckmah.—

The purport of the Petition is as follows.—

That although the Mastazurs Jummabundy account showed the Collection of the Village to be 360 Rupees, still that the Village is nothing more than a mere scene of barrenness, without inhabitants and scarcely capable

capable of yielding a hundred Rupees annually, that in fusly 1209 it yielded only 10 Rupees and 5 Cullums of Paddy, and praying therefore that a Purvanah might be issued, including the Cutbuddy land also in the grant.—

The Saval Duskutty then proceeds to point out that the value of the Village, inclusive of the Cutbaddy land, is 620 Rupees according to the Summabundy account and Solicits instructions as to the manner in which the Purvanah from fusly 1210, is to be prepared in the name of Seed Curreem Oolah Shahs family, to whom the Village, bearing a collection of 360 Rupees, exclusive of the Cutbaddy land had been allotted in lieu of a daily Yoonmah of one Rupee.—

The instructions bearing the personal signature "Swad" is to accede to the prayer of the Petition and prepare a Purvanah accordingly.—

According to Jumabundy account Submitted by Mustazer Roy Ammola Row exclusive of Cutbaddy land } Rupees 360-

Cutbeddy land deducted from Jumabundy Cawnies 90 valued at Rupees 260-

Viz.t

Punjah Cawnies 8 at 2 Rupees the Cawny Rupees 160-

Nunjah Cawnies 10 at 10 Rupees the Cawny Rupees 100-

21st Jamadesany } Virgee 1215 }

Here

Here follows notes recording receipts of Copies of this Purvanah in the several Official Departments of the time.—

/ A true translation and abstract /
/ Signed / J. D. Bourdillon.
Collector.

37-38.

B. No. 1804

Proceedings thereon

Ordered that the above letter and Enclosures be forwarded to the Acting Collector of Madras, with a request that he will institute an enquiry into the alleged relationship of Petitioner with the deceased Atmool Fatmah and report the result to the Board.—

2 The Collector will also be pleased to forward to the Board the Original Sunnud and Documents on which the claim of Petitioner is founded.—

No. 88

To,

W. H. Bayley Esq.re
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

39.

B. No. 2770

From the Collector of North Arcot

On the 18th February 1854 a Statement was sent to the Board of Revenue

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11283 Fort St. George 24th August 1854

Revenue from this Office shewing the Enams and mairah of the Village Officers of the District. The Office Copy of that Statement having been mislaid, I have the honor to request that you will be goodenough to forward to me the Original, that a Copy may be made. It shall be returned as early as possible.—

North Arcot — —
Collector's Cutcherry
Chittoor 3d August
1854 —

/Signed/ P. D. Bourdillon
Collector

B. No. 1798
Resolution thereon (39-40.)

Resolved that the Original Statement received with Mr. Roberts' letter dated 18th February 1830 be forwarded to the Collector of North Arcot, with a request that it may be returned when no longer required.—

To

11284 Fort St. George 24th August 1854

No. 94

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

(41.)

B. No. 2997
From the Collector of North Arcot

Sir,

With reference to your Circular letter of the 7th Instant, I have the honour to state for the information of the Board of Revenue that the number of Copies of the Circular Orders required in this District is sixteen, nine in Tamil and seven in Telugoo.—

2 As Tahsildars familiar with English are rare, and all such are also well acquainted with Tamil or Telugoo, I do not think it expedient to supply Copies in the first mentioned language in place of Copies in the Vernacular languages.—

North Arcot, — — —
Collector's Circuit Cutcherry,
Palmanair, — — — — —
18th August 1854 — — —

/Signed/ P. D. Bourdillon
Collector.—

Order thereon (41-42.)

Ordered to lie over.—

To

No. 97

To

W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

(43.)

B. No. 3029

From the Collector of North Arcot

Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to an Extract from the Board's Proceedings dated 6th July 1854 gives opinion regarding the taxing of the Opium —

With pw Extract from their Proceedings dated 6th July 1854. the Board of Revenue Circulated Copy of a letter from the Government of India to the Madras Government dated May 12th 1854, respecting the expediency of prohibiting the Cultivation of the Poppy in the Madras Territories, and imposing an excise duty on Opium; — and at the same time they asked for information as to the extent of Poppy Cultivation and the Sales of Opium in the Several Collectorates, and requested the opinion of the Collectors on the proposition of the Supreme Government —

2 I have the honor to state in reply that as far as I can learn the Poppy does not appear to be cultivated in any part of this District — The Sale of Opium is on the smallest scale, being limited to its use as Medicine with

with possibly a small addition in a very few localities, for the purpose of intoxication. —

3 As to the proposal of taxing the article, the Board are aware that it was formerly subject to a tax, which was abolished in 1843 as a part of what were called the Transit duties — One Ground of the abolition of those duties was their inquisitorial character, and the facilities they afforded for extortion; and I am at a loss to know how a tax could be reimposed on Opium, not only without a much larger expenditure than the tax would amount to, which might possibly be thought wise for the sake of Revenue elsewhere, but also without a vast amount of inquisition and annoyance — If the Moturfah tax were to be perpetuated, another item might indeed be added to it for the sale of Opium; but if as is believed and as is to be hoped, that most injurious tax is soon to be abolished, the tax on

Opium whether as an excise duty or as a tax on its sale, would stand alone, and as already said, it would be both expensive and inquisitorial.—

4. Instead of prohibiting the cultivation of the Poppy, and laying an excise on Opium, I would beg to recommend the levy of a duty on the export of the article, as heretofore are the practice, I believe at Bombay. This Presidency might by that means acquire a small share of the trade in that Commodity; which however, it appears to be the object of the measure now contemplated, to secure wholly to Bengal.—

North Arcot ———
Collector's Circuit Cutchery
Palmanair, ———
21st August, 1854 ——

/Signed/ J. D. Bourdillon
Collector

Order thereon. Order to lie over

(43-44.) To.

No. 56

To

B. Cunliffe Esqre.
Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

(45.)

B. No. 2415

From the Collector of Salem

Reporting that the Agraharum of Nakaraputty in the Raizepoor Talook has been resumed on account of arrears of Fusly 1262.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Board that the Agraharum of Nakaraputty in the Raizepoor Talook has been resumed on account of arrears which accrued in Fusly 1262, and to request that authority may be obtained for writing Off from the public accounts the present outstanding arrears against that Village.—

2 The agraharum of Nakaraputty assessed at an annual Jodigy of Rupees 771—8—3 was attached on the 19th January 1853, and the usual Establishment entertained for its management. The amount of arrears to the Close of that month, with the subsequent arrears to the end of Fusly 1262, and the balance after deducting

Arrears on the Agraharum to the Close Fusly 1262 of January 1853	113—1—6	
Do. accruing from that period to the Close of Fusly 1262	540—8—3	
	Total 653—9—9	
Deduct		
Collections to the Close of Fusly 1262	247—0—0	
Do. from the Commencement of Fusly 1263 to 4th January 1854,	474—5—2	
	Total 721—5—2	
Deduct		
Interest	31—6—11	
Sibendy charges	62—12—11	
	Total 94—3—10	
	Remainder 627—1—4	
	Balance 26—8—6	

deducting Collections are Shewn in the Margin

3 The agraharum was retained under Government management for the full term of one year, in accordance with the provisions of Section 32 of the Kookroomaniah, and at the expiration of the year on the 19th. January 1854, was incorporated with the Circar lands, as there was a balance outstanding on that date of Rupees 26-8-5 for Fusly 1262, and a further balance of Rupees 231 was due on account of the Jodigy for Fusly 1263.

4. In regard to the balance outstanding for Fusly 1262, I beg to state that the Agraharumdars brought Rupees 28—5—3 on the 21st January 1854, three days after the term appointed expired, to the Taluk Cutcherry, and that the Tahsildar having contrary to rule accepted this money and Credited it in the Taluk Treasury accounts, it was remitted to the Huzzoor Treasury and brought to account in the Returns for January 1854.—

Balance 26-8-5
Interest 1-12-10
Total 28-5-3

5 As this payment ought not to have been accepted after the year allowed to the defaulters had

has expired, I request that the necessary sanction may be given for debiting it in the Ayen accounts, and returning it to the late proprietor.—

6 In reporting this case, I beg to observe that the Agraharum has been attached for arrears—and an Establishment entertained for its management almost every year for many years past. The statement in the Margin exhibits in what years and for what amount of arrears it was thus attached from Fusly 1250 to 1262.—

Years	Arrears Rupees a. p.
Fusly 1250	127 — 4 — 0
" 1251	270 — 13 — 10
" 1252	194 — 12 — 8
" 1255	203 — 0 — 0
" 1256	380 — 8 — 3
" 1257	338 — 10 — 1
" 1258	241 — 5 — 9
" 1259	173 — 4 — 0
" 1260	240 — 0 — 0
" 1261	52 — 3 — 8
" 1262	113 — 1 — 6

Saleim — — —
Collector's Office
Cossoor — —
10th. July 1854.

45-46.

B. No. 1813
To the Chief Secy. to Government—

/ Signed / H. A. Bratt
Collector

Ordered to be submitted to Government with the following letter.—

No. 388

To, The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to

dated 10th. July
in Cons. 24th.
August 1854

to submit for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Collector of Salem reporting that the Agrahrum of Nakarapully in the Paiyepoor Talook has been resumed on account of arrears which accrued in Fusly 1262, and requesting authority for writing off in the accounts the balances outstanding against that Village.—

2. The attachment of the Village took place in January 1853, since which time it has remained under Government management, thus completing the full term of one year prescribed by Section 32 of the Hookoomnamah, and on the 19th. January 1854 when that term expired, it was incorporated with the Circar lands, the balance outstanding on that date being Rupees 26—8—5 for Fusly 1262 and Rupees 231 for Fusly 1263 on account of Jodigy.—

Rs a P
Balance 26-8-5
Interest —1-13-10
Total —28-6-3

3 The Collector further reports that 3 days after the expiration of the appointed term the balance due for Fusly 1262 was tendered inclusive of interest to the Tahsildar who contrary to rule accepted and brought the same to account.—

4 Sanction is therefore requested not only for writing off in the accounts the balances above reported but also for debiting in the Ayen accounts the sums received on account of arrears for Fusly 1262 Viz. Rupees 28—6—3 and returning the same to the late proprietor of the Agraharum.—

5. It is to be observed that this agraharum has been attached for arrears every year for many years past, and there is no ground for departing from the usual rules as to its resumption.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George,
24th. August, 1854

/ Signed / W. H. Bayley
Secretary To

No. 99

To

B. Cunliffe Esqr.
Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

(47.)

B. No. 2674

From the Collector of South Arcot

Sir,

A claim having been preferred by Fakeer Mahomed Yahah an Enamdar in the Village of Kalyday oor in Verdachellam Talook praying for a grant of land on rent free tenure in lieu of the quantity of his Enam land taken up by the line of en Trunk road No. 8, I have the honar to submit the case for the consideration and orders of the Board of Revenue.—

C Teerah
Poonjah 8-33-6-7
Garden 12-126-0-0
20-159-6-7

According to our accounts 20 Cawnies of Enam land, as per en margen, appears to have been granted by the late Nabab of the Carnatic to the Grand father of the claim= ant on the occasion of the Procession attending the Corpse of the Nabob Vallajah when being carried for burial to Trichinopaly having halted for a short time on

Poonjah C. A. Teerwah
Poonjah 1-9¼-6-10-u
Garden 1-9-16-6-6
3-24-23-u-6

on the spot. Of this quantity C 3 — A 24 bearing a teerwah of Rupees 23 — u — 6 has been appropriated for the Trunk road No. 8, and the claimant has applied for fresh land instead of what he has thus lost. As there happens to be no suitable land available in the same Village, two of the Puttah-dars in the adjoining one of "Punsar" have voluntarily resigned C 3 — A 15 3/4 of Poonjah land bearing a teerwah of Rs 23 — A u — P 6 in favor of the claimant. I beg therefore to request that the Board will be pleased to authorize the transfer of the said land to the Petitioner in exchange for that portion of his original Enam which has been included in the high road.

1 Mahamed Khan
2 Tippoo
Poonjah 3-15 3/4-23-u-

The Board will observe that the land proposed to be given is not of the same quality as that which was taken up for the road, but that it bears the same amount of Assessment.

South Arcot
Collectors Cutcherry
Cuddalore
26th July 1854

/ Signed / A. Hall
Collector

Received

M47-48.

No. 384

P. No. 1792

Proceedings thereon Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2 The Collector states, it will be seen, that of the 20 Cawnies of land held by Fakeer Mahomed Yahab in the Village of Kaledyoor C 3 — A 2 1/4 — bearing a Teerva of Rupees 23 — u — 6 has been appropreated for the Trunk Road No. 8, and as no suitable land is available in the same Village, Mr. Hall requests authority to transfer C 3 — A 15 3/4 of Poonjah land bearing

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bearing a terra of Rupees

23 — u — 5 in the adjoining

one of Punsar to the Petitioner

in exchange for that portion

of his original Enam which

has been included in the

high road.—

3. The Board beg

to recommend that the Collector's

request be complied with.—

To

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To, The Secretary
Board of Revenue

(49.)

Sir,

B. No. 2723.

From Captain F. J. B. Priestley
In Charge of S. A. Survey.— } After causing 18 Villages

Reporting that after a fair trial the diagonal system was found to be objectionable and that he has consequently resumed the system on which the survey was originally commenced.—

in the Kolamalay Jaghire to be measured by chain and cross staff making 3/4 Cawnie the minimum size of one number, and so having the Village site irrigation channels, roads &c. first laid down by chain and compass, thus dividing the Village area into convenient small portions, I have now the honor to report that after a fair trial I find the following objections to its being adapted.—

The great accuracy in taking the offsets required is frequently not attended to sometimes from carelessness, but I am inclined to think that in many instances the cross staff (though shod with iron) was insufficient without great time and labor to enter the baked brick-like dry rice fields, hence the staff was either pushed into a crack in the ground near the proper position or the measurer endeavoured to take the Offset holding

holding the staff in his hand, besides this the shifting of the sight Vanes if unnoticed would cause almost any amount of error.-

Land in Kolamalay is valuable and the people extremely tenacious, they &c. therefore insisted on every petty turn or twist in a field boundary being marked by off set / though I had instructed the people employed to restrict the Offsets as a general rule to one on either side, unless a noticeable difference would be caused in the field by adhering to the rule / the consequence in computing the contents may be imagined besides the extra work in plotting.

Great interruption and explanation is required in every Village, for the inhabitants of one I drew a diagram and had a short explanation drawn up in Tamil this answered for a few days after which they objected if the chain line passed out of the field being measured, into another, on account of great irregularity of boundary thus A (---) B.-

The necessity of either leaving out the banks or ridges, by which the closing

is made less probable, or the allowance of the area of banks / all but impossible to ascertain / or in lieu of it a per centage.-

The chain running diagonally through the fields and again offsets being taken to other corners, injures the crops and &c. causes complaints of damage, and violent altercation.-

The great difficulty in plotting notwithstanding the assistance of some accurately graduated & Scales, the slightest deviation from a right angle causing error the measurements required examination and re-examination the plans plotting and replotting before they were passable.-

I may therefore say that though I think the system feasible with practised work men, yet it has in this country the 2 great objections of being a constant source of disagreement and alteration, / and in some cases with reason / and of being when compared with the N.W. Province Khusrah method so much more complicated and unintelligable to the natives and consequently more tedious and expensive I have therefore resumed that system on which the

survey

survey was originally commenced.-

Camp Chayliah Tope, 27th July, 1854.- } Signed / F. I. B. Priestley, Captain In Charge of S. A. Survey

Ordered that the following letter be sent in consequence.-

(49-50.)

Bd. No. 1802.

To The Collector of South Arcot.

Stating that the Board consider it desirable for Captain Priestley to return to the Khusrek method of Survey, as the Diagonal system seems open to many objections.

Rec'd 24th August 1854.

To,

The Collector of
South Arcot.

Sir,

With reference to a communi= =cation from Captain Priestley dated 27th July copy of which is enclosed for your information the Board direct me to state that they consider it desirable for Captain Priestley to return to the Khusrek method of Survey as the Diagonal system seems open to many objections. The Board feel assured that Captain Priestly would not have been deterred from prosecuting this method had not the difficulties he speaks of been such as to render a continuance of the method useless=

2. At the same time the Board would observe that all the Revenue Surveys

surveys in Bombay have been made by chain and cross staff measurements; so that there must be peculiar local circumstances to cause it to fail elsewhere, they are therefore inclined to attribute the objections to it not so much to the opposition of the ryots, as to the difficulty of platting this kind of work. In Bombay each field was measured separately but not connected with those next to it by a continuous platting as in Captain Priestley's method, after all the fields were measured and platted separately they were made to fit into each other as well as circumstan= =ces would allow the great size of the fields rendered this practicable; but with such small fields as those where Captain Priestley is surveying, the Board are of opinion that the Khusrek method is preferable to the Bombay one, and it has the very great advantage of being understood by the people. It is never perfectly accurate it is true, but it is not probable that objections will be taken to the Records of Khusrek Measurements

if

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if ryots suspect error they would re-measure by this very Khusreh method-

3. The Maps are herewith returned It would have been well had the "Scale" been marked on them.-

4. In carrying on the khusreh-es Captain Priestley might at once adopt the system of clubbing a few small fields together, entering their separate areas-es from the Village Accounts as proposed in parae. 25 of the Board's Proceedings of 27th. February 1854 and approved of by Government in para 8 of Extract Minutes Consultation 3rd. July 1854. If the single area by survey does not correspond with the Village Account, the fields should be measured separately.-

5. The Board would wish Captain Priestly to make all his Official communi-cations through you, in order that yawes may be kept informed of every thing that passes, and the Board will be happy to receive any observations yaw may have to offer on such communications.-

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
24th. August, 1854.-

/Signed/ W. H. Bayley
Secretary

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No. 62.

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

(51.)

B/c. No. 2702.
From the Collector of Tanjore.-

Sir,

I have the honor to submit an appeal petition presented by Kistnyengar late Naut Curnum of Ayacarumbalum in Twitrapoondy against a decision passed by me in November last under Regulation IX of 1822, together with the proceedings held in the case.-

Tanjore,
Kodicurriay,
26th. July, 1854.-

/Signed/ H. Forbes
Collector

Proceedings

11305

Fort St George

No 1 Abstract Statement shewing the extent of Nunjah Cultivation in the Districts of Tanjore for Fusly 1263 as compared with Fusly 1264 up to the 24th August 1854

Date up to which returns have been received.	Talooks	Nunjah Cultivation Fusly 1263			Nunjah Cultivation Fusly 1264			Punjah Cultivation Fusly 1263		Punjah Cultivation Fusly 1264	
		Cudapacar	Sumbah Peshanum	Total	Cudapacar	Sumbah Peshanum	Total	Extent of Cultivation	Extent of Cultivation	Extent of Cultivation	Extent of Cultivation
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Valies	Valies	Valies	Valies	Valies	Valies	Valies	Valies	Valies	Valies
20th July 1854	Paupanasem	69	-	69	118	-	118	-	51	-	16
	Munnargoody	149	-	149	20	-	20	45	72	24	17
	Nunnilcum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Codarapal	59	-	59	-	-	-	19	1	22	7
	Tranquebar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Myaveram	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Coottalum	30	2	32	9	1	10	-	7	47	31
	Combaconum	143	8	151	78	7	85	105	70	140	98
	Shcally	4	6	10	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
	Parellum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Valengamaun	64	-	64	15	-	15	14	14	24	21
	Total 11 Talooks	518	16	534	243	8	251	183	215	257	190
30th June 1854	Puttoocottah	78	10	88	-	-	-	102	15	6	7
	Trivalore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11th July 1854	Tritrapoondy	88	28	116	7	-	7	61	36	4	-
	Trivady	523	61	584	477	85	562	62	204	265	136
31st July 1854	Kecvalore	210	1	211	7	-	7	28	-	21	-
	Total 5 Talooks	899	100	999	491	85	576	253	255	296	143
	Grand Total	1417	116	1533	734	93	827	436	470	553	333
	Deduct	734	93	827				Net Increase	24	Net Increase	220
	Difference	683	23	706				Centage	5½	Centage	40
	Centage	48½	19¼	46							

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(Signed) H. Forbes
Collector

Memorandum

11306

Fort St. George

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No. 2. Memorandum shewing the quantity of Seed sown for Fusly 1264 in Tanjore.-

Date of the Return	Talooks	Sown Last year			Sown this year			
		Cadapacar	Sumba Peshanum	Total	Cadapacar	Sumba Peshanum	Total	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
		Cullums	Cub	Cub	Cub	Cub	Cub	
20th July	Paupanasem	7,006	38,691	45,697	6,520	9,013	15,533	Last year's return prepared up to 31st July
	Munnargoody	8,118	23,657	31,775	4,496	9,003	13,499	
	Nunnilcum	10171	12,610	22,781	2,723	420	3,143	
	Codavasel	11530	17354	28884	6,516	3,298	9,814	
	Tranquebar	10	559	569	"	"	"	
	Myaveram	9365	23749	33114	2,737	735	3,472	
	Coottalum	6,286	12,126	18412	4,971	3,670	8,641	
	Combaconum	5,964	12,190	18154	5,183	6,054	11,237	
	Sheally	5411	3,140	8,551	1,392	165	1,557	
	Paralum	9203	8145	17348	3,481	2,424	5,905	
	Velangamaun	8,059	28325	36384	6,636	12,847	19,483	
	Total	81,123	180546	261669	44,655	47,629	92,284	
30th June	Pulloocottah	786	-	786	4	-	4	
	Trivalloor	4,002	101	4,103	224	-	224	
11th July	Tritrapoonoy	13359	8862	22221	3,031	456	3487	
	Trivady	11879	7341	19220	11,812	2757	14,569	
31st July	Keevalloor	13269	4,938	55207	5396	1175	6571	
	Total	43295	58242	101537	20467	4388	24855	
	Grand Total	124418	238788	363206	65122	52017	117139	
	Deduct	65122	52017	117139				
	Difference	59296	186771	246067				
	Centage	47 5/8	79 1/2	68 3/4				

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(Signed) H Forbes
Collector

53-54. Order thereon — Ordered to be recorded.

No 234

To B. Cuncliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

55.

Bc No 2843

From the Collector of Tanjore - - - }

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the explanation of Runga Row. suspended Tahsildar of Tranquebar as directed in the Board's proceedings of the 27th ultimo.

Tanjore Collector's Office. Tranquebar 7th August, 1854. } (Signed) H. Forbes Collector

Bc No 1799

Proceedings thereon.

55-56

The Board of Revenue confirm the suspension of four months awarded by the Collector of Tanjore to Runga Row Tahsildar of Tranquebar.-

2. Mr Forbes' attention is called to the standing orders of the Board requiring Enclosures in the native language to be accompanied by Translations. The address of Runga Row is in Tamil, and a Translation should have

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have been forwarded with it.-

Bc No 2444

From the Collector of Trichinopoly. } 57.

Read Statement of Extra Tent allowance drawn by himself and his subordinates during Fasly 1263.-

Bc No 1795

Proceedings thereon.

57-58.

The extra Tent allowance drawn by each officer for the number of days noted in the margin, is sanctioned by the Board of Revenue.

Mr J. Bird Collector for 109 days
R. G. Smith Head Assistant Collector for } 254.-
R. E. Sullivan Assistant Collector for } 79.-

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Proceedings be transmitted to Civil Auditor for his information.-

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No 67

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

59.

Sir,

Bc No 2834

From the Collector of Trichinopoly. - - } Para 1.

As directed by your Board's Order of the 26th ultimo on Petition No 1384 of 1854, I have the honor to submit further explanation of Petitioner's case than that contained in my endorsement dated 31st May 1854 on his complaint.-

Petitioner

2- Petitioner has Manieam Land in the Village of Terovarumboor, a portion of which is cultivated by one Hafiz Ahmed Bodawlah and a portion by one Appoovien. The complained that neither of these parties had rendered him his Malwarem share of the produce of his land.-

3 The Tahsildar was directed to enquire into the matter and see that Petitioner got his grain rent. Hafiz Ahmed Bodawlah acknowledged Petitioner's claim and made over the 6 Cullums of grain. Appoovien produced a Mortgage Bond on the land for Money advanced many years ago, and declined compliance with the demand of 30 Cullums unless the Petitioner redeem his mortgage.-

4 Appoovien has been some years in possession. I submit this is not a case for me to adjudicate. Petitioner must sue his tenant in the Civil Courts for rent due. This enam land has been mortgaged

Mortgaged for many years.-

5 The original is returned

Trichinopoly District.
Moosery. Collector's Circuit
Cutcherry. 5th August 1854

(Signed) J Bird
Collector

Bd's No 1808.

Proceedings thereon. Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No 1384 of 1854.-

(59-60.)

"The Board learn from the report of the Collector that the complaint of Petitioner is matter for the Civil Courts, and therefore refer him to those tribunals."-

Jo

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2- Petitioner has Manieem Land in the Village of Seroovarumboor, a portion of which is cultivated by one Hafiz Ahmed Oodawlah and a portion by one Appoovien. He complained that neither of these parties had rendered him his Malwarem share of the produce of his land.-

3 The Tahsildar was directed to enquire into the matter and see that Petitioner got his grain rent. Hafiz Ahmed Oodawlah acknowledged Petitioner's claim and made over the 6 Cullums of grain. While Appoovien produced a Mortgage Bond on the land for Money advanced many years ago, and declined compliance with the demand of 30 Cullums unless the Petitioner redeem his mortgage.-

4 Appoovien has been some years in profession. I submit this is not a case for me to adjudicate. Petitioner must sue his tenant in the Civil Courts for rent due. This enam land has been

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(59-60.)

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No 73

To

Wm Bayley Esqre

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St George

61.

Bo No 2996.

Sir,

From the Collector of Trichinopoly -

With reference to your Circular letter of the 7th Instant, I have the honor to state that 10 Copies of the Tamil Translations of the Circular orders are required for distribution in this District, Viz- to the Head and Nair Sheristadars and the 8 Tahsildars.-

Trichinopoly. - -
Collectors Office.
18th August 1854 -

(Signed) J Bird
Collector

Order thereon.

61-62.

Ordered to lie over.

To

11310 Fort St George 24th August 1854

No 114

To

B. Cuncliffe Esqre

Sub Secretary to the

Court of Wards

Fort St George

63.

Bo No 2738.

Sir,

From the Collector of Madura - -

I have the honor to solicit the sanction of the Court of Wards to the accompanying Plan and Estimate for the enlargement and improvement of the Manager's Cutcherry at Shevagungah.-

2 The building is at present very confined, and the verandah which is the most costly portion of the estimate is urgently required for the accommodation of the Cutcherry attending at the Summabundy and during enquiries. There is an equal necessity for the construction of a record Room in order that the Records may be duly arranged and protected instead of being confusedly piled on trestles in the open Cutcherry.-

Madura - - -
Thiroopputtoor,
10th July 1854 -

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Estimate.

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No 1. Estimate of the expense for repairing and constructing the undermentioned Public Building in the minor Zemindary of Sheragungah in the District of Madura and Dindigul.-

Tallo. No. Name of Work	Measurements: Length	Breadth	Height	Cubical Contents	Superficial Contents	Particulars of work	Price: Rupees	Annas	Pies	Rate per	Articles of Work: Rupees	Annas	Pies	Remarks
Office of Manager's Cutcherry at Sheragungah.-	79	3/4	5	296 1/4		Basement to Verandah including foundation								
	7	5 1/2	3/4	28 7/8		Small covered drain								
	Total Cubical feet			325 1/8	or 6 cy yds	12 1/16 New laterite stone in Chunam					4		6 cy yds 48 4	
	73 1/2	1	5	367 1/2		Basement to Verandah above								
Comment.	6	1 1/4	7	52 1/2		Wall on the Northside.								The present building is too confined.-
	53	4 1/4	1/2	112 5/8		Flooring								
Opening a Door way in east side and constructing a Verandah Sheragungah.-	Total 6 cs feet			532 5/8	or Cy yds 19 3/4	Brick in Chunam at	2	4	-	-	44	7	-	
	63	10	1/2	315		Veranda Terrace								
	63	1 1/4	1/2	39 3/8		Cornice to old wall								
	Total 6 cs feet			354 3/8	or 6 cy yds 13 1/8	Brick in Chunam	3	-	-	-	39	6	-	
	124	10	-	-	1240	Inside of the Verandah								
	16	12	-	-	756	Outside of the old wall								
	Total Square feet			-	1996	or Sqyare 20 Plastering in Chunam	2	-	-	Sqyare	40	-	-	
						11 Jungle wood Verandah Posts	2	8	-	each	27	8	-	
						10 Do — Do Beams —	2	8	-	-	25	-	-	
						22 Do Longitudinal rafters	-	4	-	-	5	8	-	
						11 Do Heads to Posts —	-	8	-	-	5	8	-	
						20 Rafters including Breast Summers —	-	12	-	-	15	-	-	
						100 Palmira rafters —	-	10	-	-	62	8	-	
						10 Do for Edges —	-	8	-	-	5	-	-	
						20 Do Valays —	-	4	-	-	5	-	-	
						Double door and frame including bolts and Pas Cocks complete	20	-	-	-	20	-	-	
						300 Nails —	3	-	-	100	9	-	-	

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Jac. 1.2	Names of Works	Measurements: Length	Breadth	Height	Cubical contents	Superficial Contents	Particulars of work	Price: Rupees	cts	Rate per	Rs	cts	Articles Work: Rs	cts	Remarks
							Hire for Carpenter _____				20	-			
							Sundries for removing old wall and scaffolding &ca _____	10	-	Cent	37	3	3	409	4 3
Closing up present door way & making a window in Cha.m.		3	3	2	18		Closing up present door way								
					Cea yds	11/16	Brick in Chunam _____	2 4		Cea yds	1	8	9		
		3	2½				1 Window frames &ca _____				3	8	-		
							Putting up doors for 2 old Windows _____				4	-	9	-	9
Extension of the		47	1½	10.	705		4 Walls including foundation								The building in which the cash at present kept is not sufficiently secure and being in a separate place requires Centre guards whom there is a difficulty in affording.
		5	3	1½	22½		Deduct 1 Doorway								
		Remaining 682½													
		17	9	1	153		Terrace								
Common (Cont'd)	Treasury room at the South East Chattram	Total Cea feet 835½				or Cea yds 30 15/16	Brick in Chunam _____	2 4		Cea yds	69	9	9		
		16	6	¾	72		Flooring								
		Cea yds 2 11/16					New Laterite stone in Chunam	5	-	-	13	7	-		
		94	7	-	-	658	Plastering in Chunam _____	2	-	100 S.ft	13	2	-		
		5	3				1 Pair of double door and frame with Bolts &ca _____	17	8	each	17	8	-		
							20 Jungle wood Joists _____	-	12	-	-	15	-		
							Excavating foundation &ca _____	10	-	Cent	12	13	10	141	8 7
Alterations for keeping Sepoys on the wall side northern side.		45	1¾	10	787½	or Cea yds 29 3/16	18 Pillars with Brick in Chunam including foundation and Plastering _____	2 8	-	Cea yds	72	15	6		In consequence of the Butter bundles being lodged in heaps and irregularly for want of Space this item is required.
							72 Joists _____	-	12	each	54	-	-		
		6½	1	2			154 Planks _____	-	12	-	-	115	8	-	
							Carpenters hire _____	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	
							Foundation and Sundries _____	10	-	Cent	26	5	6	289	13 -
							Total of the Estimate Rupees							841	10 7

Madura 10th July 1854.

Signed R. D. Parker
Collector

Proceedings

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Bd No 1797

Proceedings thereon. The Court of wards

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sanction the estimate for

the enlargement and improve-

-ment of the Managets

Cutcherry at Shevagunga

amounting to Rupees 849-10-7-

To

11314 Fort St George 24th August 1854.

No 123.

To B. Cunliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

(65)

Bd No 2817
From the Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

In forwarding an Extract from the Audit of my Account for Fusly 1262, I have the honor to inform you that the Sum of Rupees 10-2-4 incurred for repairing huts over the plat forms of the Salt pans in January 1853 was omitted to be included in the Statement of actual charges incurred without Estimate for Fusly 1262 submitted for Sanction on the 4th October last. I have therefore, now the honor to request you will be good Enough to obtain the necessary Sanction of Government for the Same.

Madura
Poodoacottah
29th July 1854.

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collector.

Extract

11316 Fort St. George 24th August 1854.-

B.d No. 1806.

Proceedings thereon: Resolved that the fore-going letter with its enclosure be Submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with the Board's recommendation that the Civil Auditor be authorized to admit the charge of Rupees (10-2-0) Ten and Annas two, being the amount paid for repairing huts over the plat forms of salt pans.-

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2. This charge should have been entered in the Statement of Actual charges but was omitted.-

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Read

11315 Fort St. George 24th August 1854.-

No. 1.

Extracts from the Retrenchments made from the Accounts of the Collector of Madura and Dindigul from the 12th July 1852 to the 11th July 1853 on account of Establishments for July 1262 Dated 15th June 1854.- 1852/53

Charges objected to.-

	Rupees	a	p
2 Paid for repairing Lofty Huts over the Plat forms of Salt Pans in July 1262.	10	2	0

True Extract
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

Remarks of the Civil Auditor.

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Read Endorsement on Petition No. 516 of 1854 from the Collector of Tinnevelly dated 30th May 1854.-

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Bd. No. 1793.

Proceedings thereon. 1. The Petitioners request that remission may be granted according to the old system of dividing the crop between the Circar and ryot when the produce did not exceed one or one and a half seed Cotta of Grain upon one seed Cotta of land.-

Board's Proceedings 17th November 1836 Paras 20 & 23.

2. This system was condemned and the former plan was reverted to of granting remissions according to a percentage of loss. The Collector being of opinion that the application of this plan is sufficient to meet the exigencies of the present season, there is no occasion to pass

Board's Proceedings 7th June 1841.

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pass further orders on the matter.-

3. With regard to the second prayer of Petitioners that some tax lower than the Nunjah one shall be imposed on the Nunjah mail Poonjah, the Collector states that it is contrary to the spirit of the Board's orders in Para 19 of their Proceedings 7th June 1841, which were to the effect that "Nunjah mail Poonjah from the irrigation of Channel and Tank Co, should be charged with the average demand of the year upon Car and Peshanam."-

4. The Petitioners however assert that Poonjah was cultivated in consequence of the water not having been sufficient

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Sufficient for Nunjah, and this Assertion the Collector has not met- The year having proved so generally unfavorable, Nunjah land Cultivated with Poonjah in the absence of the means of irrigation has been charged in the other Districts as Poonjah, and the Board would extend the indulgence to Tinnevelly if the declarations of Petitioners are correct, and on this point they would wish to receive the Collector's opinion

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To.

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No. 212

To
B. Cunliffe Esqr.
Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

(68.)

Tr. No. 2503

From the Collector of Tinnevelly - - - - -

Sir,

Para 1. A Petition having been presented to me under the joint Signature of Katrapalenadan and Permal Naden of Calavan-gady a hamlet dependant on Jeercoolam Village in the Nangoonary Talook representing the inconvenience to which Travellers and Merchants are subjected from the want of a Reservoir for water on the road side in the limits of the said Jeercolum Village in that Talook by which a considerable traffic in grain passes from Calacad and other places to the Markets of Vullyoor, Sattan-golum &c. and praying for an advance of 100 Rupees in the way of Tuccavy for sinking 2 Wells in the said place, the estimated cost of which is 200 Rupees under engagement to plant a Topa on the Spot for the public con-venience, and the Tahsildar and the Head Assistant Collector in whose charge that

Talook

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Salook is having supported the Petitioner's Statement. I have the honor to request agreeably to Para. 6 of the Sope rules which accompanied the Board's Circular of 6th April 1848 sanction for making an advance of Tuccavy to the Petitioners to the amount of 100 Rupees at 50 Rupees a Well to be recovered from them in the course of the year 1855

2 It is reported that the Petitioners have commenced the work and are taking measures to found a Hamlet in its vicinity.-

I am very &c. &c. &c.
Tencausey - - -
13th July 1854 -

(Signed) C. J. Bird
Collector

Resolved

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No 387

Bd No 1801.
Proceedings thereon. . .
(68-69.)

Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with the Board's recommendation, that the Collector be authorized to make an advance of Rupees 100 for the purpose specified by him and to recover the amount in the course of the year 1855.-

To

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№ 236

To, B. Cunliffe Esqre

Sub Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St George

(70.)

B. № 2810

From the Collector of Tinnevelly - - Sir,

Submitting a Report on the prospects of the season and the state of the Cultivation called for in Board's Circular of the 13th ultimo.-

Dated 10th July 1854

Para 1.- With reference to the Board's Circular of the 13th ultimo requesting to be furnished with a report on the prospects of the season and the state of the cultivation on the 1st 10th and 20th of each month, I am happy to be able to state that the prospects are now less gloomy than at the time of my first report to Government.-

2.- Much of the Paddy which I then spoke of as languishing for want of water has been saved and there has been some further extent of land cultivated. The improvement has been most experienced along the course of the principal river of the District, the Tambraparney, for in consequence of the extreme dryness of all the lands occasioned by the long drought, the waters of the minor Rivers have been drunk up by the fields near the commencement of their courses,

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courses, and not yet reached the channels and Tanks situated beyond the first few Miles, some of the sowings in these localities are reported as perished, and as the season is now far advanced and the confidence of the people in the continuance of the present more favorable state of weather not strong, these Lands are likely to be to a great extent left to be resown after the Peshanam season sets in.-

3 The cultivation made up to the end of June last compared with the previous year is given in the Margin, shewing a decrease in the current year under the 1st and 3rd Items.-

Cultivation up to June	Fusly 1263 - Fusly 1264
	Seed Cottahs Seed Cottahs
1st Nunjah - - -	21415 - - - 16960
2nd Garden - - -	765 - - - 898
3rd Poonjah chains -	435 - - - 389

The prices of Paddy

and

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and Coolty in the Months of June and July last, compared with those of the corresponding Months of the previous year are shewn in the Margin.

	Fusly 1262/63		Fusly 1263/64	
	June	July	June	July
	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p
Paddy per Garce	86-11--	86-11--	145-3-2	150-7-10
Coolty - - - Do	- -	93-3-5	89-10-6	174-8-2
				215-2-2

Tinnevelly, Tencaasey 1st August 1854 - - -

(Signed) C. J. Bird
Collector

(70-71) Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.-

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To B. Cunliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

(72)

Bo No 2924

From the Collector of Tinnevelly - - -

Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor to

Submitting a report on the prospects of the season and the state of the cultivation in his District.-

Dated 1st Augt 1854.

State since the date of my last report on the state of the season, some rain has fallen in the Hills and water has gone down the Tambraporny and a little down some of the Minor rivers. It is now clear again over the Hills.-

2 The Ayapat Tanks at a distance from their sources of supply are not yet filled and the extent of paddy cultivation

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cultivation by the latest returns from the Talooks is only about three quarters of what it was last year. Reports have been received of the loss of crops from want of water in some places under irrigation from minor rivers.-

3. The Ponnecalum Tanks do not commonly fill at this season, but this year they remain quite dry and no cultivation has been made under them.-

4 The undermentioned Statements shew the total extent of cultivation and the prices of the different kinds of grain selling in the District.-

	Cultivated up to the end of July of Fusly 1263	Do up to the Do of Fusly 1264
Nunjah Seed Cottahs	28514	21288
Garden	14444	1270
Poonjah Chains	985	598

Prices

Paddy per Garce - - - - - Rupees	150-7-10
Cumboo - - - - -	162-4-10
Raggy - - - - -	140-4-7
Coolty - - - - -	215-2-2

Tinnevelly, Tencaasey 10th August 1854 - -

(Signed) C. J. Bird
Collector

Ordered to be recorded.-

To

Order thereon

(72-73)

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No 245

To
B. Cuncliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

(74)

Bd No 2925
From the Collector of Tinnevelly...

Sir,

I have the honor to request permission of the Board of Revenue to give leave to the Ryots holding land under irrigation from the rivers of this District which from the backwardness of this season cannot be cultivated with paddy for a car Crop, to sow dry grains on the same and pay ¼ of the Nunjah assessment. This indulgence is not asked to be applied in any instance where it would interfere with the due cultivation of lands for the Pesharum Paddy crop or even where they may yet be a fair prospect of two wet crops being successfully grown within the year. But there is much Nunjah land along the rivers especially the minor ones, which from its elevation or its disproportionate extent to the capabilities of

Requesting permission of the Board of Revenue to give leave to the Ryots holding land under irrigation from the rivers of this district to sow dry grains on the same and pay ¼ of the Nunjah assessment under circumstances within mentioned.

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of the Tanks and Channels on which it depends, cannot by possibility be now brought under wet cultivation for a first crop. There are also other lands which were sown at the usual time, but the young paddy has perished from want of water and in some instances from a prevalent disease.

2. The indulgence now asked can alone enable the owners of these lands to raise a remunerating crop, and as it is a matter of utmost importance after the last disastrous year that as much food as possible for men and Cattle should be produced within the District, I beg that I may receive an early and favorable reply.

Tinnevelly Cutcherry
10th August 1854...

(Signed) C. J. Bird
Collector

732 No 1796
Proceedings thereon,
(74-75)

Under the circumstances stated in the foregoing letter, the Board of Revenue authorize the Collector

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Collector of Tinnevelly to permit Ryots holding land under irrigation from backwardness of the season cannot be cultivated with paddy for a Car crop to sow dry grains on the same and pay one fourth of the Nunjah assessment. It is observed that the indulgence now granted is not intended to be applied in any instances where it would interfere with the due cultivation of lands for the Peshanum Paddy crop, or even where there may yet be a fair prospect of two wet crops being successfully grown within the year.

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To

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No 75.

To

W. H. Bayley Esqre

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

(76.)

Sir,

B. W. 2431 From the Collector of Coimbatore — Affords the information called for by the Board with reference to the Kundachaur Establishment in this District.

Para 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 12th Ultimo giving cover to Copy of Minutes of Consultation of the 20th May No 359 requiring information respecting the Kundachaur Establishment in this District.—

2. The numerical strength of the Sibbendy the annual amount of expences, and the places where employed, are specified in the accompanying Statement.—

3 The Establishment Kept up for cutting Sandalwood, is only of a temporary character being annually

Fuslee		Revenue derived from Sale of Sandal-wood. 2	Deduct charges of Establishment, Felling and Sundries 3	Nett Revenue Profit 4	
1					
	1258	3501 " 4	2431 " 24	957 10 4	
	1259	578 9 5	656 14 3	211 1 2	857 15 7
	1260	8908 15 2	659 15 "	185 13 10	8455 12 10
	1261	2670 " 10	858 6 4	2565 12 11	32243 3
	1262	1708 3 3	4 658 4 "	533 10 4	19284
Total		32741 3 1	3177 29	35201 5 7	6698 24 2
Charges not exceeding 9-11-3 per Cent on the amount realized		5483 10	6356 11	704 3 1	1339 10 "
					5208 9 9

Proportion of Libendy on the Revenue derived as shewn in Column 2 in Rupees 9-11-3

annually estimated for, and sanctioned by Government and cannot be included in the permanent Kundachaur. the amount of expenditure incurred during the last 5 years, as well as the Revenue derived by the sale of Sandalwood, are exhibited in the marginal Memorandum. the proportion of Charges not exceeding 9-11-3 per Cent on the amount realized, I trust the continuance of this Sibbendy will not be considered objectionable so long as it is advantageous to the State.-

4. Excluding the Sandalwood Kundachaur, the permanent Sibbendy sanctioned on the 25th January 1847 and 1st February 1854, and included in the land Revenue charges, Amount to

To the Board dated 29th Dec. 1852 No. 117
From Do. 10th Feb. 1853.
To Do. 30th April 1853 No. 74
From Do. 23d Feb. 1854.-

to Rupees 1,330-8-" Mr. Mensen and with reference to the difficulty or rather impracticability of effecting any further reduction in this Amount for the present, I beg leave to refer the Board to the Correspondence noted in the Margin.-

5. There are 58 persons in my Office including Daroghas, Duffadars &c. some of them are stationed over the Convicts employed at Sooloor on the great Trichinopoly Road- some at the Suttimungalum Bridge under Construction, while others are in charge of the Road between the foot of the Halsanoor Ghaut and Sirmogha, and between Pulachy and Meencuray; the repair of which was recently sanctioned by Government.-

6. The Duffadars and Peons in the Treasury escort Remittances to the Hills twice in every month, aided by those in my Office, when an additional remittance requires to be made.-

7. The detached parties in the several Talooks are stationed at the out posts where their employment is

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is much required as a Police force. those in the Cusbah Stations perform both Revenue and Police duties, the latter having of late very much increased from the adverse State of the season, conveying also Talooks Tappals, guarding Sea & Forests &c &c

8. The increase of business in this District arising from the Forest Conservancy Department, repairs of Roads construction of Chuttrums, Bridges, and Channels. the inadequacy of the Establishment of Peons, the exposed situation of several frontier villages to the ravages of Mutiers of Malabar, as well as the necessity of guarding them have all so fully been explained to the Board of Revenue in my previous Communications, that I consider it unnecessary again to enter into the same details, assuring the Board, that when practicable, I shall be prepared to make such reductions as may be effected consistently with the security of the District. -

9. The duties performed by the Kundachar is generally of the same nature as those performed by the Revenue and Police peons, and I would therefore recommend

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recommend that it be placed among the Ordinary Establishment of the District, as suggested by Government. -

10. At present there is no Silledy in Coimbatore strictly called Police, save the two Ameens at Coimbatore and Dranacoorchy with a Royasem and the Joint Magistrate's and Cutwal's Establishments on the Hills at Ootacamund. Both the Revenue and Police functions are indiscriminately performed by the Revenue Servants, and this has hitherto been attended with no inconvenience to the Public service. I do not therefore consider that any additional advantage would be gained by bringing the Kundachar separately to account as armed Police. .

Coimbatore - 6th July 1854. }

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector

Statement -

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No. 1 Statem[illegible] at St. George

[illegible] service performed by

[illegible]ary 1847 No. 106.

Where E[illegible]	Affadars.		Lascs	
	Amount of pay per Mensem		No. of Persons.	
	10		11	
	"	"	"	"
	"	"	"	"
	"	"	"	"
	10	"	"	"
Huzoor C	"	"	"	"
	7	"	"	"
	"	"	"	1
	"	"	"	"
	"	"	"	"
Coimbato	"	"	"	"
	"	"	"	1
	"	"	"	"

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them in the District of Coimbatore.-

Naigues-		Peons		Tom Tom Beaters-		Total	
Amount of pay per Mensem	No. of Persons.	Amount of pay per Mensem	No. of Persons.	Amount of pay per Mensem		No. of Persons.	Amount of pay per Mensem
12	13	14	15	16		17	18
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	2	10 "
"	"	2	6	"	"	2	6 "
"	"	"	"	"	"	1	7 "
3	8 "	"	"	"	"	1	3 8 "
"	"	16	64	"	"	16	64 "
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	1	8 "
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
3	8 "	"	"	"	"	1	3 8 "
"	"	47	141	"	"	47	141 "

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As per Sanction of Government dated 1st. February 1854. No. 142.

Darogahs.		Gomastahs.		Jemadars.		Duffadars.		Lance Naigues		Peons		Iron Smiths		Total.	
No. of Persons.	Amount of pay per Mensem.	No. of Persons.	Amount of pay per Mensem.	No. of Persons.	Amount of pay per Mensem.	No. of Persons.	Amount of pay per Mensem.	No. of Persons.	Amount of pay per Mensem.	No. of Persons.	Amount of pay per Mensem.	No. of Persons.	Amount of pay per Mensem.	No. of Persons	Amount of pay per Mensem.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
1	25													1	25
1	12													1	12
		1	10											1	10
						2	10							2	10
										63	189			63	189
										1	9			1	9
														1	10
														1	5
														1	3 8
1	3 8														
										37	111			37	111

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Fatal.

Darogahs		Gomastahs		Jemadars		Duffadars		Lance Naigues		Peons	
No. of Persons	Amount of pay per Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay per Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay per Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay per Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay per Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay per Mensem
35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
1	25										
1	12										
		1	10								
						4	20				
										65	195
						1	7				
								1	38		
										16	64
		1	8								
				1	10						
						1	5				
								2	7		
										84	252

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Tom Tom Beaters		Iron Smiths		Total	
No. of Persons.	Amount of pay per Mensem.	No. of Persons.	Amount of pay per Mensem.	No. of Persons.	Amount of pay per Mensem.
47	48	49	50	51	52
"	"	"	"	1	25 "
"	"	"	"	1	12 "
"	"	"	"	1	10 "
"	"	"	"	4	20 "
"	"	"	"	65	195 "
"	"	"	"	1	7 "
"	"	"	"	1	3 8
"	"	"	"	16	64 "
"	"	1	9 "	1	9 "
"	"	"	"	1	8 "
"	"	"	"	1	10 "
"	"	"	"	1	5 "
"	"	"	"	2	7 "
"	"	"	"	84	252 "

Total in each Department.	
Number of Persons	Amount of Pay per Mensem
53	54
"	"
"	"
"	"
"	"
"	"
"	"
"	"
"	"
91	345 8 "
"	"
"	"
"	"
"	"
89	282 " "

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s	Peons		Tom Tom Beaters		Total	
ount of pay per mensem	Number of Persons	Amount of pay per mensem	Number of Persons	Amount of Pay per mensem	Number of Persons	Amount of Pay per mensem
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
" "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "
" "	2	6 " "	"	" " "	2	6 " "
" "	"	" " "	"	" " "	1	1 7 8 "
" "	1	5 " "	"	" " "	2	10 " "
" "	"	" " "	"	" " "	1	4 " "
" "	15	52 8 "	3	10 8 "	18	63 " "
" "	21	63 " "	2	6 " "	23	69 " "
" "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "
" "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "
" "	12	36 " "	"	" " "	12	36 " "
" "	"	" " "	"	" " "	1	3 8 "
" "	41	123 " "	"	" " "	41	123 " "
" "	"	" " "	"	" " "	2	10 " "
8 "	"	" " "	"	" " "	5	1 7 8 "
" "	35	105 " "	"	" " "	35	105 " "
8 "	192	601 8 "	5	16 8 "	214	707 8 "

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Daroghas		Gomastahs		Jemadars		Duffadars		Lance Naigues		Peons		Iron Smiths		Total	
No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of Pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of Pay Pr. Mensem
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
"	"	"	"	"	"	1	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	5
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	27	81	"	"	27	81
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	1	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	5
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	8	24	"	"	8	24
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	5
"	"	"	"	"	"	1	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	3 8	"	"	"	"	1	3 8
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	10	30	"	"	10	30
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	2	10	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	10
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	25	75	"	"	25	75
2	37	1	10	1	10	8	40	2	7	170	510	1	9	185	623

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Total

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Darogahs		Goomastahs		Jemadars		Duffadars		Lance naigues		Peons	
No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem
35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
						1	5				
										29	87
1	17 8										
						2	10			1	5
								1	4		
										15	52 8
										29	87
						1	5				
								1	3 8		
										22	66
						1	3 8				
										41	123
						4	20				
								5	17 8		
										60	180
						15	45 8	10	35 8	362	1111 8
										3	9
										2	4
										3	9
3	54 8	2	18			1	10				
Sandalwood Establishment — Andivoor 1 10											
Sattymungulum and Denaikenkottah 1 10											
Collegal 1 10											

the duties of Peons.—

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Tom Tom Beaters		Iron Smiths		Total	
No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem	No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem
47	48	49	50	51	52
"	" " "	"	" " "	1	5 "
"	" " "	"	" " "	29	87 " "
"	" " "	"	" " "	1	17 8 "
"	" " "	"	" " "	3	15 " "
"	" " "	"	" " "	1	4 " "
3	10 8 "	"	" " "	18	63 " "
2	6 " "	"	" " "	31	93 " "
"	" " "	"	" " "	1	5 " "
"	" " "	"	" " "	1	3 8 "
"	" " "	"	" " "	22	66 " "
"	" " "	"	" " "	1	3 8 "
"	" " "	"	" " "	41	123 " "
"	" " "	"	" " "	4	20 " "
"	" " "	"	" " "	5	17 8 "
"	" " "	"	" " "	60	180 " "
5	16 8 "	1	9 " "	399	1330 8 "

For a year
Sandalwood Sibbendy
temporary 85 " "

Total in each Department.

No. of Persons	Amount of pay Pr. Mensem
53	54
"	" " "
30	92 " "
"	" " "
"	" " "
"	" " "
"	" " "
54	192 8 "
"	" " "
"	" " "
24	74 8 "
"	" " "
42	126 8 "
"	" " "
"	" " "
69	217 8 "
399	1330 8 "
	15,960 " "
	660 " "
Total	10,620

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Abstract

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Particulars	No. of Iron Smiths	No. of Darogahs	Number of Gomastahs	Number of Jemadars	Number of Duffadars	Number of Lance Naigues	Number of Peons	Number of Tom Tom Beaters	Total Number of Persons	Amount of Pay per Mensem.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Collectors Cutcherry	1	2	1	"	3	"	51	"	"	" "
Head Assistant Collectors Cutcherry	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	"	"	" "
Native records	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	"	" "
English records	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	" "
Maramut superintendents Office	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	" "
Civil Hospitals	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	" "
Treasury	"	"	"	"	2	1	17	"	"	" "
Stamp Office	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	" "
Hospitals & Collectors Cutcherry	1	2	1	"	5	1	81	"	91	345 8 "
Talook Cutcherry	"	"	"	1	"	1	54	"	"	" "
Cutwals Choultry	"	"	"	"	1	"	12	"	"	" "
Town Policeameens Office	"	"	"	"	"	"	12	"	"	" "
Soondacayamoottoor Pass	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	" "
Soondapolliem Ditto	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	" "
Walliar Pass	"	"	"	"	"	1	2	"	"	" "
Coimbatoor Talooks	"	1	1	1	1	2	84	"	89	282 " "
Hassanoor Ghaut	"	"	"	"	1	"	8	"	"	" "
Sattimungalum and Congurpolliam pass	"	"	"	"	"	"	21	"	"	" "
Salem Sattimungalum	"	"	"	1	1	"	29	"	30	92 " "

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Particulars	Number of Iron Smiths	Number of Daraghs	Number of Goomastahs	Number of Jemadars	Number of Duffadars	Number of Lance Naigues	Number of Peons	Number of Tom Tom Beaters	Total Number of Persons	Amount of Pay per Mensem
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Dandicumattah: Talamalay Station on the Mysore road	"	1	"	"	1	"	5	"	"	" " "
Kubbala Ghaut	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	2	"	" " "
Guzzlehutty Ghaut	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	" " "
Cackanarry on the Neelgherries	"	"	"	"	"	1	5	"	"	" " "
Metopolleam Cutwall's Choultry	"	"	"	"	"	"	8	1	"	" " "
Talook Cutcherry	"	"	"	"	1	"	21	"	"	" " "
	"	"	"	"	"	"				
	"	1	"	"	2	1	45	5	54	192 8 "
Andicoor: Andicoor Cundy	"	"	"	"	"	1	8	"	"	" " "
Chinigapondy Ghaut &c.	"	"	"	"	"	"	14	"	"	" " "
	"	"	"	"	1	1	22	"	24	74 8 "
Collegal: Talook Cutcherry	"	"	"	"	1	"	16	"	"	" " "
Hanoor and Condhully	"	"	"	"	"	"	15	"	"	" " "
Curdebhandy Cundy in Pulladum	"	"	"	"	"	"	10	"	"	" " "
	"	"	"	"	1	"	41	"	42	126 8 "
Palacherry: Talook Cutcherry	"	"	"	"	2	5	35	"	"	" " "
Nadorpoony Pass	"	"	"	"	1	"	5	"	"	" " "
Coopspandy Chettrum &c.	"	"	"	"	1	"	5	"	"	" " "
Alaccadoor Ditto	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	"	"	" " "
Under orders of Lt. Michael	"	"	"	"	"	"	9	"	"	" " "
	"	"	"	"	4	5	60	"	69	217 8 "
							Total			1330 8 "

Coimbatore 6th July 1854.

E. E. Jr.
A.D.C.

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector

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B.d No. 1803.

Proceedings thereon.— Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with reference to para 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation 20th May 1854.

76.77.

Inlcos: 12th June 1854.

The total number of persons entertained on this account amount to 410 persons, of whom 11 are employed in the establishment kept up for felling Sandalwood - these the Collector states cannot be included in the permanent Kundachar, as the establishment is annually estimated for and sanctioned by Government and the charges defrayed from the sale proceeds of the Sandalwood.—

Of the remaining 399 persons, some are stationed over the convicts employed on the Roads, some at the Suttimungalum Bridge under construction - and others in escorting remittances to the Hills - guarding out posts &c Teak forests, and conveying Talook Tappals &c &c &c. The duties performed by the Kundachar being generally of the same nature as those performed by the Revenue and Police peons, the Collector recommends that it be classed among the ordinary establishment of the district, in which proposition the Board concur.—

In regard to the suggestion of Government for bringing the Kundachar separately to account as armed Police, Mr. Thomas explains that no additional advantage would be gained thereby, as there is at present no Sibbendy in Coimbatore strictly called Police, the Revenue servants performing both the Revenue and Police functions without any inconvenience to the Public Service.—

W.D.G

J.S

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No. 83.

To,

W. H. Bayley Esquire
Secretary to the Bd of Revenue
Fort St. George.

78.

B.d No. 2554.

From the Collector of Coimbatore & Return requested.

Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor to forward 3 Plans from Captain Selby of lands at Oota-camund measuring Cawnies 84, Grounds 13 and Square feet 1958, in aggregate, applied for by Mrs. Baber and others as particularized in the Margin, and to request the Board's sanction to dispose of the same by public auction as usual - there will be no public inconvenience by the grant of the lands in question.—

C. G. Sept

Mrs. Baber 2 - - -
Mrs. Lowry
Mrs. Lowry 2 - 220
Mr. Hall - 13 - 1738
14 - 13 - 1958

2. Three specifications of the above lands are herein enclosed.—

Coimbatore — 17th July 1854.

(Signed) C. B. Thomas
Collector.

Enclosure 1.

"Memorandum."

Mrs. Baber applies for a piece of land at Ootacamund measuring 2 Cawnies bounded on 3 sides by Circar waste lands, and on the 4th by Mrs. Paulson's property as per accompanying Sketch - Its occupancy by Mrs. Baber is unobjectionable whether on public or private grounds. The upset price thereon calculated at 8 years Quit-Rent is 18-5-4 at 1-2-4 per

Cawny

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Cawny per Annum - vide para 7 of the Board's Manual.-

Coimbatore - 17th July 1854. } (Signed) E.B. Thomas Collector.

Enclosure 2
"Memorandum"

Mr. Hill applies for a piece of land at Ootacamund measuring 13 Grounds and 1738 Sft. bounded on the North by Mr. Hodges' Property; on the South by Mr. Cunliffe's, on the the east by Mr. Hall's and on the west by Col. Watson's. It's occupancy by him is unobjectionable whether on public or private grounds. The upset price thereon calculated at 8 years Quitrent is 5-3-10 - at 1-2-4 per Cawny vide para 7 of the Board's Manual, a Plan of the above land is enclosed.-

Coimbatore 17th July 1854. } (Signed) E.B. Thomas Collector.

Enclosure 3
"Memorandum"-

Messrs. Lowry and A.T. Lowry apply for a piece of land at Ootacamund measuring 2 Cawnies and half for each - and 220 Square feet, bounded on sides

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sides by Circar waste lands and on the 4th by Mr. E. Kursull's Property. Its occupancy by them is unobjectionable whether on public or private grounds. The upset price thereon at 8 years Quitrent is 18-5-11 at 1-2-4 per Cawny per annum vide para 7 of the Board's Manual, a Plan of the ground is enclosed.-

Coimbatore 17th July 1854. } (Signed) E.B. Thomas. Collector

B. of R. No. 1788

Proceedings thereon.

(78-79)

Under paras VII and VIII of the Manual of Instructions for the grant of land on the Neilgherries, the Board of Revenue authorize the Collector of Coimbatore to put up to public Auction the three spots of land referred to in the foregoing letter at the upset prices mentioned, calculated at 8 years quitrent, and to knock them down to the highest bidders, or to the original applicants, if there be no advance upon the said prices, subject to the conditions and limitations prescribed in the above Manual.-

	C.	G.	Sft.
Mrs. Baber	2	-	-
upset price	18	5	4
Messrs. Lowry	2	-	220
Upset price	18	5	11
Mr. Hill	-	13	1738
Upset price	5	3	10

No. 93.

(80.)

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

B. of R. No. 2895
From the Collector of Coimbatore - }

Sir,

Adverting to my letter of the 24th March

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March last, No. 24, I have the honor to request that the Plan of the land of Mr. Eckersall, therewith sent, may be returned to my Office, the same being required by him.-

Coimbatore... } (Signed) E. B. Thomas
10th August 1854. } Collector.

Bd. No. 1789

Resolution thereon.

(80-81.)

Resolved that the Plan referred to in the foregoing letter be returned to the Collector of Coimbatore, in compliance with his request.-

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No. 84.

To,

(82.)

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

Bd. No. 2979.
From the Collector of Canara.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 13th Ultimo, and beg to state that I have been obliged to post-pone an answer to the Board's Circular of 1853 until I should be able to submit the required

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required Statement of the Pisthundy deductions of this District, and in the return of the unanswered letters

I explained to the Board that I proposed to answer this Circular letter at the same time, that I submitted that report.-

I am now laying before the Board the Statement of the Enams of one of the Taloots, and beg to submit with it a list of those throughout the District which appear to me to come under Regulation IV of 1831 and Act XXXI of 1836.

Collector's Cutcherry
Mangalore,
10th August 1854. } (Signed) F. N. Maltby
Collector

Statement

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Statement Shewing the Several description of Jurisdiction of the Courts under Regulation

Description of Enams-

Enams of all kinds under the provisions of Regulation IV of 1831 and Act No XXI of 1836.-

- Enams to the Brahmin Joiyand Jungum Muhttums
- Ditto to the Elders of Villages such as Ballahs &c
- Pensions to Rajahs and Polligars in lieu of resumed Lands, Privileges &c
- Agrahar Enams or Grants to Religious Bramins for the performance of Specified Ceremonies
- Sundry Enams by way of Charity &c
- Jusduk to Pagodas & Mosques in lieu of resumed Lands Privileges including Charitable &c
- Ditto to Mosques &c Ditto.
- Enam to Jogie Muttums
- Ditto for Services performed to the State &c
- Ditto to Christian Churches
- Ditto on Water Pandals
- Superannuation Pensions.
- Pensions of the late Native Pension Fund

Enams not falling under the provisions of Regulation IV of 1831 and Act No XXI of 1836.-

- Hindoostan Grants or Remissions on land to keep up the Embankments for the aid of Cultivation.

Total

Collector's Cutcherry Mangalore

Fort S… from the

Enams, Pensi…

IV of 1831 a…

By deduction…

Old Grants …s.

No.	Amount…			
	No.	A	P	…r Governments for the per… …other charitable purposes Government.-
29	10192	9	7	…rmer Government and now continued.
7	123	6	10	Lands and Privileges or …lies holding posts of …rmer Governm…
3	1326	8	u	…ade by the former …ntinued.-
261	3069	13	7	…charitable and …rmer and continued …nment.-
85	1415	5	3	…resumed Lands & …ity.-
7	1414	11	2	
28	1408	14	1	…aid of the Joghee Muttums …now continued …mer and present …the State.-
4	205	11	2	
12	195	14	2	…ld by Christian Churches …vernment with the exception …er Government.-
1	15	2	1	…vernment to keep water …and now continued.-
22	119	15	2	…vernment for Services.-
u	u	u	u	…ceased Government late Native Pension Fund.-
u	u	u	u	
459	19488	u	…	…ns from the Revenue
5716	104342			…tion aid of Cultivation.-
6175	299223			

10th u Augus…

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Order thereon. Ordered to lie over.

(82-83)

No. 82.

(84)

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

Bd. No. 2981.
From the Collector of Canara.-
Replies to the Circular dated 21st April 1853 on the subject of exempting Enams below two Cawnies from interference on the part of Government.-

Sir,

Para 1. In Submitting the accompanying report on the Kisthundy deductions of this District, I have the honor at the same time to reply to Board's Circular of the 21st April 1853.-

2. In a note to the table of Enams I have explained that in this District they do not consist of rent free lands, but of assignments on the revenue paid upon certain lands, they are in fact with few exceptions money pensions paid from the Treasury- The exceptions are, a few cases in which the assignment is upon the lands held by the enamdars, in which cases the revenue is to that extent with-held before it reaches the Talook Treasury.

3. Should it be resolved to disconnect

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disconnect the Government from all interference with these Enams as far as they entail religious observances, and if, with this view, the realization of the Enam as a quit rent on the land is left to the Enamdars, I think that the abandonment on the part of Government should be complete and that the Enams so resigned should be exempted from all interference either in respect of their present enjoyment or future disposal.-

4. Any Enams over which it is proposed that Government should exercise any control should, I conceive, be continued in their present form as money payments- I have entered more at large on this subject in the accompanying report

Collector's Cutcherry.-
Mangalore ...
10th August 1854

(Signed) F. N. Maltby
Collector

Order thereon.- Ordered to lie over.-

(84-85.)

To

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No. 91
1854.

To,
B. Cunliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

(86.)

Bd. No. 3018.
From the Collector of Malabar }

Sir,

In reply to Extract from Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 13th instant and the papers circulated therewith, I have the honor to report for the information of the Board, that the question raised by Government is inapplicable to Malabar where there are no wells for cultivation.-

Calicut
31st July 1854. }

(Signed) H. V. Conolly
Collector

(86-87.)

Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over.-

(88.)

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

Bd. No. 2978.
From the Collector of Malabar. }

Sir,

Adverting to Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 13th April last, and the last para: of the Minutes of Consultation alluded to therein, I have the honor to state that from enquiries made I do not find that any emissaries from the Committee of the Madras Native Association have found their way into Malabar.

Calicut.-
14th August
1854. }

(Signed) H. V. Conolly
Collector

Order thereon-

(88-89.)

Ordered to lie over.

JDE

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Fort St. George. 24th August 1854.

No. 134

To
B. Cunliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in Charge.-

(90.)

Bd. No. 2080.
From the Acting Collector of Madras-
From Bd. 18th April 1853.
To Do. 10th February 1854
From Do. 6th April-

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter with 3 Enclosures from the Collector of Madura shewing the lands held by foreigners in that District.-

2. Mr. Parker states that he has communicated to them the Circular issued with the Board's approval under date the 10th April last.-

Madras,
29th July 1854. }

(Signed) R. Stokes
Acting Collector.

No. 1
No. 530

To
R. Stokes Esqre
Collector of Madras and Register of Government Grants. Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 20th April 1853, I have the honor to furnish you with 3 Statements of lands held in this District by Missionaries on account of Societies established in Foreign Countries.-

2 I have communicated the purport of the 2nd para of your Circular letter of the 10th April 1854, to the parties concerned.-

Madura,
29th June
1854. }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector-

Statement

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Fort St. George 24th August 1854.

No. 1 Statement shewing the Extent of lands possessed by Missionaries &c. on account of Societies Established in foreign Countries.

Societies	Talooks.	Name of the Professor.	Paying Teerwah Land		Paying Teerwah Tax		Paying no Teerwah Land		Total		Date of Government Sanction.
			Cawnies	As.	Rs	As.	Cawnies	As.	Cawnies	As.	
Roman Catholic Society Goa	Madacolum	Reverend Jacob	"	1 3/4	"	12	2	6 1/4	2	8	
	Nellacottay	Reverend Jacob	"	"	"	"	7	1/4	7	1/4	
	Ramaghierry	Reverend Arcolaneudom	"	"	"	"	19	2 1/4	19	2 1/4	
			"	1 3/4	"	12	28	8 3/4	28	10 1/2	
	Ramnad	Reverend Novies Goutriel	11	8 1/2	17	8	380	11 1/2	392	4	Of this Extent he possesses — Government grant of the 6th — July 1804 for 8 3/16 of a Cawny
		Dasis Christ									
	Jemmedary	Reverend Laroche	"	"	"	"	4	3/4	4	3/4	
			11	8 1/2	17	8	384	12 1/2	396	4 3/4	
	Sivagainga Jemmedary	Reverend Antony Raymond Costans	"	"	"	"	179	2	179	2	
		Reverend Jacob	"	"	"	"	1	14 1/2	1	14 1/2	
			"	"	"	"	181	1/2	181	1/2	
			"	"	"	"	594	5 1/2	605	15 3/4	
			11	10 1/4	18	5					

Madura. 29th June 1854. E. E. P.

(signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Statement

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24th August 1854.

No. 2. Statement shewing the Extent of Lands possessed by Missionarries &c. on account of Societies Established in foreign Countries.—

Societies	Talooks	Names of the possessor	Paying Teerwah. Land.		Tax.			Land. Paying non Teerwah.		Total.	
			Cawnies	As.	Rs.	a.	p.	Cawnies	As.	Cawnies	As.
Roman Catholic Francs.	Maudaciolum	Reverend Antony Charles	5	9	12	10	1	"	"	5	9
	Taudiesomboo	Reverend Madoorendra	"	"	"	"	"	"	2¼	"	2¼
	Iyenpully	Reverend Undernad	"	"	"	"	"	1	5	1	5
	Rangherry	Reverend Sowrenader	"	"	"	"	"	29	14	29	14
	Nellacottay	Reverend L. S. Cyr	"	"	"	"	"	"	15¾	"	15¾
			5	9	12	10	1	32	5	37	14
	Rammad Zemindary	Reverend Regail	"	"	"	"	"	1	10¼	1	10¼
		Reverend Packeanaud	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	"	7
			"	"	"	"	"	2	1¼	2	1¼
	Shevagungah Zemindary	The Reverend A. Charles	"	8¾	"	"	"	"	9¼	1	2
			6	1¾	12	10	1	34	15½	41	1¼

None.

Held by purchase &c.

Statement

Madura, 29th June 1854. C.C.J.

/Signed/ R. D. Parker
Collector

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No. 3 Statement showing the Extent of lands possessed by Missionaries &c. on account of Societies established in foreign Countries. — 24th August 1854.

Societies	Talooks	Names of the possessor	Paying Land		Teerwah Tax			Land Paying no Teerwah		Total		Date of Government Sanction
			Cawnies	A.s	Rs.	a	P	Cawnies	A.s	Cawnies	A.s	
American	Maudacolum	Reverend C. T. Muzzy	"	2	"	11	11	2	7 3/4	2	9 3/4	Possesses a Certificate from the Register of Government Grants dated 9th May 1835 for 7 Cawnies and for the remainder a certificate of the Collector 18th April 1850 — Minutes Consultation of Government 17th March 1845 for 34-3 —
		Reverend J. Pendall	10	2 1/2	50	"	8	"	3 1/4	10	5 3/4	
		Reverend Herrick	34	2	42	3	5	"	1	34	3	
			44	5 1/2	93	"	"	2	12	47	2 1/2	
	Theroonungalom	Reverend Herrick	5	9	10	1	4	"	"	5	9	
		Reverend Noyes	"	"	"	"	"	"	1/2	"	1/2	No sanction of Government is possessed for those lands —
			5	9	10	1	4	"	1/2	5	9 1/2	
	Igenpully	Reverend C. Webb	"	"	"	"	"	"	11	"	11	
		Dr. C. F. Shellon	6	8	12	10	4	"	"	6	8	Government sanction dated 3d June 1852
			6	8	12	10	4	"	11	7	3	
	Nellacottah	Reverend M. Mellon	2	5	5	3	3	"	8 1/2	2	13 1/2	
	Ramnad Zemindary	Reverend H. S. Taylor	"	"	"	"	"	"	1/4	"	1/4	
		Reverend S. S. Reiler	"	"	"	"	"	"	1/4	"	1/4	No sanction —
			"	"	"	"	"	"	1/2	"	1/2	
	Shevagungah Zemindary	Reverend W. Chandler	"	"	"	"	"	3	6 1/2	3	6 1/2	
		Reverend J. Rendall	2	10 3/4	4	11	6	"	"	2	10 3/4	
			2	10 3/4	4	11	6	3	6 1/2	6	1 1/4	
			61	7 1/4	126	10	5	7	9	68	11 3/4	

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/Signed/ R. D. Parker
Collector

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(90-91.)

No. 385.

B. No. 1791.

Proceedings thereon. Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin.

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Govt. 11th March No. 1
in Cons. 8th April

2. It will be seen as that the Collector of Madura has communicated to the parties concerned the Circular approved by in Extract Minutes of Consultation 21st March 1854. No. 338.

In Cons: 6th April 1854.

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(92.)

To,

W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

Bt. No. 2989
From the Acting Collector of Madras 3d

Sir,

Reporting with reference to the Board's Orders on the question of suppressing the Cultivation of Poppy in the Madras Presidency and the expediency of imposing an Excise tax on all intoxicating drugs.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from the Board's Proceedings dated 6th Ultimo transmitting for report a letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India on the expediency of suppressing the cultivation of the Poppy throughout the Madras Presidency and levying an Excise Revenue on Opium and intoxicating drugs. The Board also desire information as to the extent of Poppy cultivation and of the sales of Opium and other intoxicating drugs.

2 With a view of obtaining information I addressed inquiries to the Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, the Collector of Sea Customs and the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. the latter has sent me a reply of which I now forward a Copy. Mr. Elliot has not sent me a reply but has personally explained to me his

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his views. Mr Underwood states in letter
this day received that he has addressed
Government direct.

3 I regret to say that I am unable to procure any specific information that can be depended on. The Poppy is believed not to be cultivated for Opium purposes in these limits. It is cultivated in the Neilgherries and in parts of Mysore. The Ganjaa or Hemp plant is grown in small quantities on the back yards of houses, Mosques and Mutts.

4. The sale of Opium, Ganjaa and Bang seems now chiefly confined to native druggists, and to a few who supply them in Gardens and other retired spots to the travelling Mendicants, Mahomedans or others who have become addicted to their use. These drugs are usually brought into town in small quantities either by Faquers or other so called religious mendicants. Altogether the quantity of these drugs consumed is supposed to be inconsiderable.

5 Against making these articles a source of Revenue by an Excise duty

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I see several objections. An Establishment of Peons must be maintained with the power of search, a practice open to all the evils which led to the relinquishment of the Transit duties, and more recently of the Tobacco Monopoly in Malabar and Canara. If the sale be restricted to licensed shops, the licenses will realize an inconsiderable sum and will be easily evaded by such defaulting sales, as are now usual.

6. As a general principle, I think no intoxicating or deleterious drug ought to be the subject of public taxation. The very fact of Government levying a revenue upon the Consumption of such articles imparts a kind of sanction to their use while it creates a kind of Monopoly that inevitably leads those engaged in the trade to resort to every means in their power for stimulating its extension.

7. If the production of all these drugs, Opium, Ganjaa and Bang no less than their sale, except for bona fide medicinal purposes, could be effectually suppressed, this would be a most benevolent measure but any attempt to augment our Revenue from these sources,

could

could only succeed through incalculable detriment to the health and morals of a large class of the Native Community.

8. For the same reason I consider Mr Thompsons' suggestions of legalizing the Export of Opium from our Ports, ought not for a moment to be entertained.-

Madras, 21st August, 1854. } /Signed/ H. Stokes
Acting Collector.

No 1

To

The Collector of
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor by desire of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce to acknowledge your letter of the 17th instant with a copy of correspondence from the Supreme Government and Extract from Proceedings of the Board of Revenue thereon, relating to the subject of Opium cultivation in the Madras Presidency and the expediency of prohibiting the growth of the Poppy plant and levying an Excise duty on Opium and other intoxicating drugs.-

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In reply to your request for any information the Committee may be able to afford with reference to the extent to which Opium, Bang and Ganja are used in Madras, I am sorry to say that the Chamber of Commerce are not in possession of any details bearing on this subject on which any dependance can be placed nor are they aware of the extent to which the cultivation of the Poppy or the Ganja plant is carried on.-

With regard to the general question which is opened up by this Correspondence, as to the entire suppression of Opium cultivation in the Districts under this Presidency, I would take the opportunity to remark that while the Committee view the excessive use, or rather abuse of all intoxicating substances as in the highest degree objectionable and to be deprecated still they cannot see the justness of the principle, even were it effectual for the purpose designed, of prohibiting the cultivation of any article of produce which the cultivators of the soil might find most suitable and profitable because its [illegible] intemperate

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intemperate use may be injurious and detrimental to those who may indulge in it, as well might the cultivation of the vine in those countries suitable for its growth be prohibited by law, nor does it appear to the Committee that legal enactments would be sufficient to suppress the introduction of any article which the people might require, or even to check the prejudicial use of deleterious drugs of the nature referred to - On the contrary it is questionable whether the very imposition of restrictions where such have hitherto been in force may not have the effect of creating a desire and increasing the consumption above what would otherwise exist and thus lead to what has occurred elsewhere, and even the Committee believe in this Presidency; namely illegal and contraband attempts to evade the law -

While however the Committee would express an opinion unfavorable to the suggestion of the Government of prohibiting the cultivation

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of the Poppy plant in this Presidency as being wrong in principle and opposed to experience, they frankly admit that such substances as Opium and other intoxicating drugs form a most legitimate source of Revenue, but in place of preventing as at present their exportation and thus in a measure forcing the use of what is produced upon the people of the Country it appears to them that it would be much more beneficial both to the Country and to its inhabitants if encouragement was given to the export of Opium under such regulations which, while they would protect the Government from any loss of Revenue, would at the same time place this Presidency on an equal footing with the other Presidencies of India as regards the export and trade of an article the cultivation of which is so adapted to the soil and Climate of these territories and which is of such financial and mercantile importance in its bearing upon the Commerce of India -

Madras,
24th July, 1854

/Signed/ J. Thompson
Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce

/True Copy/
/signed/ H. Stokes
Acting Collector
Ordered

(92-93.)

Order thereon. Ordered to lie over.

N°130

To,

(94.)

W. H. Bayley Esqre

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St George.

Rd N°2902
from the Collector of
Sea Customs Madras } Sir, I have the honor to solicit the sanction of Government to refund to P. Yellapah Chetty Rs the sum of R. 1-13-7 being Import duty paid on a Barrel of Stockholm and one of Coal Tar landed empty per "Queen of the Waue" from London.

I have further the honor to solicit sanction for a refund of Rs 3-..-.. to C Ramasawmy Chetty Rs being import duty paid on 2 Barrels of Stockholm Tar landed empty from the Barque "Gazelle" from Liverpool.-

The full duty had been paid on them previously to their having been landed.

Sea Custom House
Madras, 12th August 1852 } (Signed) W. E. Underwood
Collector of Sea Customs

(94-95.)
Rd N°1787
Proceedings thereon

N°382

Resolved that the letter recorded

recorded above be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with the Boards' recommendation that sanction be granted for the refund of Rupees 1-13-7 (one, Annas thirteen and Pice seven to P. Yellapah Chetty Rs and Rupees 31 three to C Ramasawmy Chetty Rs being the amount paid by them as Import duty on certain Barrels of Tar landed by them empty per "Queen of the Waue" and the "Gazelle" respectively.-

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Resolved that the following letter be des-patched.-

To,

The Chief Secretary to

(96.)

Government.

Rd N°1804
To the Chief Secretary } Sir,
to Government. } With reference to

an Extract from the Minutes

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of Consultation dated 25th July

Report of the Board on the General Revenue account for Fusly 1261. Proceedings of the Board on the settlement of Land and Extra Sources of Revenue with observations and orders of Government thereon for Fusly 1261.-

1840 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward the reports noted in the margin, relating to the Revenue administration of this Presidency for Fusly 1261 / 1851-52 for transmission to the Government of India.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George,
24th August, 1854.

/Signed/ W. H. Bayley
Secretary

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To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

B. No. 1815.
To the Chief Secretary to Government

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 14th October 1843, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for transmission to the Government of India the Statements of Bullion and specie Imported into and Exported from the Ports under this Presidency from and to places not subordinate thereto for the Months of May 1854.-

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/Signed/ W. H. Bayley.
Secretary.

Statement

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A. Statement of the value of Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie Imported to Madras

Districts.	Imported into.	From.	By Government. Silver valued in Rupees. Bullion	Company's Rupees.	Dollars	Total	Gold valued in Comp.y Rupees.	Total Imported by Government.	Bangalore.	Total	Copper Coin valued in Comp.y Rupees.	Total Imported by Individuals.	Grand Total of Bullion and Specie Imported	Gold valued in Comp.y Rupees	Grand Total of Bullion and Specie Exported
Ganjam															
Vizagapatam															
Rajahmundry	Coringa	Moulmein										1262	1262		
Masulipatam															
Guntoor															
Nellore	Eskiapully	Chittagong										4175	4175		
	Ponnapoody	Do.										5800	5800		2900
		Total										9975	9975		
Chingleput															
Sn. Dn. of Arcot	Porto Novo	Karical										2663 3/4	2663 3/4		
Tanjore	Tanjore District and its Subordinate Ports	Columbo										56750	56750		
Madura															
Timevelly															
Canara	Canara	Bombay													
		Vingorla													
		Total													
Malabar	Malabar	Bombay													
Madras	Madras	Calcutta						4700		4700		4700	4700		44700
		Mauritius						250		250		250	250		46000
		Point de Galle						70086		70086		73524	73524		84318
		Suez						1000		1000		11400	11400		
		Total						76036		76036		89874	89874		175018
Grand Total of Imports								79786		79786		268574 3/4	268574 3/4		177918

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Fort St. George,
24th August 1854

H. Bayley.
Secretary.

Statement

From

118 My. No. 1262.
From the Collector of Canara - Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance to the end of 11th July last.

119 My. No. 1258.
From the Collector of Vizagapatam - Return of Grain for week ending 8th August last.

120 From the Collector of Masulipatam - My. No. 1208. Return of Grain for week ending 14th August last.

121 From the Asst. Collector of Guntoor - My. 1252. Return of Grain for week ending 31st July last.

122 From the Collector of Bellary - My. No. 1254. Return of Grain for week ending 8th August last.

123 From the Collector of Cuddapah - My. No. 1238. Return of Grain for week ending 31st July last.

124 From the Asst. Collector of Singlepet - My. No. 1255. Return of Grain for week ending 3d August last.

125 From the Asst. Collr. of Singlepet - My. No. 1253 Return of Grain for week ending 11th August last.

126 From the Collector of North Arcot - My. No. 1242. Return of Grain for week ending 12th August last.

127 From the Collr. of South Arcot - My. No. 1243. Return of Grain for week ending 23d June last.

128 From the Collr. of South Arcot - My. No. 1244. Return of Grain for week ending 30th June last.

129 From the Collr. of South Arcot - My. No. 1245. Return of Grain for week ending 7th July last.

130 From the Collr. of South Arcot - My. No. 1246. Return of Grain for week ending 15th July last.

131 From the Collr. of South Arcot - My. No. 1250. Return of Grain for week ending 23d July last.

132 From the Collector of Tanjore - My. No. 1248. Return of Grain for week ending 7th August last.

133 From the Collector of Madura - My. No. 1263. Return of Grain for week ending 31st July last.

134 From the Collector of Timevelly - Return of Grain for week ending 11th August last.

" Goldingham

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Compared with Gaper

Diary

At a Meeting Present.

Monday 28th August 1854

J. Goldingham Esqre Second Member
and
C. Malby Esqre Third Member

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

Minutes of the last Meeting

1 read and approved.—

Read the following Extract.

No. 903.

Bd No. 2805.
From the Secy. to Government } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 1st August 1854.—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madura—

No. 961/1854

To Sir H. C. Montgomery Bart.
Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St. George

Sir, With reference to the Circular letter of the Board of Revenue dated the

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the 13th Instant which was received by me only yesterday, Sunday, I have the honor to state that since the date of my last Report heavy rain has fallen very generally in this District, and materially improved the prospects of the Season. I have not heard whether any fresh was received in the Vigay, but the fall has certainly enabled the Ryots to plough and sow to a considerable extent, and in the part of the District (Shevagungah) in which I was at this time, some of the Tanks received a 2 Months supply.

Poodoocottah, 24th July 1854. } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is gratified at learning the improvement in the prospects of the Season in the Madura District as reported in the above letter. He observes however that the reports called for by the Board of Revenue in their Circular of the 13th Ultimo must have been meant to be addressed to the Board and not direct to Government. It will be open to the Board to transmit the replies

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replies to that Circular for the information of Government when of interest or importance but not otherwise. Ordered that Mr. Parker's letter be sent to the Board with these remarks.

(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

To
The Board of Revenue
with Original letter
Copy to Mr. Parker
1-2.
Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded.

3.
B. of R. No. 2841
From the Secy to Government

No. 915

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 8th August 1854.

List of Estimate of Tuccavy for Fusly 1264 submitted by the Board of Revenue 27th July 1854.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the undermentioned Estimates for Fusly 1264 amounting to Rupees Forty Nine thousand and six hundred.

Estimate of Tuccavy proposed to be disbursed in Fusly 1264, in the District of Cuddapah — 1000 — —

Estimate of sums proposed to be disbursed for the purpose of Salt in Fusly 1264, in the District of Canara — 18600 — —

Total Rupees 19600 — —

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

To
The President & Members
of the Board of Revenue

Ordered

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3-4. Order thereon. Ordered to be recorded the usual printed letters will be sent to the Collectors—

5.

Bd. No. 2888

From the Secy. to Government } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 8th August 1854.

Read the following Memo from the Sub Secretary to the Board of Revenue.—

/ Here enter 31st July 1854 /

Para 1. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council Sanctions the Statement of actual Charges incurred without Estimate for Fasly 1262 in the District of Rajahmundry, amounting to Rupees 794—13—6 / Seven hundred and ninety four, Annas thirteen and pice Six—

2 The Sanction for Rupees 767-7-11 granted on the same account in Extract Minutes of Consultation 11th July 1854, No. 817 is hereby cancelled—

/ Signed / T. Pycroft
Secretary to Govt.

To Board of Revenue
Accountant Genl.
Civil Auditor

Order thereon (5-6.) Ordered to be recorded.

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Bd. No. 2986.

From the Secy to Govt. } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 10th August 1854.

/ From Bd. 31st July 1854 /

Resolved that the Military Board be requested to supply, if available, the Copies of the Survey Maps required by the Collector of North Arcot.—

/ Signed / T. Pycroft
Secretary to Govt.

To Military Board with enclosures
Board of Revenue

Bd. No. 1821

Order thereon (7-8.) Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of North Arcot, with reference to his letter dated 26th July 1854.

9.

Bd. No. 2889.

From the Secy to Govt. } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 10th August 1854.—

Read the following letters from the Sub Secretary to the Board of Revenue—

/ Here enter 10th July 1854, No. 275
and 7th August " " 349 /

Under the circumstances represented

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represented by the Board of Revenue in the above letters, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to apply to the Government of India for the retention in the District of South Arcot of the additional Sub Collector for a further period of two years.—

Ordered that the following Board of Revenue letter be despatched.—

Here enter (Signed) T. Pycroft
Secy to Govt.

To The Secy to the Govt. of India

9-10.

Bd. No. 1820

Order thereon—

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of South Arcot, with Copy of the Board's letter of 10th July 1854, for his information, with reference to his letter dated 29th July 1854.—

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11.

Bd. No. 2931.

From the Secy to Govt.

No. 196.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 12th August 1854.

(From Bd. 27th July 1854)

Under the opinion expressed by the Board of Revenue, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to continue to Rajah Saibah for

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for her life, the one third share held by her deceased husband Shah Zahoordeen Hoosany in the Mootaliquan Enam Village of Paroongoody in the Madacolum Talook of the District of Madura—

(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secy to Government

11-12.

Bd. No. 1823.

Order thereon Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Madura with reference to his Tabular Statement, dated 29th June 1854.

13th July 1826. P. 8.
29th Sept. 1845.
29th March 1847.

2. Mr. Parker's attention is called to the Circular Orders noted in the Margin, which have not been observed as regards the Purwanah forwarded with this case.

13.

Bd. No. 3045

Official Memorandum

From the Deputy Secretary to Government } The Secretary to the Board of Revenue is requested to forward to this Office for reference the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 5th March 1846 adverted to in the accompanying Endorsement of the Collector of North Arcot dated 2 January 1854

† To be returned

Fort St. George, 19th August 1854 }

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Dy Secy to Govt.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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(13-14.)

Bd. No. 1830.

To the Depy. Secy to Govt.

Ordered that the following Memo be sent in reply

Official Memorandum.

As requested in the Memorandum from the Deputy Secretary to to Government dated 19th. August 1854, the Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to forward to him a Copy of their Proceedings dated 5th. March 1846, regarding the renewal of certain Mootaliquan Dehat Enams.

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(Signed) W. H. Bayley
Secretary

(15.)

Bd. No. 3015

From the Secy to Government

No. 970.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 19th. August 1854.

(From Bd. 7th. Augt. 1854)

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the payment of Compensation to the Burghers at Coonoor for lands taken up for public purposes, Viz.t, Rupees 38-12 (Thirty eight and annas twelve.

(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary to Govt.

To Bd. of Revenue
Acctt. General
Civil Auditor

Ordered

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Bt. No. 1825

Order thereon

(15-16.)

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Coimbatore, with reference to his letter dated 3d. July 1854.

(17.)

Bd. No. 3066.

From the Secy to Government

Memorandum

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, has the honor to request that the Secretary to the Board of Revenue will furnish him with a Memo: showing the price of Grain in the several Districts under the control of the Board according to the latest accounts received, and specifying to what extent these differ from the highest prices that have obtained in the respective localities since the beginning of the present year.

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(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secy to Govt.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Ordered that the following Memo: be sent in reply.

(17-18.)

Bd. No. 1813

To the Secretary to Government

Memorandum

With reference to the Memorandum

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Memorandum from the Secretary to Government dated 24th. August 1854, the Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to forward to him a Statement shewing the "prices of the principal sorts of Grain since the commencement of the current year."

The six first Columns of

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of prices have been filled up from the monthly price lists accompanying the Collectors' Demand Collection and Balance Statements, and the last Column from the latest weekly

* Weekly statements were only required from those Districts which appeared to be suffering from Scarcity

* Statements received at this Office the dates of which are specified

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Signed W. H. Bayley
Secretary

Average

Rajahmundry	Paddy	Raggy		123	125	130	128	121	118	119	Do 5th August 1854
		Jonna or Cholum		112	120	124	123	122	111	131	
		1st Sort		130	127	139	142	141	138	112	
		2nd Do		121	117	126	127	125	119	110	
Masulipatam		Raggy		153	155	157	155	158	159	132	Do 14th August 1854
		Jonna or Cholum		210	182	177	182	180	178	148	
Guntoor	Paddy	1st Sort		128	131	136	142	139	139	127	
		2nd Do		122	125	128	136	133	134	126	Ditto 8th augt 1854
		Raggy		125	125	127	133	134	136		
		Jonna or Cholum		159	170	170	171	175	172	154	
Nellore	Paddy	1st Sort		121	121	125	131	132	131	138	
		2nd Do		107	109	112	120	121	120	128	Ditto 8 augt 1854
		Raggy		137	137	140	141	146	148	150	
		Jonna or Cholum		159	159	162	165	169	170	179	
Cuddapah	Paddy	1st Sort		127	124	127	127	126	126	112	
		2nd Do		115	116	122	118	117	117	110	Ditto 31st July 1854
		Raggy		151	150	148	146	148	151	146	
		Jonna or Cholum		176	175	179	175	173	174	164	
Bellary	Paddy	1st Sort		111	114	115	114	117	117	130	
		2nd Do		104	108	108	106	111	110	120	Ditto 8th August 1854
		Raggy		138	148	149	149	154	182	184	
		Jonna or Cholum		168	180	180	175	179	217	214	

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Kurnool	Paddy	1st Sort	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	No weekly statement received from this district
		2nd D°	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
		Raggy	165	166	162	166	164	200	"	
		Jonna or Cholum	194	204	193	201	200	214	"	
Chingleput	Paddy	1st Sort	123	121	134	134	141	138	150	Week ending 11th August 1854
		2d D°	116	119	126	127	132	132	142	
		Raggy	181	196	203	183	189	191	197	
		Jonna or Cholum	218	218	227	214	216	210	181	
Madras	Paddy	1st Sort	126	127	140	126	140	140	"	No weekly statement received from this district
		2nd D°	119	124	130	114	135	135	"	
		Raggy	168	175	175	180	180	238	"	
		Jonna or Cholum	175	175	170	170	175	200	"	
North Arcot	Paddy	1st Sort	102	103	120	116	116	116	128	Week ending 12th Augt. 1854
		2nd D°	99	100	114	80	110	105	121	
		Raggy	135	135	135	145	133	136	136	
		Jonna or Cholum	130	147	202	156	153	145	154	
South Arcot	Paddy	1st Sort	120	120	135	135	133	134	130	D° 23d July 1854
		2nd D°	107	108	120	121	121	121	119	
		Raggy	153	155	171	169	165	175	165	
		Jonna or Cholum	169	168	208	219	193	198	161	
Tanjore	Paddy	1st Sort	89	95	112	110	112	139	133	D° 7th August 1854
		2nd D°	84	85	108	106	107	118	124	
		Raggy	101	107	115	136	"	149	192	
		Jonna or Cholum	119	"	114	192	139	192	217	
Trichinopoly	Paddy	1st Sort	100	101	102	103	104	112	"	No weekly statement received from this district
		2nd D°	94	99	100	101	98	106	"	
		Raggy	123	128	123	133	123	136	"	
		Jonna or Cholum	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Madura	Paddy	1st Sort	84	85	86	87	88	113	122	Week ending 31st July 1854
		2nd D°	89	93	93	94	94	114	113	
		Raggy	84	94	97	99	98	119	123	
		Jonna or Cholum	54	88	101	104	104	122	156	

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Tinnevelly	Paddy	1st Sort	121	128	120	115	125	146	153	Week ending 12th August 1854
		2nd Do	110	120	113	110	120	140	144	
		Raggy	100	115	104	110	115	139	139	
		Jonna or Cholum	130	140	140	.	130	149	151	
Coimbatore	Paddy	1st Sort	109	107	108	108	114	138	"	No weekly statement received from this district
		2nd Do	100	93	103	104	113	130	"	
		Raggy	102	105	108	104	119	152	"	
		Jonna or Cholum	124	136	130	127	145	191	"	
Salem	Paddy	1st Sort	93	91	99	98	100	106	"	Do Do
		2nd Do	86	87	93	90	92	100	"	
		Raggy	102	100	106	102	105	110	"	
		Jonna or Cholum	113	112	113	112	121	122	"	
Canara	Paddy	1st Sort	87	90	103	103	104	104	"	Do Do
		2nd Do								
		Raggy	119	107	125	132	126	137	"	
		Jonna or Cholum	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Malabar	Paddy	1st Sort	103	109	120	119	131	139	"	Do Do
		2nd Do	94	99	111	110	110	139	"	
		Raggy	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
		Jonna or Cholum	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	

(Signed) W. H. Bayley
Secretary

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B.d No. 1 after 3112

From the Secretary to Government

(19.)

No. 1007.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 25th August 1854.

From Board 10th August 1854.

Under the representations made by the Collector of Bellary respecting the continued failure of the rains in his District and the increased distress caused thereby, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council grants authority for the services of the Cundacharum and Cuttoobady Peons, whose temporary employment was approved in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 7th December last, being continued from 1st July 1854 to such further period as may be absolutely necessary for preserving the peace of the Country and also for increasing their allowances from one to two Annas each per diem in consideration of their land being entirely waste and the price of grain exceedingly high.

(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary to Govt.

B.d No. 1810.

Proceedings thereon

(19-20.)

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Bellary, with reference to his letter dated 6th July 1854.

To

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No. 53

To

B Cuntliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

(21.)

B.d No. 2806

From the Sub Collector in charge of Rajahmundry

Sir

Para 1 In continuation of my letter of the 24th Ultimo I have the honor to report that the season progresses as favorably as could be wished rain has fallen during the past month very generally throughout every Taloork of the District - not too heavily or in too great abundance to injure the standing Poonasa crops and quite sufficiently to bring forward the young and transplanted Paddy.

2 The tanks in the upper Taloorks are for the most part three quarters filled - the freshes are down both in the Godavery and the Yalairoo the latter of which rivers irrigates a large tract which is not under the influence of the Anicut - Cholera and sickness in general are greatly on the decrease and the people are busily engaged in the pursuits of Agriculture.

3 I have not received the July Register of rain from the Curbah of every Taloork but the average fall in the 14 Taloorks reported is 13 Inches.

Rajahmundry Collectorate - 2d August 1854

(Signed) G. N. Taylor
Sub Collector

Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded.

Statement

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No 62

To

W. H. Bayley Esqre

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St George

(25)

Rt No 3093

From the Sub Collector

In charge of Rayahmundry } Sir

Reports upon the prospects of the season of the District of Rayahmundry.

1 Since the despatch of my last report on the prospects of the season I have accomplished the greater part of my projected tour through the Lower Taloocks of the District and I have also received from my Assistants their reports upon the state of the Taloocks inspected by them and I have now the honor to give the Board a brief abstract of our respective observations.

2 The Head Assistant Mr. R. D. Master visited the Taloocks of Cocanada and Pithapoor belonging to the Zemindary of that name and also the Government Taloocks of Peddapoor, Ruzzeevole and Cumparamum. He found the lines first copiously irrigated by the Yaleroo and here and there by channels from the Godavery and the land for the most part covered with transplanted Paddy. Peddapoor is likewise

likewise partially irrigated by the Yalai
but the wet lands dependant on Tanks are
fully cultivated and the Pronaas crops p
=ticularly the Ginjeli seed have suffered
for want of sufficient rain.-

3 In Biccavole and Cauparam
the lands under the Samulcottah and P
lia Bhaga Channels are as might be
=pected richly covered with transplanted
Paddy and both Taloks are reported to
generally in a very fair condition.

4 The Junior Assistant
S.H. Master visited Tonce Jungumpu
and Kattapilly. He describes the two fir
Taloks to be very much in want of rai
in the latter of which the wet cultivation
very backward chiefly in the Villages de
=dent on the large tanks of Lingumpurr
its first supply of water being already
=most exhausted. In Kittapilly the Pron
crops are doing well the soil of this Talo
requires comparatively less rain than
parts of the District and the proport
of wet land is not large.

5 The Taloks personally visi
by myself are Cotas Ramachundrapoor,

Amilapoor

Amilapoor Nagarum, Mogultoor, Janoorlanka
and part of Rallee, the Board are doubtless
aware that these Taloks are all situate in
the Delta of the Godavery and have been
brought more or less under the influence of
the Annicut channels. The entire tract how=
=ever is still very far from being completely
irrigated comparatively little has yet been done
for the Amlapoor and Rallee Taloks and in
the few Villages of Cota Ramachundrapoor and
the portion of Nagarum which the water has
not yet reached, the crops are backward in
consequence of an insufficiency of rain. The
Officers of the Engineer Department are
however actively employed in every direc=
=tion and I am addressing the Civil En=
=gineer on the subject of conducting the wa=
=ter of the next freshet to fertilize the lands
which are most in need should there be no
rain in the meantime. The Board will have
remarked from the register of July last that
the distribution of the rain in these Ta=
=loks was most unequal. The quantity through
=out the District generally has been less than
usual at this season but with the exception
of the Talook of Lingumpurroo the tract

above

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above the influence of the Annicut has pa
-dentially been better supplied than many
the Talooks which are watered by the Godav
and Yalairu. The rain has fallen most ab
-dantly in Nagulleru and Woondy and n
-thing could be more cheering than the p
-pects of the Ryots in these favored Talo

6 Part of the Talook / Tanuku /
the northern portion of Ralleu are much
want of rain but the accounts receive
from Woondy and Tandemudah which th
Sheristadar has been deputed to visit
most favorable.-

7 The health of the people ge
in general good - but Cholera is still ha
about and prevails - I regret to state to
extent in the neighbourhood of the pl
from which I write in the Tanuku Talo
and in parts of Woondy, Cocanada Pit
-poor and the Tonnes Division - the rest
the District is comparatively free from
disease.-

8 At my desire, my assistan
also took the opportunity of enquiring
as

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as to whether the advances for cultivation
which the past year of drought had in
many instances rendered imperative had
reached the proper objects and whether
the people appeared to be satisfied with
the arrangements of the Amaraticum - the
result is most satisfactory the Ryots
with scarcely one exception had no
complaint to make of the distribution
of the land and were busily engaged
in their fields: -

9 Upon the whole our several
visits to the different parts of the District
has been most gratifying.-

Rajahmundry District
Martur 21st August 1854 } /Signed/ G. A. Taylor
Asst Collector

25-26.
Order thereon — Ordered to lie recorded
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To
W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

27.
Bd No 2806 Sir
From the Collector
of Vizagapatam } 1 But a few days having elapsed
since the date of my last report on
the

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the state of the season, I have only at present to communicate that the weather continues favorable for cultivation - In the southern part of the District there has however been much less rain than in the northern portion to the south more rain is still required. -

2 The wet weather having prevented the free transmit of grain the effect of the change in the season on prices cannot yet be well ascertained. -

Vizagapatam Collectors Office 1st August 1854

[Signed] A Robertson Collector

Order thereon

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No. 100

29.

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

B. No. 2780 From the Collector of Masulipatam

Sir,

With reference to the Sub Secretary's circular letter under date 13th July requesting me to despatch until further orders on the 1st. 10th and 20th of each month a brief report on the prospects of the season, and the state of the cultivation, I have the honor to state that since my report to Government on the state of the season under date 11th July, Copy of which is herewith forwarded for the information of the Board, rain has fallen in sufficient quantities in almost every portion of the District for the dry cultivation, and in many also it has proved quite adequate for the nursery beds for the wet cultivation - The first large fresh of the Kistna came down on the 21st Ultimo, and the River continued to flow above 29 feet on the Bezwarah Register up to the 29th - This has brought a sufficient supply of water to most of the Tanks dependent upon this source, but the fresh was not high enough to fill all the Tanks of the

Deceas

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Deevee Talook the streams supplying the Ellore Tanks, and also those in Iggi-
-utpetta have come down with great
force, and breached some few of the Tanks
but I trust that the damage is not great.
agricultural operations are in progress
every where and upon the whole the season
up to the present time may be consi-
-dered favorable. Prices are gradually falling
especially in the eastern portions of the District.
and should the season continue as it has commenced
there will not I trust be any ap-
-prehension of Scarcity.

Masulipatam,
Collector's Cutcherry,
1st August, 1852.

} /Signed/ T. D. Lushington
Collector

Encl. No 1
No 11

To, The Secretary to Government
in the Revenue Department
Fort St George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt yesterday evening of
your letter of the 2d Instant No 787 calling
upon me to report briefly on the
prospects of the Fasly year about to
commence, on the state of the cultivation
and on the general condition of the In-
-habitants of this District.

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2 In nearly all parts of the Dis
-trict some rain fell during the month of June,
but it has been less in quantity than in an
ordinarily favorable season. Throughout a
range of about 30 miles over which I
passed yesterday very heavy rain had
fallen during the previous night and
appearances lead me to hope that this
may have been general and that more is
coming and although the supply of rain
has hitherto been less than we could have
wished, I trust the prospects of the cul-
-tivation season cannot yet be considered
unfavorable on that account. I have
however learnt with much regret that
up to the 9th Instant the Kristnah had
not risen to the height required for
supplying the channels which are
the feeders to all the principal Tanks
on that side of the District, the usual
period of the 1st great fresh is the last week in June.

3. Dry cultivation is generally in pro-
-gress. Prices of grain are already beginning
to fall slightly. In the portion of the District
reached by the waters of the Godavery the
Dalwah or Summer Rice cultivation was carried
on very successfully on an unusually extensive
scale during the season now closing and prices
were

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were very remunerative. Portions of the District unquestionably suffered much during the last season. there was comparative scarcity of food and limited means of procuring it at the high rates prevailing but nothing approaching to famine; and I trust that the effect of the last unfavorable season will altogether cease to operate, if a favorable season for cultivation and a fair harvest should be granted to this District.

Masulipatam, Collector's Cutcherry, 11th July, 1854.

/ Signed / T. D. Lushington Collector

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Order thereon.

(True Copy) / Signed / T. D. Lushington Collector

Ordered to be recorded.

No. 113

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

31.

B. No. 3064

From the Collector of Masulipatam

Sir,

In continuation of my report upon the prospects of the current season in this District, I have the honor to state that upon the whole they may be considered not unfavorable. In the Taloks of Deeve Gordenadah, and Pamarru, some of the Tanks have not got more than a full supply of water, but the

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freshes of the Kistnah, supplying the two former and also of the yerra Calavah which supplies the latter may be expected.

2. Rain has not been very abundant but the showers which we have experienced have I trust, been sufficient for the Dry crops, and the transplanting of Paddy is being generally carried on.

Masulipatam, Collector's Cutcherry, 21st August, 1854.

/ Signed / T. D. Lushington Collector

31-32.

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

No. 114

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

33.

B. No. 3085

From the Collector of Masulipatam

Sir,

With reference to your circular letter dated 7th Instant, I have the honor to report that the number of English and Telugoo copies of the Revenue Board's circular orders required for distribution to the Principal Native Officers in this District is 2 English and 19 Telugoo as particularized in the margin.

	English.	Telugoo
Head Shoristadar	"	1
Naib Do.	"	1
Manager under Special Assistant Collector	"	1
15 Tahsildars of Taloks	"	15
2 Salt Runneens	1	1
1 Sea Custom Superintendent	1	"
Total	2	19

Masulipatam, Collector's Cutcherry, 22d August, 1854.

/ Signed / T. D. Lushington Collector

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33-34.
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Ordered to be sent

No 30

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

Adverting to the Circular
from the Board of Revenue dated 8th
Ultimo, I have the honor to request that the return
the 1st and 20th Instant from the Collectors
in General Orders of the District, the Eastern
ern being more generally known as that the
Central and Western Districts.

The Provinces
in Native Agents of the Collectors
require rain to bring them to maturity
The Canine and Red Paddy in Nellore
where already sown are generally thriving
The Sowing of the Canine in the Eastern
Talooks is in progress. In the Palk
=road, the Crops are in a highly
flourishing condition. The cultivation
under the Tanks which have received a supply
of water to irrigate is extensive.
The Cholera and small pox still continue
prevalent in parts of the Districts.

Gunturs,
Collectors Office,
24th August 1854.

Signed W. Rivers
Offg Collector

Ordered to be recorded

Mr Secretary

37. 1105

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No 3091 Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta on private Trade at each of the several places of export in the District of Nellore up to 15th August 1854.

No	Places at which Salt is available for export by Sea.	Quantity to be exported in the year 1854/55.	Quantity already exported.	Quantity remaining to be exported.	Quantity at present in store and available for Export.	Remarks
		Md	Md	Md	Md	
1	Ro Kapully	15,000	"	15,000	15,000	
2	Gogoolapully	10,000	"	10,000	"	
3	Vurvey	10,000	"	10,000	8,031	
4	Kristapatam	25,000	"	25,000	25,000	
		60,000	"	60,000	48,031	

Nellore, Collectors Office 25th August, 1851

E E Fs Signed J Ratleff
Acting Coll.

37-38. Order thereon.

Ordered to be sent for publication in the Fort St George Gazette.

(39)

B[e] N[o] 3092

To Calcutta

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Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in Store available for exportation to Calcutta on Government Indent at each of the several places of exportation in the District of Bellary up to 15th August 1854.

Places at which Salt is available for exportation	Quantity remaining to be exported.	Quantity at present in Store and available for exportation.	Remarks
	A. Mds	A. Mds	
1 Pan Mala	12,000	12,000	
2 Erra Kaspully	41,280	41,280	
3 Vinnur	33,000	33,000	
4 Hirita Patam	110,000	110,000	
	196,280	196,280	

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(Signed) C. Pelly
Collector

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Quantity of Salt in Store available for exportation at each of the several places of exportation in the District of Bellore up to 15th August 1854.

Places at which Salt is available for exportation	Quantity remaining to be exported.	Quantity at present in Store and available for exportation.	Remarks
	A. Mds	A. Mds	
1 Pan Mala	12,000	12,000	
2 Erra Kaspully	45,000	3,720	
3 Vinnur	33,000	"	
4 Hirita Patam	110,000	"	
	200,000	3,720	

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(Signed) C. Pelly
Acting Collector

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Order thereon,

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Ordered to be recorded.

N° 47

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

41.

B[e] N° 2801
From the Collector
of Bellary

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the information of the Board of Revenue copy of a letter addressed by me to Government on the 27th Instant reporting the State of the season of the District during the last week ending on the 22d Instant.

Bellary Collector's Office, 29th July, 1854

(Signed) C. Pelly
Collector

Encl[e] N° 1
N° 11

To T. Pycroft Esq[re]
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort St George.

Sir,

I have the honor to report on the season for the week ending 22d Instant I regret to say that but little improvement generally has taken place since my last report about the 15th and 17th there was a prospect of a plentiful rain. But it has been partial. The Toombudra river however came down full and this has been a great benefit. In the adoony (North Talook) Hurpunhully and Hoodigherr (western)

a

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a good rain for the light soils fell very generally- In Hoovinhudgully (western) a less abundant as also in parts of Cumply. a few Villages in some of the other Talooks have had a little rain but with the above exception the rain has failed- There was a slight fall in the price of grain owing to the better prospects in a few Markets.

I should not have been much disconcerted at this failure of the early rain as it is not an uncommon occurrence in Bellary District had it not been for the previous failure in last year- The fact of our being yet in the middle of the rainy season- and the favorable appearance tends very much I think to keep prices steady Cloudy skies- Hoyle winds, and occasional passing showers is the character of the weather-

Bellary Collectors Office,
27th July 1854.

/ Signed / C. Pelly
Collector

/ True Copy /
/ Signed / C. Pelly
Collector

Ordered to be recorded.

41-42.
Order thereon-

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43.

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

Bd No 3063 Sir.
From the Collector of Bellary

I have the honor to send as directed

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directed in the Boards Circular letter of 13th Ultimo, my trimonthly report on the State of the Season- Since my last report on the 10th Instant there has been rain in some parts of the District but no general fall-

1 Bellary ——
1 Cumply ——
1 Kodecanda — } Reports not received
1 Pengonda —
1 Madacasera
1 Raidroog —
1 Anantapoor

The rain fell on the 9th- 10th and 11th- The 7 Talooks mentioned marginally received no rain at all or at the least none to be of any use-

In Hurpunhully (Westward) the rain was very good for dry crops.

In Hoovinhudgully (western) good also.

In Punchapanlum (East) there was very good rain and some Tanks received a small supply-

In Adoney (North) the rain in some Villages but not general throughout the Talook-

In Gootty (centre) at that town and Eastward the rain appears to have been very good but westward and in the Rayndroog Districts there was none-

In Sandpatry (Eastern Talook) there was pretty good rain-

In

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In Goollum (Centre) partial rain
Hoodlighee (Western) In this Taluk
a western one adjoining Bur[illegible]unchully, the
was very partial, some parts getting
at all. The Northern part having a good
Dharmavarum (Centre) no rain
in a few Villages.
Yadaky (East) a small
The Toombudra River came down full
a good rain had fallen westward.
From the above report it will
been that in a few Taloks only has there
been good rain - and scarcely even in
any part of these Taloks has there been
a general fall but what has fallen has
been good for the dry crops.
The District is almost
bare of forage and there must be
considerable difficulty in procuring
cattle to plough the lands when the
rains do fall.

Bellary Collector's
Office, 20th August, 1854. } (Signed) C Pelly
Collector

P.S.

A daily report has been regularly
despatched to Government by Electric
Telegraph.

43-44.
Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over.

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No. 66

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

45.

Sir,

B.R. No. 3057
From the Sub Collr
in charge of Cuddapah } P.P.

With regard to the state of the season and crops, I have the honor to state that scarcely any rain has fallen since my last report - what a sprinkling of rain there may have been has merely sufficed to keep the dry crops alive, but not to induce the ryots to make any further sowing on dry land.

The Tanks are still dry and the water in the channels and wells becoming gradually less - From want of forage the cattle are much reduced in strength - Grain rising in price and altogether the state of matters is at present unpromising.

Cuddapah Collector's Office 21st August 1854 } (Signed) A. Wedderburn
Sub Collector
in Charge

45-46.
Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over.

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No. 30

47.

To B Cunliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary in charge of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Bl No. 3092

From the Agent to the Governor at Kurnool 11th August 1854

Sir,

Since the date of my last report on the state of the season scarcely any rain has fallen and the crops are in consequence not in so healthy a state as could be desired. The price of Grain has again risen, apparently owing to the report of an expected scarcity in the Bellary District.

2. There have been many fatal cases of Cholera in the Southern Taloks of the District, and distress still prevails amongst the poorer classes.

Kurnool Government Agents Office 21st August 1854

(Signed) T. Conway
Agent to the Governor

47-48.
Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

No. 31.

To B. Cunliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary
in charge of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

49.

Bd No. 3095
From the Agent to the Governor at Kurnool

Sir,

With reference to the Board's

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Board's Circular of the 7th Instant, I have the honor to state that 1 English and 9 Teloogoo Copies of the work therein referred to, will be required for distribution in this District as particularized below.

Kurnool Government Agents Office 22nd August 1854

(Signed) T. Conway
Agent to the Governor

	Copies English	Teloogoo
Head Sheristadar	1	"
Naib Sheristadar	"	1
8 Tahsildars	"	8
Total	1	9

49-50.
Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

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

51.

Bd No. 3054
From the Acting Collr of Chingleput

Sir,

In reply to your Circular letter of the 7th Instant, I have the honor to request that 8 Tamil and 4 Teloogoo Copies of the translations of the Circular orders of the Board of Revenue may be furnished to this Office for the use of the Head and Naib Sheristadars and

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and 10 Tahsildars.

Chingleput District
Collector's Cutcherry
Sydapett 22d August 1854

(Signed) P. B. Smollett
Acting Collector

51-52.

Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

53.

Read again letter from the Collector of Salem dated 1st June and entered in Consultation 3d July last.-

P. N. 1826

Proceedings thereon

The Collector will observe from the marginal entry that the price of 2d sort Rice for May is in excess of that of the 1st sort, but as there is no corresponding increase in the Price of 2d sort Paddy it is likely that the Rice rates may have been given one for the other. Mr Brett is requested to explain the cause of this discrepancy.

Rice Rates	1st Sort.	2d Sort
April	215	196
May	215	240
June	231	214
Paddy rates.		
May	100	92

N. 128

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

54.

Sir,

P. N. 3062
From the Collector
of South Arcot

I have the honor to report that

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that during the last ten days I have received reports of heavy rain having fallen in several parts of the District which has proved most beneficial to the standing crops. In some localities however where the rain has failed, the crops have partially perished to a considerable extent the reaping has commenced and, upon the whole, I think the harvest of dry grain will prove a good average one. The Nunjah cultivation in the Southern Taloks is being carried on briskly, and there is still a good deal of water in the Coleroon.

2 The freshes have just come down also in the Penaur which runs through the Taloks of Treculloor, Ellavanasore, Trinady, Villapooram, and Cuddalore. There is a very important stream supplying a great many Tanks in its course, so that the Ryots will immediately commence their field work wherever the water reaches. The Cholera continues to prevail in parts of the District and the poorer classes especially

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56. Statement shewing the Quantity of Salt in store available for Export-
ation to Calcutta on private trade at each of the several places of Export
in the District of Tanjore on the 15th August 1854.

Places at which the Salt is available for Export by Sea	Quantity to be Exported in 1854/55	Quantity already Exported	Quantity remaining to be Exported	Quantity at present in store & available for Export	Remarks
	Maunds S	Maunds S	Maunds S	Maunds S	
Vadaraniam	88,000 "	"	88,000 "	28,000 "	
Keelacurray	12,000 "	"	12,000 "	12,000 "	
Tunnampatam	8,000 "	"	8,000 "	8,000 "	
	1,08,000 "	"	108,000 "	48,000 "	

Tanjore 15th August 1854

(Signed) H. Forbes
Collector

Order thereon.—

Ordered to be sent for publication in the Fort St. George Gazette. 28th August 1854.

To

(56-57.)

(174.55.)

Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded.

To

1448

Fort St George 28th August 1854

From

The Secretary to
Government
Board of Revenue

To,

The Collector of Chingleput

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will favour it with a report on the state of the cultivation of the Districts under your charge during the year 1853-54 as compared with the preceding year, and to submit an account of the Revenue realized from the lands during the last ten days and the state of the collection of the Districts.

2 Since my letter of the 10th August we have been delayed with heavy rain almost every night from the 11th instant and these daily have been generally thoroughout the Province.

3 The Marginal Statements will show the extent of cultivation and the assessment on the lands under the different heads of Wet, Dry, Garden, and Total, the Register of the Zemindaree Villages of the Chingleput Collectorate, and the Collector's estimate of the Revenue that may be realized from the cultivation of the present year.

Mark of the Collector

Full supply of water into tanks. Have had smaller ones at Vedhathangal, which is done for the Collector's Office.

The Collector's Office.

Board that more care be taken in future in the preparation of Estimates.

Forwarded

Secretary

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Last years cultivation Present Cultivation

	Land	Assessment	Land	Assessment	Increase	Decrease
	Cawnies Gs as	Cawnies Gs as	Cawnies Gs as	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p
Wet	19,074 41 15½	159,347 6 8	18,213 71 7½	138,671 5 4	"	20,676 1 4
Dry	32,669 95 3	57,588 6 7	33,455 37 12½	65,037 12 1	13,449 5 6	
Garden	10,564 11 13	70,480 11 4	11,005 72 11	67,553 5 4	"	2,927 6
Total	62,308 48 15½	281,416 8 7	62,674 21 15	271,262 6 9	13,449 5 6	23,603 7

Net Decrease 10,154 1 9

The

4 The rivers have been in heavy fresh since the 15th Instant and every channel is brimful, grass and pasturage is plentiful every where and all Kinds of Vegetable are to be had.

5 Prices keep up, but there is no want of grain of every description in the Bazaars of this City.

6 Cholera is still prevalent in the Arrealore and Wodiarpollam Talooks, but not so severe as when I wrote on the 10th of this month.

Trichinopoly — Collectors Office 21st August 1852

(Signed) J. Bird
Collector

58-59.
Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded.-

DG

No. 231

To

B. Cunliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

60.

Bd. No. 2713
From the Collector of Tinnevelly - 3 Paras

Sir,

With reference to the remarks of the Civil Auditor contained in the Audit of the Accounts of this Collectorate for Fasly 1262 requesting to be furnished with the authority under which a sum of Rupees 30 was refunded to Mr. King in August 1852, being the duty collected from him on certain Palmirah Jaggery exported by him at Tutacorin in the previous month, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to furnish me with the requisite sanction for the refund in question, which was made on the representation of the said Gentleman and on the grounds that Sugar being allowed to be exported free, and Jaggery being Palmirah Sugar, and an article not taxable in the Land Custom when exported, it was not

not liable to Export duty at the Sea Custom House.-

2 When the refund of the money to Mr Gray was ordered it was not noticed that it had been brought to account, otherwise application should have been then made for permission to repay it.-

Tinnevelly
Tencausey
28th July 1854

(Signed) C. J. Bird
Collector

60-61.

Bd No 1834
Proceedings thereon

No 397

Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with the Board's recommendation that under the circumstances represented by the Collector, sanction be granted for the refund in question amounting to Rupees 30-.-.

No 241

To B. Cunliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

62.

Bd No 2899
From the Collector
of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to submit copy of a letter to my address from Mr

Mr Child the Head Assistant Collector of this District in charge of the Salt Department dated the 29th ultimo, containing from Paras 2 to 8, replies to such of the questions mentioned in the Board's Circular of 6th April as remain unanswered and from para 9 answers to such of the additional queries mentioned in the Circular of 5th June last as are applicable to this District.-

Tinnevelly
Tencausey
7th August 1854

(Signed) C. J. Bird
Collector

Encl No 1

No 915

To C. J. Bird Esqre
Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

1 I have the honor to forward replies to those questions connected with the Salt manufacture contained in the Board's first letter dated 6th April and which were not replied to in my former letter dated 1st May and also to those queries contained in the Board's letter dated 5th June. I regret that so much delay has occurred but I have now only received the returns necessary to give the required information

× herewith returned.

The

The extent of land occupied by Pans

2. The following is the extent of land occupied by the 9 different Pans in this District The measure given includes the plat forms for storing the Salt and the ground occupied by the wells for raising the Salt water and the banks between the Pans in fact the whole Pan as included within the Hedge.

at the rate of 70-602 Square feet per Cottah

	Seed Cottah
Vypaur	
Munjuncolum	18 11/16
Arasady	15 2/16
Tutacorin	12 3/16
Paliacoil	19 14/16
Coilpatam	18 7/16
Coolasagarapatam	19 14/16
Cootuncooly	9
Vezia pady	7 nearly
	2 14/16

Quantity of Salt that can be made on a given area of Land.

3 The quantity of Salt that can be made in one year on an equal area of land differs according to the nature of soil, the returns given by the Chowkeydars of the respective Pans are as follows.

area of Bed
25 by 20 feet 500 Square feet

	Measels
Vypaur	
Munjacolum	200
Arasady	200
Tutacorin	200
Paliacoil	400
Coilpatam	338
Coolasagarapatam	250
Cootuncooly	152
Vezia pady	75
	77

I have no confidence in this return which is made by Estimate rather than upon correct information and is evidently incorrect, a more correct idea may be formed by comparing the full area of each Pan and the total amount of the greatest quantity of Salt to be obtained from each during the year as follows:-

	Cottah	Garce	67 per Cottah including banks Yds
Vypaur	18 11/16 gives	1250	67-40 3/4
Munjuncolum	15 2/16 "	800	52-357
Arasady	12 3/16 "	750	61-342 1/4
Tutacorin	19 14/16 "	1,000	50-125 3/4
Paliacoil	18 7/16 "	850	46 103 3/4
Coilpatam	19 14/16 "	900	46 228
Coolasagarapatam	9 "	300	33-133 1/4
Cootuncooly	7 "	200	28-228 9/16
Vezia pady	" "	"	" - "

Note The measure of the Vezia pady Salt Pan not being correct is omitted and as it is the most insignificant Pan of all it is not necessary to wait for the correct measure.-

Describe the Process of manufacture of Salt.

4 The process of manufacture in this District is very simple and as follows.

After the monsoon is over and settled weather sets in the Ryots commence preparing the beds by clearing out all fresh water and mud that may have accumulated during the rains, the flooring of the beds is then moistened with Salt water till it can absorb no more and then beaten hard and solid, this process takes

takes some 2 or 3 weeks after the beds are fully prepared, so that the salt water shall rest on the salt earth without absorption (and the manufacture depends principally on this) about 6 inches of salt water is let in and allowed to remain till salt is formed in about 10 days when the salt formed is washed in the water still remaining and being freed from earth and other foreign substances as much possible is collected on the banks and after a few days drying received into store after the salt has been removed from the beds they are cleaned and beaten and salt water let in as before..

Estimated quantity of salt sold per head and data on which founded..

During the five years from Fusly 1258 to 1262 the average sale of salt for consumption within the District was garce 2,509 - 162 - 4. The Population in 1852 or Fusly 1261 when the last census was taken was 1,269,216 of whom 434,854 were Children

401,231 men

432,631 women

833,862 Total adults

This allows for Children at the rate of 3 garce measures per head and

and for adult at the rate of 8 1/16 garce measure per head or for the whole population at the rate of 6 1/3 garce measure per head..

This average is less than that given in the Statements which accompanied Mr Elton's letter dated 4th January 1849, when the average per head for 5 years, Fusly 1253 to 1257, is 7/4 G measures but in that account the population is most probably under stated being put down in Fusly 1257 as 1,065,422 whereas by the last census which was most carefully made in Fusly 1261 it is 1,269,216 showing apparently an increase of 203,794 which would give an increase of 1/5 in 4 years; greater than is likely to be the case..

The average sale of salt for home consumption in the five years..

Fusly 1252 to 1257 is -- 2,407 - 94 - 7

From 1258 to 1262 - - - - 2,509 - 162 - 4

Increase - - - 102 - 67 - 5

which at 6 1/3 measures per head is salt sufficient for an increased population of 57,622..

It should be remarked that

that it is very possible that the aver:
:age of salt sold for home consumption
in 1253 & 1257 is over-stated, as at that time
salt was not allowed openly to be taken
from one District to another as now, and
all salt being professedly sold for
home consumption though many carts
came, as at present, from Coimbatore
and Madura with produce, it is
probable they took away salt with
Romandis. for Towns on the borders
though in reality to take it to the
other Districts.

6. Taking this rate of consump:
:tion as the average annual quantity
of Salt purchased by each person
in this District and calculating the
cost at the price it is sold there
(Tencausey) 60 miles from the coast,
where it is sold in the Bazar at
6 seer measures or 4 Garce measures
for a fanam or annas 3-4 it appears
that the cost to each adult at
that distance for his Salt per an:
:num is 7 annas and a fraction of
this 7 annas 2-2½ price is the cost
of carriage and Bazar profits

and independent altogether of any Govern:
:ment interference annas 4-9½ covering
the cost of manufacture and Govern:
:ment tax - For a childs annual con:
:sumption the total cost at the same
distance of 60 miles is annas 2-5.-

The cost at which the salt could be made without any Government interference.

7 This of course differs as
the soil of the Salt Pan is favorable
or otherwise for the quick and success:
:ful formation of the Salt, and it
would also be materially effected
by the Ryots being required to destroy
spontaneous Salt as now, or by such
being undertaken by Government Offi:
:cers with the assistance of Peons or
paid Coolies; but it is considered
as ranging from 4½ Rupees in most
favorable places to 8 Rupees at those
less also, and this is substantiated by
the different prices given for the beds
ranging from about 2½ to 15 Rupees,
the beds however are not by
any means of an uniform size -
The low price given is the cost of
some of the beds at the most fa:
:vorable Salt Pan of Vypaur, but caused
by the expense the Ryots are put to

in

in looking after and destroying the spontaneous Salt which is very abundant in the neighbourhood.

The average extent of ground cultivated at each Pan with the outturn & Sale.

8 The size of the Salt Pans and the capability of production has been given above. The manufacture being generally limitted by the Estimate for the year, the average out-turn of each pan would be merely the average of the estimate; and with regard to the sale of Salt two of the Chowkeydars have each charge of two Salt Pans, and hitherto the Salt has not been sold at one Pan till all the old Salt has been sold at the other, and likewise hitherto, if all the old Salt has been sold at all the Pans, before the Estimate of the new Salt is finished, permission is given to sell Salt at certain Pans only according to the capacity of the superintending Chowkydar. Had there been, as there in future will be, a large supply always on hand the sales will I am of opinion, increase much at some and fall off greatly at other Salt Pans. Whenever the

the average sale of the different Pans from Fusly 1258 to 1262 is.

	Garce	Merical
Typaur	380	108
Munjuncolum	281	379
Arasady	378	141
Tutacorin	485	256
Paliacoil	369	325
Coilpatam	646	180
Colasagarapatam	200	3
Coptuncooly	86	389
Tezjapady	69	343

What is held in your District to constitute a distinct set of Salt Pans or a distinct Salt work and are there any recognized divisions into which the Pans at any locality are grouped.

9 In this District a set of Pans consists of a number of beds adjoining one another with their wells and plat forms for storing all within one Hedge, and having a separate Establishment of servants. The beds should properly be of 500 square feet, but at many of the old Pans they are very irregular, some being small and some large and the ryots have been inconvenienced thereby, so that it has been intended for some months to group them anew but some difficulties have first to be overcome.

What are the measures in force in the Sea

10 Beyond the ordinary measures taken to prevent ordinary smuggling) no

See board of your District to prevent the illicit importation of salt along the shore

no measures are taken to prevent the importation of salt either by Sea or from Travancore &c. No measures are taken at all beyond punishing persons found smuggling which but very rarely happens — On this subject see Mr Elton's letter dated 4th January 1849.

The number of Beds at each Pan.

11 The number of Beds at each Pan.-

Vypaur	2200
Munjuncolum	1529
Arasady	1444
Tutacorin	700
Paliacail	1109
Coilpatam	1274
Coolasagarapatam	2120
Cootuncooly	1135
Vizia pathy	618

A comparison between this statement and the size of the Pans will show the great irregularity in the size of the beds which differ not only in different Pans, but in the same Pan, as for example in Tutacorin there are 19⅞ cottahs of land and only 700 Beds, whereas, in Coolasagarapatam

Coolasagarapatam there are but 9 Cottahs of land & 2120 beds.

The holding of different Parties and number of separate Holdings-

12. The following is a table of the number of beds belonging at present to each individual, but the difference in size of the beds should be kept in mind, and moreover the holdings are continually changing by being divided among sons & relatives, or being accumulated by purchase, and so also with regard to the average quantity furnished by one owner, with some it is as much as 40 or 50 Garce or even more, and with some as low as one or two Garce according to the quantity ordered to be made at the Pan, the size of the holding and the diligence or otherwise of the manufacturer.-

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The following is a Table showing the Number of Beds held by Separate Farmers:

Separate Accounts rendered.

Number of Beds	1 to 10	11 to 20	21 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	51 to 70	71 to 100	Upwards of 100	Total
Vyssaur	5	8	9	5	8	9	2	3	50
Munjuncalum	"	3	6	3	1	7	4	4	24
Arasady	2	4	6	9	5	3	3	1	33
Tutacorin	"	4	1	6	1	2	1	"	15
Paliacoil	7	20	10	5	8	1	"	"	47
Coilpatam	3	11	6	3	3	"	"	1	30
Coolasagarapatam	"	1	4	3	3	2	1	"	24
Cootuncoaly	"	"	2	1	1	1	"	"	19
Vizia pady	"	1	"	1	1	"	"	"	9

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	Highest number of beds held by one Party	Lowest Do.
Vyssaur	179	8
Munjuncalum	157	11
Arasady	210	5
Tutacorin	116	12
Paliacoil	100	5
Coilpatam	127	7
Coolasagarapatam	287	20
Cootuncoaly	101	20
Vizia pady	112	22

No average can be given of the size of the holding as they are of all kinds, some belonging to poor men cultivating some few beds handed down from their ancestors, and making their living thereby, other holdings being in the possession of wealthy men who have purchased up beds as opportunity offered and who cultivated them by their tenants and some also possessed beds at more than one Salt Pan.-

Tinnevelly, Tencausey 29th June 1854

(Signed) T. S. Child
Head Assistant Collector

(True Copy)
(Signed) C. J. Bird
Collector

To

11436

Fort St. George 28th August 1854

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.

(62-63.)

To The Collector of

B. No. 1824
To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir, Tinnevelly

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 7th August 1854, and to request that you will be good enough, with reference to Mr. Child's reply to Query No. 4 of Circular of 5th June 1854, to state what may be considered as a fair average and what is the actual minimum quantity of Salt made by a single individual (or 2 or 3 partners) with a view to ascertain what would be the practical difficulty in keeping an account with each man.

In Cons 28th August 1854

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
28th August 1854

(Signed) W. H. Bayley
Secretary

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No. 256

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

(64.)

B. No. 3065.
From the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

Para 1. With reference to Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 13th July 1854 calling for an opinion on the question raised by Government in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 23d June 1854, I have the honor to submit as my opinion that the Public Revenue from irrigated lands would not be seriously affected in the event of all restrictions as to the locality of Wells being abandoned from the mere effect of loss of water by Percolation out of Government works of irrigation near to which the Wells might be situated.

2. I consider however that there would often be danger of the Channel and Tank Banks being weakened

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weakened, and breached, by the too near excavation of wells, and for that reason deem that some limit as to distance is a highly necessary condition

Tinnevelly ..... Tencaweg, ... 19th August 1854.

(64-65.)

Order thereon.

(Signed) C. J. Bird
Collector.

Ordered to lie over.

No. 259.

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

(66.)

Bo. No. 3088.

From the Collector of Tinnevelly — Para 1

Sir,

In the last ten days since my last report there has been a little supply of water from the Hills in some of the rivers, but not enough to lead to much increased cultivation. The sowings watered from the Tambraparny are considered now to be generally safe but further failure of

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of crops have been reported under irrigation of minor rivers and from Wells.

2. Some rain has fallen in the plain Country during the last ten days but not enough to be of material consequence.

3. Annexed is a statement of the extent of cultivation, wet and dry, to the end of last Month compared with that of last year. The increase in Garden cultivation is a usual consequence in this District of want of water for Nunjah.

4. Prices, as will be seen by the succeeding Statement, continue much as during the period of the

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the last report.

	Cultivation up to the end of July	
	July 1863	July 1864
Nunjah B. Cottahs	29297	23836
Garden "	1485	1648
Poonjah Chains	1001½	874½

	Prices in August	
	From 1st to 10th	From 10th to 20th
	Rs. a P.	Rs. a P.
Paddy per Garce	150-7-10	150 7 10
Cumboo "	162-4-10	162 4 10
Raggy "	140-4-7	140 4 7
Taragoos "	"	94 15 7
Cholum "	"	144 6 9
Tennay "	"	143 11 2
Coolty "	215-2-2	215 2 2

Tinnevelly,
Tencanoy,
21st August, 1854.

(Signed) C. J. Bird
Collector

Order thereon.—

Ordered to be recorded.

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No. 94

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

68.

Bd. No. 2894.

From the Collector of Coimbatore } Sir,

The continued drought has dried up so many of the village wells, on which all the poorer classes depend for water, for drinking and household purposes, that applications from the poor to have them deepened have been frequent. the wells here are all, without exception, dug in hard Rock-2 or 3 feet added in depth, or all sediment and refuse being cleared from the Well usually renews the spring sufficiently for uses wherever they have had the means, the Villagers have joined to do this; but, some of the poorer Villages are unable to meet the Cost requiring from 15 x to 50 Rupees per Well, according to locality and circumstances. I would solicit the sanction of Government to expend about 2,000 Rupees for this purpose where most requisite and I believe that

x for repairs

an

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that equal sum could hardly be spent in any way so calculated extensively to relieve and assist the people, in this trying season most of these Village Wells have also (in true eastern Custom) troughs to water the Cattle so that the brow will be double to man and beast, a careful account of the expenditure will be kept. many of these Wells are 50 and 60 feet deep, fivesixths of this depth solid blue granite of the hardest kind.-

Coimbatore, ...
Collector's Office, ...
10th August, 1854

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector.

No. 396.

Bd. No. 1832.

Resolution thereon.- Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with the Board's recommendation that under the circumstances stated, the Collector's request be complied with.-

(68-69)

To

Fort St. George, 28th August 1854.

No. 97.

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

(70.)

Bd. No. 3067

From the Collr. of Coimbatore — Sir,

I have the honor to state for the Board's information, that the state of the season in this District is much the same as reported in my letter of the 10th Instant, No. 95, only very slight rains have fallen at or near Coimbatore- prices continue high, but showers are hoped for, this Month, and grass for the cattle, is, in places to be had - large numbers have died, from want of both water and grass - the Village wells are still nearly dry and I would earnestly request early sanction for the 2000 Rupees requested in my letter of the 10th Instant No. 94, and permission to renew my application should I find it necessary. It will prove a source of great relief to the People.-

Coimbatore, ...
21st August, 1854

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector.-

Order thereon.- Ordered to be recorded.-

(70-71.)

To

11444

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No. 98.

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

(72.)

B. No. 3084.

From the Collector of Coimbatore } Sir,

With reference to your Circular of the 7th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that 17 copies of Tamil Translations and 1 English Copy of the Board's Circular Order are required for distribution in this District as particularized in the enclosed list. Teloogoo Copies are not needed here.

Coimbatore, 21st August, 1854 } /Signed/ E. B. Thomas
Collector

List.

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List shewing the number of Copies of Tamil Translation of the Board's Circular Order required for the use of the Coimbatore District.

For Head Sheristadar ___	1	Tamil
Naib ___ D. ___	1	English
Sub Division D. ___	1	Tamil
Tahsildar of Coimbatore ___	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Pulladum ___	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Cheyoor ___	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Danaickencottah	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Sattimungalum	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Audioor ___	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Errode ___	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Parindoray ___	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Collegal ___	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Pullachey ___	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Neilgherry ___	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Caroor ___	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Kongieur ___	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Sharapoerum ___	1	D.
" ___ " ___ of Chuckragherry ___	1	D.
	Total 18	

Coimbatore, 21st August, 1854 } Signed/ E. B Thomas
Collector.

Order thereon. Ordered to lie over

(72-73.)

To

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No. 85.

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

(74.)

B. No. 2942.

From the Collector of Canara.....

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board that the question of granting a gratuity to the public servants who lost their situations on the abolition of the Tobacco Monopoly remains still undisposed of.

x letter to Board 17th January 1853.

As a year and a half has elapsed since they were deprived of their accustomed support, I trust that I shall not be considered importunate, if I solicit the early attention of the Board and the Government to this subject.

Canara, Collector's Cutcherry,
Mangalore, 11th August, 1854.

/Signed/ F. N. Maltby
Collector.

No. 395

Proceedings thereon.—

(74-75.)

Resolved that the letter recorded above be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 21st May 1853 Para 10.

Infos. 16th June 1853.

No. 87.

(76.)

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

B. No. 3083.

From the Collr. of Canara.

Sir,

In continuation of my report of the

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the 10th Instant, I have the honor to state that the weather has continued to be most favorable throughout this district after the close of my last report we had one of the heaviest falls of rain known for many years at so late a period of the monsoon. Fifteen inches of rain fell between Thursday evening and Sunday Morning and the floods were the most extensive I have yet known. such a fall at that period of the season is most advantageous. It spreads a rich alluvial deposit over the lands and affords to the highest a timely supply of water, destroying at the same time the insects which often attack the crops if the rain at this period is withheld.—

2. Nothing can be more promising than the crops are up to the present time and there is every reason to hope that an ample harvest will be reaped.—

3. Prices have fallen a little owing to the intelligence of the state of the crops to the Southward, but are still very remunerative.—

Canara, Collector's Cutcherry,
Mangalore, 21st August, 1854.

/Signed/ F. N. Maltby
Collector

Order thereon.—

(76-77.)

Ordered to be recorded.

To

11448. Fort St. George 28th August 1854.

No. 87

To, B. Cunliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

(78.)

Bd. No. 2695.
From the Collector, Malabar .....

Sir,

As directed in the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 13th Instant, I have the honor to state that the name of the suspended Tahsildar is Soobramanyen.-

Dated 25th Edarom 1029 / 6th July 1854.

2. His explanation is appended. He wished me, it will be seen, to take native evidence to rebut that of the European Medical Officer, which I did not think needful or proper.-

That he could have returned to his duty and that he should have done so, knowing the exigency of the case I hold to be clear.-

I may mention in reference to the praise which he gives himself of having served 27 years without fault that for 4½ years he was merely an administerer of oaths. and that in allowing my Sub Collector's nomination of him as Tahsildar of Wynad to stand, I committed an error- for he is one of the most inefficient and unsatisfactory Officers in the service.-

Calicut, 25th July, 1854.

/Signed/ H. V. Conolly
Collector.

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No. 1.

To, H. V. Conolly Esqre
Collector of Malabar.

The Urzee of Soobramanyen.
Tahsildar of the Wynaad Taluk.

I received on the 3rd June the order dated 30th May last No. 155 stating that from the Doctor's letter to the effect that I was not laboring under any such disease as would prevent my conducting the Public business and from other circumstances it having appeared that I made a false statement of my case, another person was sent to act for me on my full pay for 6 Months in punishment for the above fault.-

If what the Doctor has written be correct I should feel no regret at all to undergo the punishment your Worship has awarded on me for making a false statement- Since my appointment in 1827 till now forming upward of 27 years in Public service I gave no cause whatever for any such injurious order hence the order now passed by your Worship in a matter in which I stated nothing but the real truth is a source of great grievance and dishonor to me, and I therefore earnestly request your Worship will kindly take the following circumstances into consideration ascertain the truth, cancel the order in question

and

and pass another one favorable to me.

2. The distance from my house to Palghautcherry is 12 miles. I reached at the latter place on the 25th. May at 9 A. M. and having seen the Doctor I handed up the letter and gave an account of my disease and he ordered me to come to the Hospital in the Fort at 12 M. I complied but as the Doctor was not then present I spoke to the Dresser in attendance there regarding my complaint when he examined my eyes and said that I had Cataract in my left eye, but I would recover if I underwent treatment. A little while after the Doctor having come examined first my right eye and told the Dresser that it was sound but he did not say the same thing after he examined the left eye. On his asking me through the Dresser when and how I got the disease in the eye I informed him of the time I got it and the cause thereof. After the Doctor had inspected and arranged the Medicines received from Trichinopoly he told me that he would send an answer to the letter direct and that I could go. I accordingly did so. Besides the above question the Doctor did not ask me nor did I tell him what inconvenience and annoy-

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I was subjected to by the disease.

3. With reference to the order sent by your Worship, founded on the Doctor's letter that I was not suffering from any such disease as would disable me from conducting my duties, I beg to state that there are several persons who can from personal knowledge verify the truth of the report I made on the 22d. April last that I was laid up sick and undergoing treatment and consequently unable to perform any business requiring bodily exertion and also that I am not yet fully recovered. The first of these persons is the Tamul Peram Tahsildar who came first to see me and made a report to your Worship on the 27th. April that I was sick and 2 or 3 days before the 25th. May the date on which I went to see the Doctor the Tahsildar saw me again and made enquiries regarding my disease on his return from the Goodaloor Umshom in the vicinity of the one I live in where he had gone to enquire into a case in which a husband cut and wounded his wife. On the 3d. June last when the Sheristedar of the said Talook came to enquire into the case of a Theft of Paddy committed in Shangoo Appoo Putters granary in this Umshom he also saw me sick. On

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my return from the Hospital I stopped
for a while at the Palghaut Cutwalls
Chaultry and that Officer also saw that
I was indisposed - If your Worship will
send orders to these individuals and obtain
their answers or enquire of them through the
Sub Collector it will be clearly proved
that I did not make a false statement
As the Dresser said that there was Catar
(in my eye) and that I should apply medic
and as the Doctor did not express the same
opinion regarding my left eye as he did re
garding the right eye I am at a loss to
know on what grounds he pronounced that
I am not laboring under any disease
From the commencement of the disease up
to the present time I have had Bharam medicine
put in my eye and have taken pills and
other medicines twice a day which have
gradually diminished my sickness It was
a month after I got sick that the Doct
saw me when the disease would not of
course have appeared so serious as at
first. If the result of the enquiry sug
=gested above be deemed insufficient; I beg
your Worship will be pleased to orde
me to shew myself to 2 or 4 Native
Doctors before the Palghaut Tahsildar
or to the Dresser of the Sub Collector's Offic
in the presence of that Gentleman or to
Sub Collector himself to satisfy you
whether or not there is a still

any defect to the pupil of the left eye when
you will be clearly convinced that no deceit
had been practised by me.-

4. It is to be inferred from the orders
that on a consideration being given to the
fact of my not having availed myself of
the first leave for the same purpose for which
it was applied for and to my having applied
for it a second time on the plea of sickness
when I was not actually so there was reason
to believe that I made a false statement with
the view of enjoying the pay without doing
business - Having given a detail of my
sickness up to the 3rd para I beg to represent
my reasons for applying for leave After
the death of my first wife and the children
I had by her I had 5 Children by my
second marriage of which I lost 4 before
they were 6 years old and there is only a
girl surviving - In order to comfort myself
for the distress of mind I was laboring
under from the above calamity I obtained
leave four years ago and took my family
to Ramashwara in the Madura Zillah
or 22 days journey from Tellicherry and
offered my vows there according to the
Hindoo rites - As I could not then
visit Coombaconam and other places -
I thaught of doing so at another time -

This

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This is known to the principle Officers of your Worships Cutcherry It was with the view of visiting these places that I originally applied for 3½ Months leave but having been rather indisposed from fatigue and exposure to the sun since my return from Paynee 12 days journey from Wynaad as my wife also was taken ill and as a journey of 15 days required to reach the place of Pilgrimage would have been productive of serious consequence awing to the severe heat of the weather and as I intended applying for leave a second time I postponed my journey to some future period as I had already detailed in my Urzee of the 13th. February last. These are the causes that induced me to apply for leave again and not formany deceitful motive - Owing to the above Calamity (in the family) my younger brother went to Cashy 4 Months journey from hence to offer vows and has now returned - It does not appear that God favors the wishes of the black people and it is not this visible in the case of anandayer He though eager of filling my place and enjoying the pay pursuant to his appointment till relieved by me was compelled by sickness to return back before the expiration of the term - There several instances of persons who proposed to

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to go to distant Countries having returned without effecting their wishes but I abstain from entering into detail -

5. I do not posess any property of my ancestors and since my infancy I have maintained myself with the pay which I derived from the Sirkar, hence I have devoted myself both day and night to the service of Government with the view of securing the good will of my Superiors and of bettering myself thereby; but it has never been my habit of being idle or lazy a circumstance known to the Officers (of the Cutcherry) That I have discharged my duties with Zeal after I went to Wynaad will be known on a reference to the Wynaad Moonsiff and other Talook Officers. As I am not yet too old it is my desire to please your Worship by an efficient discharge of my duties for some time longer. Such being my wish nothing could induce me to be idle or indolent. Whilst through your Worships kindness I could draw a salary of 107 Rupees if I attended to my duties never could I entertain a desire of relinquishing that sum and exerting to secure

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a very small amount of 35 Rupees by a false representation and remaining without doing any thing I always bear in mind that if I who am so holding the respectable situation of Tahsildar which your Worship has conferred on me should assert a falsehood to you I will be committing an unlawful act and that some evil will come on me on that account. In addition to the 3½ Months leave granted to me I applied for an extension of 15 days and set out with the view of joining my station within that time and it was then that I got the disease in the eye. Several persons advised me that if I attended to my duties in that state made personal exertion or talked too much and

did other things the disease would turn serious confine me to bed and that as I was sick in the eye I should be careful to get myself cured - As I was also of the same opinion and as there would have been an interruption to business if I underwent my treatment and conducted my business at the same time I solicited 2 Months leave regardless of the loss of my full pay - That whether there would be any harm if a person suffering from bad eyes should use personal exertion or over work himself will be known if your worship will make an enquiry of the servants in your Office and of the Doctor As the Doctor under whose treatment I am now is of opinion that I should be able to attend to my duty in Mithoonam (June/July) next as I would by that time be fully recovered and as I have no other means of support except the Government pay I earnestly request

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request you will deign to consider these circumstances and order me to attend to my duties as above stated. Unless a favorable order is given to my request I shall be subjected to great distress for 6 Months as I have no other resaurce to look to for support I request your Worship will order my share of the pay for May and June last to be given to me.-

Dated 25 Edarom 1029
6th July 1854

Signature of Soobramanyen
/True Translation/
/Signed/ H. V. Connell
Collr

Bd. No. 1827
Proceedings thereon. The Board of Revenue confirm the sentence of suspension for six Months awarded by the Collector of Malabar, to Soobramanyen, Tahsildar of Wynaad adverting to the inefficiency of this Officer, the Board think it desirable that he should be applied to a subordinate situation.-

78-79.

J.G.B.

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No. 94

To,
B. Cunliffe Esquire
Sub-Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

80.

Bd. No. 2815
From the Coll.r of Malabar.

Sir,

Mr. Chatfield when Sub-Collector of Malabar escheated two gardens in the Cotiote Talook on the ground of their having belonged to the Cotiote Rajah all of whose property was declared forfeit to Government in 985/1809/10.-

Vallapil Amatty-

2. The owners of the gardens resisted their seizure as he had bought them openly of their former holder some 16 years ago and put Mr. Chatfield into Court.-

3. It appeared to me on reading the plaint and answer that Mr. Chatfield's decision could not hold good and that it was questionable policy under any circumstance to escheat property which whether rightfully or wrongfully had escaped escheat 14 years ago and had since that time been improved by and gone thro the hands of various owners.-

J.

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I recommended therefore that the gardens should be restored to the Petitioners and the Suit quashed, which was done.-

4. But in the interim Mr. Chatfield had received 182 Rupees 5 Annas and 3 pies on account of the land lords share of the gardens and this Amount has been inadvertently carried to account.-

I beg leave to disburse it again

Calicut, 3rd. August 1854.- } /Signed/ H. V. Conolly Collector.

Bd. No. 1816.

No. 368.

/Resolution thereon.- /Resolved that the letter recorded above be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with the Boards recommendation that the Collector of Malabar be authorized to make the disbursement referred to by him.-

80-81.

No. 107.

To,

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

82.

Bd. No. 3008.

Sir,

I have the honor

From the Collector of Malabar.-

to

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to request you will be good enough to substitute the enclosed for the letter No. 99 despatched on the 9th. Instant, which I beg may be returned to me.-

Calicut, 17th. August, 1854. } /Signed/ H. V. Conolly Collector

/Resolved

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Bd. No. 1828.

Resolution thereon.— Resolved accordingly that the enclosure to the foregoing letter be substituted for the letter previously received from the Collector which will be returned to him as requested.—

(82-83.)

No. 110

(84.)

To, W. H. Bayley Esqre.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Bd. No. 3074. Sir, Fort St. George

From the Collector of Malabar.— I have good reports of the 1st Crop from all sides and trust we shall have an abundant harvest.—

2. The price of food continues very high It will not lessen till the Market is better supplied but this may be hoped for in a few days.—

Malabar,— Collector's Office, Calicut,— 21st. August, 1854.

Signed H. V. Conolly
Collector

Ordered

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(84-85.)

Order thereon. Ordered to be recorded.—

(86.)

Bd. No. 2939.

From the Acg. Collr. of Madras.— Memorandum

The Acting Collector of Madras in reply to the Official Memorandum from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 14th. Instant; has the honor to send for inspection a specimen of the Field books prepared in this Office— The French paper was considered to be sufficiently good for the purpose, but English Foolscap will be substituted, if such be the wish of the Board.—

Madras, 15th. August 1854.

Signed H. Stokes.
Acting Collector

Bd. No. 1822.

Proceedings thereon. The Board of Revenue would prefer Foolscap being used for the Field Books, and request that the Collector will have them prepared accordingly.—

(86-87.)

Statement

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88. B.d. No. 3052.

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Statement Shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta both on account of the Government Indent and on private trade at each of the several places of export in the District of Madras.-

Places at which Salt is available for export by sea.-	Quantity to be exported in 1854.-	Quantity already exported.-	Quantity remaining to be exported.-	Quantity at present in store & available for export.-	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
	C. Pt. Maunds S. C.	C. Pt. Maunds S. C.	C. Pt. Maunds S. C.	C. Pt. Maunds S. C.	
Ennore	48,000 " "	22,120 " "	25,880 " "	75,089 8 "	Private Trade.
Do.	100,000 " "	7,920 " "	92,080 " "	92,080 " "	Government Indent.-
	148,000 " "	30,040 " "	1,17,960 " "	1,67,169 8 "	Of this 9000 Maunds was authorized on the 15th Instant to be exported to Calcutta by Venkata reddy in part of his contract.-

Madras, 15th. August, 1854. E.E. Pr. / Signed / H. Stokes.
A.g. Collector.

88-89.

Order thereon- Ordered to be sent for Publication in the Fort St. George Gazette 28th. Augt. 1854.-

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No. 1147.

To W. Oakley Esqre.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Sir,

90. B.d. No. 3906

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th. instant, forwarding a statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta both on account of the Government Indent and on private trade at each of the several places of export in the District of Madras.-

2. In reply I am to state that the Board are not prepared to sanction the retention of the Duty on Salt exported to Calcutta by Venkata Reddy, as the Contract entered into by him with the Board does not provide for the payment of Duty on the Salt.

3. I am to add that the Board have referred to the Commissioners of Salt Revenue for their decision on the question whether the Duty should be levied on the Salt exported by Venkata Reddy.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) W. Oakley
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To the Collector of Madras.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanied Copy of a Letter from the Commissioners of Salt Revenue, dated the 18th. instant, and to request that you will be pleased to report for the information of the Board whether the Salt exported by Venkata Reddy was exported under the Contract entered into by him with the Board, or under the Rules for the Export of Salt on private account.-

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) W. Oakley
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Madras

Moreover Para 48 of the Boards' Proceedings dated 11th. November 1850 shows that in drawing up the Act, they had only in view the Superintendent of Police at Madras, and jurisdiction seems expressly to be given to him by Section 2nd. above quoted.-

Madras, 17th. August, 1854. } /Signed/ H. Stokes
Acting Collector

Bd. No. 1811.

Proceedings thereon- The Board observe that if the importance which Mr. Stokes attaches to this question arises from an opinion that the public convenience and the protection of the revenue would be advanced by his making all committals under act 19 of 1852 to the Madras Magistracy, it is open to him to adopt that course and try if the Presidency Superintendent of Police and his Deputies feel authorized to punish Offences committed beyond the Supreme Court limits. Should Mr. Stokes take this step he is requested to inform the Board of the result when such further measures as are necessary will be taken into consideration.

(90-91.)

(92.)

No. 150

To, W. H. Bayley Esqre.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

Bd. No. 2975 From the Acting Collr. of Madras.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt

receipt of the Extract from the Board's Proceedings dated 13th. Ultimo, calling for an opinion with reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 23rd. June therewith furnished, as to whether the public Revenue from irrigated lands would be seriously affected in the event of all restrictions as to the locality of wells being abandoned.

2. The rule in question cannot apply to the lands in this collectorate where the quit Rent is not affected by circumstances such as are contemplated in these Papers.-

3. From experience in other Collectorates, it is my opinion that if there be no restriction at all, Ryots would in numerous instances sink wells on the land commanded by the Government irrigation, and that the Revenue from such lands would in consequence be seriously decreased- This indeed is guarded against by the first of the two Rules proposed by the Board and approved by Government in Para 3 Minutes of Consultation of the 30th. May, and possibly the Government still contemplate retaining this rule, tho this is not stated in the Orders under reply.-

4. If the question be only as

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as to the construction of Wells on land which is not capable of being watered from the Government Tank or Channels, I think the restriction as regards the minimum distance of 100 yards in the rear of the Bund may be dispensed with, or without causing any serious loss of Revenue.-

Madras, 18th August 1854 } (Signed) H. Stokes
Acting Collector

Order thereon - Ordered to lie over.-

(92-93)

No. 2069.

(94.)

To, W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

B. No. 2883. Sir,
From the Secretary to Marine Board } In reply to your letter of the 10th Instant, I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to inform you that at the present writing there is no vessel laid on, to proceed from Madras to Coringa but that probably there will be in a short time when the stores you mention can be shipped

Madras, Marine Board Office, 12th August 1854. } (Signed) J. P. Franklin
Secretary

Order thereon.- Ordered to be recorded. The Mercals will be forwarded to Coringa by first

(94-95)

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No. 2176

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

(96.)

B. No. 3068 Sir,
From the Secretary Marine Board - With reference to your letter of the 10th instant regarding the despatch by sea to the Collector of Rajahmundry of 15 Copper Mercals, I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to inform you that the "Nonpareil" will proceed to Coringa in a few days and that if required they can be shipped in her.-

Madras ---- Marine Board Office 25th August 1854 - } (Signed) J. J. Franklin
Secretary

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply -

(96-97.)

To, The Secretary to the
Marine Board

B. No. 1809 Sir,
To the Secretary to the Marine Board } I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th August 1854 No. 2176 and in reply to inform you that the 15 Copper Mercals therein referred to were

In Cons 28th August 1854

were despatched to the Collector of Rajahmundry on the 14th. Instant.—

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Fort St. George
28th. August 1854

/ Signed / W. H. Bayley
Secretary

Resolved that the following letter be despatched.—

98.

To.

The Acting Collector of
Nellore

B. No. 1829

Sir,

To the Acting Collector of Nellore

With reference to your Memorandum of the 9th. August Conveying Copy of the Collector's Proceedings regarding the grant of a license for the sale of European spirits and Liquors, I am desired to request information as to whether any proved irregularity on the part of Petitioner in carrying out his license was the cause of the Collector discontinuing the privilege to him, and whether the party who is now licensed is, as alleged by the Petitioner, a Minor.—

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Fort St. George,
28th. August 1854.—

/ Signed / W. H. Bayley
Secretary

From

B. No. 2752

From the Secretary to Government— dated 1st. August 1854

99.

Read Extract authorizing the restoration of 4 Varaums of land in a Vizagapatam to 9 Varabaloo improperly resumed by the late Proceedings of the Pogaveram estate.—

99-100.

Ordered to be recorded.—

Order thereon

B. No. 2733.

From the Acting Collector of Chingleput— Read letter reporting

101.

that no imports or exports of Bullion and specie were made to or from Pulicat for the Month of July last.—

101-102.

Ordered to be recorded.—

Order thereon

B. No. 3079

From the Collector of Coimbatore. Read register of Endorsements passed by him on Petitions referred by the Board for the Month of July 1854.—

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103-104.

Ordered to be lodged in the Office

Order thereon

Read the undermentioned

105.

B. No. 2904 letters and Statements.—

From the Acting Collector of Guntoor. Reporting that there were no imports of Grain into this District or any exports for the week ending 31st. July 1854

B. No. 2971

From the Collector of Nellore. Reports that there have been no imports or exports of grain for the week ending 8th. August 1854.—

106.

From

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107.

B. No. 2988

From the Collector of Madura - Return of grain imported
108 B. No. 2973 at the Ports of his District -

From the Collector of Sea Customs Madras - Weekly report of
109 B. No. 2972 grain exported to 17th August 1854 -

From the Collector of Sea Customs Madras - Weekly report of
grain imported to 17th august 1854 -

Order on the abovementioned 6 letters and Statements - Orders
105-110. to be submitted for the information of Government.

Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements -

111. Mg. No. 1283. From the Collector of Nellore - Return of fines imposed and
stoppages made from the pay of the public
Mg. No. 1278. servants for the quarter ending 30th June 1854

From the Collector of Canara - Return of fines and stoppages
112. made from the pay of the Public Servants for
Mg. No. 1281 the quarter ending 30th June 1854 -

From the Collector of Canara - Return of alterations in the
113. list of fines and stoppages for the quarter
Mg. No. 1274 ending 30th June 1854 -

From the Collector of Nellore. Return of Public servants
114. suspended or dismissed from employment for
Mg. No. 1277 the quarter ending 30th June 1854 -

From the Collector of Canara - Return of Public servants
115. suspended or dismissed for the Quarter ending
30th June 1854 -

From

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Mg. No. 1273.

From the Collector of North Arcot - Monthly return of
116. persons charged with Offences under Regu-
Mg. No. 1272 - lation IX of 1822 for the Month of July last -

From the Collector of Malabar. Reports that no case
117. under Regulation IX of 1822 has been disposed
Mg. No. 1276 of during the last month -

From the Collector of Tanjore. Return of Village Officers
118. suspended and dismissed under Regulation
Mg. No. 1279. VI of 1831 for the Month of July last -

From the Collector of Coimbatore. Return of persons
119. suspended and dismissed under Regulation
Mg. No. 1275 VI of 1831 for the Month of July last -

From the Collector of Malabar. Return of persons
120. suspended and dismissed under Regulation
Mg. No. 1284 VI of 1831 for the Month of July 1854 -

From the Collector of Vizagapatam. Abstract of
121 Demand Collection and Balance from
Mg. No. 1285. 1st to 11th July last -

From the Collector of Vizagapatam Abstract of Demand
122. Collection and Balance from 12th to

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(123.)

Mg. No. 1286. to 31st July last.—

From the Collector of Nellore. Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance from

(124)

Mg. No. 1287. 12th to 31st July last.—

From the Collector of Ganjam. Prices of grain

(125.)

for week ending 31st July

Mg. No. 1265. 1854.—

From the Collector of Guntoor. Whole sale

(126.)

prices of grain for week ending 15th

Mg. No. 1264 August 1854.—

From the Collection of Nellore — Whole sale

(127.)

prices of grain for week ending 15th

Mg. No. 1269. August 1854.—

From the Collector of North Arcot. Prices of gra

Mg. No. 1267. for the week ending 19th August 1854.

From the Collector of Tanjore. Prices of grain

(128.)

Mg. No. 1288 for the week ending 15th August 1854.—

From the Collector of Madura. Prices of grain

(129.)

Mg. No. 1180. for the week ending 8th August 1854.—

From the Acting Collector of Chingleput. Forwarding

(130.)

Indent in duplicate for furniture required for

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for his Office

Ordered that the

Order thereon

(130-131.)

original Indent accompanying the

above mentioned letter be passed and for-

warded to the Secretary to the Military Board.—

Mg. No. 1157

From the Sub Treasurer. Indents on the

(132.)

Commissary General for carts required

for the use of the General Treasury.—

Mg. No. 1158.

From the Sub Treasurer. Indents on the

(133.)

Commissary General for carts required

for the use of the General Treasury.—

Mg. No. 1159

From the Sub Treasurer. Indents on the

(134.)

Commissary General for carts required

for the use of the General Treasury

Order

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(132-135.)

Order on the 3 abovementioned Indents Resolved that the necessary orders be passed and returned.—

" Pye Chidingham

Compd Wm D. Bayley

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Diary

30th August 1854 Sent the following letter No. 398-

(1.)

To The Chief Secretary to Government

15th Dec. 1833.
To the Chief Secy. to Government

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for transmission to the Honorable the Court of Directors the Broken Set of the Proceedings of the Commissioner in the Northern Circars for the Months of April 1854-

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
30th August 1854

Signd W. H. Bayley
Secretary

At

Fort St. George 31st August 1851.

At a Meeting Present

Thursday 31st August 1851.

I. Goldingham Esqre Second Member

and

E. Maltby Esqre Third Member

Walter Elliot Esqre Senior Member

absent on duty (on Commissional Northern Circars)

Minutes of the last Meeting read and approved.

Read the following Papers.

No. 806.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 10th July 1851.

Read letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 21st July 1850 forwarding Correspondence that had passed between the Board and the acting Collector of Bellary respecting the assessment of that District.

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Read the following

(2.)

Bd Rec. 2402

From the Secry to Govt

Directing the Board to report within 2 months of this date the orders issued and measures taken for the revision of assessment when immediately necessary the localities reported at the end of 6 months the extent of reductions they propose and calling on the Board to submit without further delay the Report on the decline of the prices of Agricultural produce and its bearing on the Assessment.

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following Papers.

Extract Minutes of Consultation 7th December 1850, last para on lands under the Cheyar River and elsewhere left waste from over assessment.

Extract Minutes of Consultation 3rd May 1853 on the assessment of the dry Talooks of Trichinopoly.

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Para 1 The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has recently had under his Consideration the scheme for a Revenue Survey of the Madras Presidency submitted by the Board of Revenue under date 26th May 1853, as well as the Minutes of the individual Members of the Board thereon Recorded. He has also attentively perused the Report of the Board giving the Results of their Conference with Captain Priestley on the Subject of the South Arcot Survey Orders were passed on those points in this last Report

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Report that required notice in
Extract Minutes of Consultation 3d
July 1854.-

2 The Governor in Council
observes that throughout these papers
there would appear to be a general
understanding, tho' it is not distinctly
stated, that no general Readjustment
of the present assessment can take
place in any District without a
fresh survey. If this be really
the opinion held by the Board, and
if it be correct, the Government cannot
but regard it as a matter of grave
and serious regret.-

3 The basis on which a fair land
assessment must be founded must, it
seems to the Government, be three.-

1st A survey of the area of
the land.-

2d A classification of the soils
with a fair average calculation of
their powers of production, and
the

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the method of converting that produce
tion into a fixed share which is to be
paid by the Ryot to Government.-

4 Doubtless, the assessment
will not be thoroughly correct without
an accurate knowledge of the area.
But still the classification of soils with
regard to their respective merits can be
made without it. and the conversion of
the fixed Government portion into a
Money value is not dependent on it.

5 In every Ryotwaree Collec-
-torate there must exist some means
for making a pretty fair classification
of the soils and for fixing the
amount of their production.-

6 Nor would it be very
difficult to fix on some method of
converting the fixed annual Govern-
-ment portion into a Money payment
by taking an average of the market
prices for a term of years on which
a settlement might be made, also for
a term of years liable to be modified
when

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when more correct data as to area &c. may have been arrived at -

7 By a judicious Combination of the results of these processes the Government cannot but think that an immediate readjustment of assessment might be made in those localities where it is urgently required without waiting for a general and accurate survey which might postpone it for years.

8 The Governor in Council is fully sensible of the advantages to be expected from a good survey conducted on scientific principles in regard to the correct demarcation of Village bounda-ries, the right determination of the Vil-lage areas, the preparation of accurate Village registers and Village maps and to the opportunity which it affords for col-lecting statistical, geological, agricult-ral and other information of high in-terest and importance - But the pro-gress of such a survey must necessarily be slow, and meanwhile there can be

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no reason why admitted evils should not receive a present remedy - though the settlement now made may have to be reconsidered hereafter with the aid of the more precise data furnish-ed by the Survey -

9 It has been represented by officers of much Revenue experience that there are portions of the land in this Presidency and these some of its finest and richest soils which have been thrown out, or are kept out of Cultivation in Consequence of the im-possibility of paying the successive assessment charged on them -

10 The late Report of the Board of Revenue 15th March 1854, with the Collector Mr. Matthy's Report of the 17th December 1853 upon the 10 Hoolor Talooks of South Arcot, re-cently submitted to Government, have brought to notice instances of over assessment of almost an entire District, and the Consequent stationary

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stationary and even Retrograde position of the province, notwithstanding its natural advantages. The orders of Government just joined will, it is hoped, relieve the inhabitants of that Province and afford the Remedy there Required. But there are other Cases which call not less urgently for immediate attention.

11 In his Report of 31st July 1849 Mr. Pelly, acting Collector of Bellary, who had served in that District as Head assistant, sub Collector and Collector for years, brought under notice the state of its assessment, more especially in the Goollem Taloks. He pointed out that of the total Poonjah ayacut or entire cultivable area of dry lands in the Province 51,40,000 acres 35,23,000 or nearly 69 per cent were waste as Regards the Taloks of Goollem to which his Remarks were principally intended to apply, he represented that the proportion of highly to lowly assessed lands

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lands was very much higher than in other dry Taloks - that the assessment on much of the finest land in the Taloks was so high as to preclude its being cultivated except on Coolee or temporary favorable rates - that the Revenue having with the assistance of Coolee reached upwards of two Lacs in Fusly 1251 and Fusly 1252 had since declined - that in Fusly 1258 or the year which had just expired when he wrote, it had sunk to Rupees 1,85,000 and might be expected to fall still lower. Mr. Pelly proposed to Revise the Assessment of the Taloks by reducing all rates above 2 Rupees to that standard, and by introducing 8 Rates decreasing by gradation of 1/4 Rupee in lieu of the 55

Note

Of these Rates, the assessment of the highest per Rupees 4-6 per acre - that of the lowest 2 annas the difference between the Maximum and Minimum Rate is thus Rupees 4-6-2 or Rupees 4-1-0 or 68 annas which divided by 53 the Number of the intermediate rates gives an average gradation of 1 15/53 or 1 annas, or a little less than 1-4 between the several rates supposing the decrement to uniform -

rates or Classes into which the lands are now distributed - The Board in their proceedings of 11th April 1850 questioned the

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the Corrections of the Collectors were thought they did not deny that some inequalities of over assessment might be met with - No statement would however seem yet to have been given in any case and the levies of the Taloots for each of the 4 years that has passed since the date of Mr. Pelly's letter is lower

Fasly 1258	——	1,85,111
" 1259	——	1,59,229
" 1260	——	1,69,876
" 1261	——	1,71,979
" 1262	——	1,80,542

Memorandum from Bd. of Rev. 30 June 1854.

than it was for Fasly 1258-

12 In their letter of 10th October 1850, recommending the construction of an anicut over the Cheyar River in the District of North Arcot, the Board of Revenue Department of Public Works reported that the best lands under the stream were left waste, because the assessment was too high to admit of profit from a single crop, and a second crop could very rarely be Reckoned upon as a simple and obviously equitable Remedy and one of ready application in this and similar cases, would have been to Reduce the assessment to single Crop assessment by lowering it to the usual Ratio of one third and to give out the land for one Crop cultivation. The Government to Extract minutes of Consultation

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7th December 1850 Para 8 directed the attention of the Board in the Revenue Department to the evil above noticed which it seemed to them would probably be found not to be confined to one locality in North Arcot.

13 In a Report bearing dated 2d December 1852 the Collector of Trichinopoly laid before the Board the nature of the assessment in the dry Taloots of his District and declared "the whole to be a "barbarous and crude system without arrange- "ment or principle, and one that ought by every "possible means to be got rid of." He averred that "the assessment throughout these Taloots was "both excessive and depressing in its operations "and must of necessity militate seriously "against the prosperity and Condition of the "Ryots." He showed that the land tax varied with the Condition of the Cultivator, whether Mahajans, Brahmin, Coleroody resident, or Paracoody non resident, and again with the species of Crop raised whether Cotton, Cumboo, Ragy, Brinjalo and the like, that the Bonjah Cecrinah rose as high as Rupees 9-9-1/2 per

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Cannie that in one Village named of 725 Cawnies of dry land only 46 were under tillage, in another a large Village and the Cawnies of the Talook only 447 part of 3239 and that besides the land tax proper, the Ryots were subjected to various extra Cesses under the denomination of Russoom, Turrey, Sattawar and the like - of the origin of which all that was known was that they seemed to have been expedients of the native powers to raise a fund to meet the expences of their establishments -

14 It was hoped by the Government Extract Minutes of Consultation 2d May 1853 that the employment of

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employment in these Talooks of part of the Survey Establishment then under training in South Arcot might introduce a better system, but from unavoidable causes the Survey operations in South Arcot have not proceeded very far, and it is quite uncertain when any part of the Establishment may admit of being transferred to Trichinopoly -

15 The Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to call the earnest attention of the Board of Revenue to the remarks made in the preceding paras and to request them in communication with the several Collectors under their authority to take immediate measures for affording relief to the people in all localities in which it is clearly and fully shown that the excessive pressure of the assessment has tended to keep valuable lands permanently out of cultivation. The Board should lay down some general principles for adoption in such cases leaving them to be carried out at once by the Collectors and the result to be reported - whereas in North Arcot highly assessed lands are left waste, from want of water for a second crop - it may be proper to strike off the 2d crop teerwah and to rate

rate the lands, as one crop with provision for the levy of additional assessment in the case of a second crop being raised, or the entire wet lands in the Talooks South of the Palar may be treated as one crop as has been done by the Collector of South arcot in the ten Poolooa Talooks of his district. Excessive rates of Garden land assessment should be reduced, as recently authorized for North arcot (thus carrying out the orders of the Honorable Court 2nd June 1852 paras 5-6-7) and in some districts following the arrangement proposed by Mr Maltby for South arcot it may be found advisable to get rid of the Tetacal tax altogether and to limit the division of the land to the two broad and well defined distinctions of irrigated and unirrigated. The revision of the land tax in the dry Talooks of Trichinopoly should be entered on forthwith. The Governor in Council cannot think that the Collector would find any difficulty in laying down in lieu of the present anomalous and irrational system a few simple moderate and well defined rates of assessment

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upon Nunjah, and Poonjah lands respectively, to be paid alike by all descriptions of Ryots. Mahajans, Colcoodies and Paracoodies, and to be wholly irrespective of the Kind of produce raised. The extra cesses, Russoomes. Cummee, Tattaliar &c. should at once be relinquished.

15. The Board should resume the consideration of the State of the Bellary assessment with the aid of the experience gained in the four years that have followed the last discussion, and if still of opinion that the amount of reduction proposed by the Collector is excessive will determine in communication with him the extend to which it should be allowed.

17. The Board will consider and determine whether the reductions that may be made under these orders shall be declared permanent, subject to any future general revision of assessment on the prosecution of a Scientific Survey, or whether they shall be guaranteed for a term of years &c. say

say five or seven years, and be open to revision on the expiration of that period.

18. The Board will report within two months from this date the orders passed and measures taken under the instructions contained in the preceding Paras. They will also require from the Collectors at the end of Six months a report of their proceedings, and the extent of the reductions they propose in the existing Assessment. They will likewise furnish the Collectors of Trichinopoly, North arcot, and Bellary with Copies of Mr. Maltby's report of 17th December 1853 and of the orders lately passed upon it by Government in Extract Minutes Consultation 26th June 1854.

19 Under date 24th September 1852 the Government called upon the Board for a report of the extent to which the prices of agricultural produce had declined of late years and the effect of such decline on the bearing of the land Assessment

Assessment. No answer has yet been received though nearly two years have elapsed, and the Government request that it may be submitted without further delay. If the returns from some Districts be imperfect these may be reserved for future report and the replies from those Provinces or where the information is complete, be at once laid before Government with the Board's views regarding them.

/ A true Extract /
/ Signed / T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government.

Order thereon. Ordered that the following Circular and letter be sent in consequence.

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Circular

Circular to all Collectors. Copy to Commissioner Northern Circars

1. Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Extract Minutes of Consultation be transmitted to the Collectors of Bellary, North arcot, and Trichinopoly together with Copies of

In Cons. 27th April 1854 Mr Maltby's report dated 17th December 1853 and of the orders of

In Cons. 17th July 1854 Government thereon dated 26th June 1854.

Principles

2 Principles of great importance are laid down in these Papers and the Board feel strongly that they should be carried out without further delay. They desire therefore that the Collectors now addressed will attend immediately to the subject in order that practical effect may be given, concurrently with the cultivation of the present season, to measures bearing so directly on the prosperity of the country. The Board would point particularly to the remarks of Government in para 15. limiting the division of the lands to the two broad and well defined distinctions of irrigated and unirrigated.

3 Other principles are also laid down which from their important bearing on a healthy state of the assessment the Board desire to recapitulate in this place. These are.

I That the assessment shall be on the land and not depend on the description of Produce or the hitherto admitted claims of certain classes as Brahmins, Malabars

Malabars, Mahommedans, Boracoodies, and others to reduced rates.

II The classification of soils to be as simple as possible, and to be alike every where instead of each Village having its own, the latter course causing the aggregate rates of a district to be very many with a difference almost nominal between each.

III The assessment to be fixed so as not to exceed 1/3 of the gross Produce for Dry lands and 20 per cent of the same for wet lands.

IV No tax to be imposed for a second crop on Dry lands.

V All extra petty cesses to be cleared away as far as possible, the demand of Government being limited to the fixed rent of the land, determined with reference to its capability.

4 The orders of Government now furnished point primarily to lands not cultivated bearing excessive assessments. as regards these, it is not necessary that the revision should be postponed pending a reference to

reference to the Board, but simultaniously with its commencement a report should be made to them of the mode in which it is to be carried out in order that such instructions as are called for may be immediately given.

5 The orders of Government also refer to the correction of anomalies and errors in the assessment as well as to a more general revision of the assessment of a District, if necessary but as regards these, Collectors will not carry into execution any changes on their own authority. Previous reference will be made by them to the Board, who will lose no time in laying the subject before Government with their opinion on the measures that may be proposed. The Board have before them reports from the present and former Collectors of Tinchinopoly regarding the affairs of that District, and further instructions will be issued to Mr Bird in a separate letter as to the course to be pursued.

6. A general reduction of assessment on

on the Garden lands of North arcot has been recently sanctioned. Mr Bourdillon will further under the present orders afford the necessary relief to Dry and Wet lands kept permanently out of cultivation in consequence of a burdensome assessment, but any measures of a general character affecting the assessment of the District, must be brought under the previous consideration of the Board.

7. The proposition of the Collector of Bellary to reduce the assessment of that District, was reviewed by the Board in their Proceedings dated 11th April 1850 Mr Pelly's primary object was to lower the demand of Government on certain black lands (Regud) the assessment of which was not definitively fixed at the survey of the District. It was always intended to afford relief to these lands. This was done to some extent by Colonel Munro himself before he quitted the District and partially carried on afterwards by the Principal Collector Mr Robertson and his successors. The object of the present Collector is to complete what has thus been only imperfectly effected but he is of opinion

opinion that the relief already afforded is insufficient, that the revised assessment is still too high, that the rent of Black lands generally should not exceed Rupees 2 per acre, and that so long as the standard of assessment exceeds this amount this discription of land, for the cultivation

Bd Pro: 2d March 1820 Para 7

of which a large expenditure as the Board are aware, is always required cannot be profitably held. Mr Pelly's remarks had especial reference to the Goolem Talook, where much black land, overgrown with Nut grass had for some years past been brought into cultivation on the usual favorable terms. This land on becoming liable to the full assessment on the expiration of the terms of Cowl, would Mr Pelly said, be extensively thrown up.

In their review above mentioned of Mr Pelly's proposition, the Board were of opinion that the cultivation of the description of lands under consideration, had been forced by the favorable terms of Cowle, and that there were no indications of a relinquishment of land from over-taxation. Some time has elapsed

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since that opinion was given, and the Collector may now judge how far his view of the case is borne out by subsequent experience.

The Board would wish the subject to be again taken up and submitted for their orders at an early date.

8, Mr Pelly further proposed that the almost numberless rates of assessment prevailing and differing little from each other should be simplified and reduced to eight. This principle is now recognized as sound and effect will be given to it in any modification of the assessment that may be finally ordered.

9 The Board also resolve to transmit Copies of the papers referred to above, with Copy of these Proceedings to the Collectors of Vellore and Salem. The revision of the Garden assessment in Vellore should not be delayed any longer. The distinction between Garcels and Moloom is in fact imposing a distinctive tax on particular products and

and must be given up at once, the rent to Government being limited to what is considered fair with reference to the capability of the land relatively with other land of similar quality. All Garden land not irrigated by Government works, will be brought under the general head of irrigated land, and its assessment revised, where it is excessive on the principles laid down in Para 15 of Extract Minutes of Consultation now transmitted. any proposition for a revision of the Dry and wet lands generally of the District must be previously submitted for the consideration and orders of the Board.

10. The Collector of Salem will give his attention to the present papers. The assessment of Seroomalavanam Samoodrum and Vedagerry alsoo may be at once reduced. any further changes that may be considered necessary will be submitted for orders.

11. The Board further resolve to

to forward Copy of these Proceedings, and Copy of Extract Minutes of Consultation to which they refer to the other Collectors, under their orders, with a request that cases of relinquishment of lands from excessive Assessment may be immediately brought to notice, as well as any changes that may be deemed necessary, with reference to the principles now enunciated. They would wish the several Collectors to state their views as to the best way of collecting the tax for the Second wet or Crop on two Crop wet lands, so as to render the interference of the Servants of Government as little as possible. For so great an object, they would willingly recommend the relinquishment by Government of the Second Crop Assessment, as in the case of Dry lands, if the amount

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amount of Revenue involved were not large but they apprehend that in most cases this liberal course could not be adopted. Where the second crop is not Rice, and but little water, if any is required to bring it forward no extra cess on that account should be demanded.

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(24.)

Bz No 1865

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Communicating further remarks relative to the orders of Government desiring an immediate correction of the anomalies in the assessment of this District.

From Govt Fort St George 31st August 1854 - Received 5th September 1854

To

The Collector of

Trichinopoly

Sir,

In separate Proceedings of this date you were furnished with the orders of Government desiring an immediate correction of the anomalies in the Assessment of the District under your charge, and it was particularly pointed out that such correction was to be made independent of any measurement of the lands that may be thought proper at a future period, you were requested to proceed with the work immediately in order that with the cultivation of the current Season, the Ryots may enjoy the full benefit of the proposed changes. I am now directed to communicate the following further remarks for your guidance.-

2. The remark of Government that it may be found advisable to get rid of the Local tax altogether demands your particular attention, a strict observance of the rule, by which all lands will be brought under the two broad distinctions of irrigated and unirrigated will greatly facilitate your operations, besides furnishing you with a simple scale of assessment for permanent adoption. The wet as well as

From Collector 9th In Cons. 20th July 1835.

as the dry lands of your district, the Board observe are classed under the Tarams, but to the latter it was proposed by Mr Blair in 1835 to add a 5th "to be assessed at the same rate now fixed for Karam". The Board are not satisfied with this reason for the introduction of a 5th Taram in the way proposed - because, in appearance, it proceeds on the basis of a distinction of Crops, which it is the main object of the present revision of assessment to abolish. It is probable however, that Mr Blair meant nothing more than that as the poorest soils are only adapted in their ordinary state to inferior products, it was desirable to preserve a distinction between them and the soil next above them. The necessity for this does not appear to have been recognized in the earliest period of our connexion with the District, when the Dry Lands were classed into 5 sorts, Viz^t, Karasal, Puddagy Saval, manal and Kallar. This Division be-

Board's Proceedings 18th October 1824 Para 4.

sides having the sanction of ancient usage, seems preferable to the proposition put forth by Mr Blair, as provision is made for the class of Lands denominated Puddagay, and an unnecessary subdivision of Kallar is avoided. The Board will expect to be informed of your final arrangements on this point.

Mr

3. Mr Blair's proposed revision besides being excessive as to the amount of tax, is faulty in another respect, as it embraces different rates of assessment for the different Talooks. This is opposed to the simplicity enjoined by Government, to the practice in the neighbouring District of South Arcot, where a fixed scale of rates is in use of general applicability throughout the District and to the experience of the present times, which points out that a multiplicity of rates is not only unnecessary in itself, but really a practical evil. Formerly when the country was not under one general rule, and when much confusion prevailed this diversity necessarily prevailed. It is now otherwise.

Statement No 5 in letter from Collector 9th July 1835.

4. It is particularly wished that the distinctive rates of assessment for the several classes of land holders may merge in the present revision. The evils of the practice have been always acknowledged, and though some difficulties may present themselves at the beginning, the Board are persuaded that, with attention on your part and a cordial co-operation on that of your

From Collector 18th In Cons. 28th April 1825.

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Sheristadars, they will be speedily removed. Mr Blair wrote in strong terms of the injuri-ous effects of this system to the District and proposed to get rid of it in the revision of the assessment. The corresponding deductions in South Arcot will cease in future, and as the Government have ordered all extra cesses, as sadalwarpeu to be struck off the remaining assessment, with such modification as you may consider necessary under the pre-sent orders will not be higher than what all classes may be fairly called upon to pay.-

5 The remarks of Mr Blair from Para 22 of his letter, already quoted are important and deserve your particular attention. The Board would recapitulate the main points in this place. These are to "correct the irregularities that have overspread the classification, and to re-enter each field in the class to which it properly belongs; to ascertain the extent of land under each class in the several Villages," this account to be afterwards given to the Puttadar and Head Inhabitants of each Village" who will be required to fix the class to which each field belongs", and, "on any doubt occurring the

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the Sheristadars with the assistance of Jaramdars will determine the class to which any disputed land should belong". The Board think that it is sound and practical to require the Ryots themselves "to fix the class to which each field belongs," but instead of supervision only "on any doubt occurring" they are of opinion that such supervision should be more general, as without it the Head Ryots will naturally favor themselves and their friends. With a simple scale of assessment and moderate rates, and with fair attention on the part of the Collector and his Sheristadars, the opportunities for fraudulent entries are much diminished and the necessity for interferences may be reduced to what Mr Blair thought ne-cessary, Viz.t, when a doubt occured, but the Board would not wish to see this important work carried on with such a small amount of check and Supervision. A few Jaramdars and Goomastahs will be required for this purpose, these you will be pleased to appoint with especial regard to character and qualifi-cation, entering the charge in the annual Statement of charges without Estimate.-

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6 ...cts the Poroyah lands are most extensive in the Talooks about to be revised, it is desirable to commence with them; at all events the introduction of a moderate assessment on them should not be delayed till arrangements are made for the Nanjah lands, should more time be required for the latter. The first step after a general consideration and enquiry should be to fix the rates of assessment for each class as Karasel, Padargay, &c.—With a scale of rates thus prepared the work will proceed rapidly and easily, as a knowledge of what the assessment is to be will be immediately diffused throughout the District.—

7 In regard to Grass lands to which Mr Blair refers in Para 26 of his letter, the Board quite concur in the view of that Officer, that the rate of tax should not be excessive, but where the assessment generally is moderate, it seems desirable that there should be but little difference, if any, between the rates for grass lands and those actually in cultivation.—

Revenue Board Offices,
Fort St George.
31st August 1854.

(Signed) W.H. Bayley
Secretary

Extract

Bd No 2615
From the Secretary to Government
5.

No 852

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 21st July 1854.—

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

(Here enter 10th July 1854 No 299)

In reviewing the circumstances attending the loss of a sum of Money sent from Cuddapah to Cumbum reported by the Board of Revenue in their letter of the 23d March last, the Government remarked that a part of the monthly remittance sent from the Cumbum Talook to the Cuddapah Treasury had been sent back to Cumbum for local purposes by the very peons who had brought it to Cuddapah, and desired to be informed whether arrangements could not be made by Collectors for deducting from the remittance and detaining in the Talook Treasuries the sums required to meet duly authorized disbursements; by which, it was observed, the necessity for this double conveyance of money would be obviated.—

2: In the letter recorded above the Board state that the object the Government have in view, which would be a great convenience might be effected by the Collector giving orders on the Talook Treasuries for Specified Sums,

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sums, these Orders being returned to the Hon-ble Treasury as a part of the remittance. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council, on the clear understanding that the orders will be given only for "specified sums" and "to meet authorized disbursements" approves and sanctions this arrangement, and desires that the Board will issue instructions for carrying it out.-

(Signed) J. Pycroft
Secretary to Govt

To The Board of Revenue.
Commissioners Northern Circars
with copy of Board's letter 23rd March and 10th Instant and Extract Minutes Consultation

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B.P. No. 1835
Order thereon

Ordered to be circulated to all Collectors for their information and guidance.

B. No. 2884

No. 162

From the Chief Sec.y to Government.-

7.

} Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Marine Department dated 31st July 1854.-

Read the following letter from the Secretary Marine Board.-

(Here enter 22nd July 1854 No. 1929)

1

The Government are not satisfied of the propriety of making Pamben an entirely free Port, while dues are levied at all other places on the Coast. The only ground that appears valid for doing so is the desirability of affording the utmost relief to all Vessels passing through the channel and so giving encouragement to the use of

of the passage.-

2. The amount of Revenue derived from the Port dues is inconsiderable, but as it may be found inconvenient hereafter to have wholly abolished them, the Governor in Council resolves to suspend their collection till further orders, and desires that the Board will report at the end of 12 Months from the order coming into operation, the effect that it may have had upon the revenue and trade of the Port.-

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery
Chief Secretary

To The Marine Board and Board of Revenue.-

7-8.

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded

B. No. 2949

No. 815

From the Chief Secretary to Government.-

9.

} Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department dated 15th August 1854.-

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Committee for the Madras Exhibition.

Requesting that instructions may be issued for the supply of materials &c. and that all letters &c. addressed to the Committee be passed free of Postage. apply for the services of a warrant Officer and Six Lascars.-

(Here enter 8th August 1854)

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Para 3. In compliance with their further request, His Lordship in Council directs the Military Board

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Board to sanction such indents for materials, artificers &c as may be required for suitably fitting up the Banqueting Hall for the exhibition, and also to comply with all Indents for Stationery, Office furniture, Glass cases and all articles of a similar nature - The Board will likewise detach for duty at the exhibition Hall an intelligent & confidential Warrant Officer and Six Lascars. The Medical and the Revenue Boards, the Collector of Sea Customs, the Commissary General, and all Departments of the Public service generally, will afford the Committee their aid, and the Post Master General will pass free of postage all letters, packets &c addressed to them -

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract)
(Signed) H.C. Montgomery
Chief Secretary

9-10.

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded

Revenue

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11.

Bd No 2992.

From the Secy to Government approving and sanctioning the alienations made in Nellore for various purposes -

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Revenue Department
No 976

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Under date the 19th August, 1854.

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

/ Here enter 24th July 1854 No 3124 /

Of 96 Cundregas or Grants of Enam land made by Messrs Travers and Fraser, former Collectors of Nellore for various purposes, those relating to the religious institutions in the District amounting to 43, were reported upon in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 16th June 1853 No 264 - and disposed of by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation 9th August 1853 No 913 -

2. The Proceedings of the Board recorded above, relate to the remaining 53 alienations, of which 11 having been resumed subsequent to the report made upon them by Mr Smalley on the 31st October 1824 those

those to be considered are 42, Viz:-
4 Grants for the support of Choultries-
7 " for the support of Waterpandals-
7 " for the establishment of Villages-
24 " for Subsistence.—

3. In regard to recommendation of the present Collector in respect of the Grants made for the support of Choultries, as noted in the Margin, the Board see no objection to their being carried out except in the instance of the Choultry at Beradavole No. 4 in which they recommend the resumption of the Enam and an Endowment in lieu of the annual value of Rupees 40 either in

Choultries	
No. 1	Grant to be continued—
2	To be resumed with the exception of the Enams to Curnams, and an endowment granted in waste land of the annual value of Rupees. 60—
3	The grant to be resumed as the Choultry has other sources of income.—
4	The grant to be reduced to Rupees 60 per annum, being disproportionately large to the cost of the Choultry, and to the expenses of keeping it up. The other income from fees stated to be fluctuating—

in waste or cultivated land, the levy of fees being discontinued.—

4. The Board likewise concur in the Collector's recommendations in respect to Water Pandals as given in the margin, except in respect of Nos. 3 and 4. They consider that the alienation No. 3 should be resumed and 15 Rupees granted yearly for its support as in the Case of No. 1, and that the grant in No. 4 should be resumed, as the Surva Enam and grain fee are sufficient for the expenses of the Pandal. They observe also that care should be taken in all these Cases that the intentions of the Grant are fulfilled—

Water Pandals.	
No. 1.	Grant to be resumed with the exception of an Enam of 5 Goortoos held by the attendant Braman in lieu of wages, and a money Endowment of 15 Rupees granted instead for the annual expenses—
2	Grant to be resumed.
3	Grant to be Continued, the excess found on measurement being alone resumed.—
4	Grant to be Continued.
5	Grant to be resumed. and an Endowment of Rupees 60 per annum given instead—
6	Grant to be resumed and an Endowment of Rupees 20 a year given in lieu—
7	Grant to be resumed—

5. In regard to the alienations made

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made for the formation of New Villages the Board of Revenue support the Collectors recommendations for the resumption of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6, the late Enamdars receiving the benefit of any improvements that they may have made, and the Continuance of Nos. 4 5 and 7 the first, for life only—

Subsistence Grants— 6. The Grants for subsistance are the most numerous being 24 in number—Under the terms on which the land in No. 3 is held, it is proposed that the grant should at once be deducted from the head of Cundregas, and Classed with the Puttah lands—In Nos. 4—7—9—13—15—19 and 23, the Board suggest that the lands should Continue on their present footing—In the remaining 16 Cases it is stated that resumption would be just, but the Board urge circumstances why such a Course should not be adopted, and they recommend that half Teeriah is Calculated at the average of the Village rate, or according to the Turrums

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Turrums of adjoinning lands of similar quality should be levied from the Commencement of Fusly 1265 and Continued during the lives of the present incumbents, and the full resumption of the Cundregas be postponed until their decease all those lands which have been brought under irrigation at the expense of the holders being Classed as Poonjah to enable the holders to enjoy the benefit of their improvements—

7. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having considered the Circumstances Connected with those several descriptions of alienations, is pleased to approve and sanction the recommendations offered in respect of them by the Collector of Nellore as modified by the Board of Revenue, and subject to the Conditions suggested by them, and he desires that they may be Carried out

out accordingly

8. Resolved that these orders be communicated to the Board of Revenue in reference to their Proceedings of 24th. Ultimo and to the Civil Auditor with Extracts from Statement, Nos. 1-3-5 and 6. No. 2 sent up by the Collector of Nellore, and paras 5 & 6 of the Board's Proceedings.—

/ A true Extract /
/ Signed / T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

(11-12.)

B/d. No. 1855

Order thereon — Ordered to be communicated with the Board's Proceedings, to the acting Collector of Nellore, for his information and guidance.—

No. 969.

(13.)

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Under date the 19th. August, 1854.

B/d. No. 3016. / From Board 2d. August 1854 /

From the Secretary to Government } The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the disbursement of the sum of Rupees

Rupees / 250 / Two hundred and fifty in the purchase of 800 copies of the Canarese translation of the Treatise on Land Surveying by the Cross Staff for distribution to the Shanbogues and others of Canara.—

/ Signed / T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

(13-14.)

B/d. No. 1841

Order thereon — Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Canara with reference to his letter dated 11th. July 1854.

(15.)

Revenue Department—

No. 985.

B/d. No. 3033.

From the Secretary to Government } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Under date the 21st. August 1854—

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

/ Here enter 7th. August 1854 No. 347 /

Para 1 Resolved that the Board of Revenue be informed that Government require 110 Copies of the Volume of the Circular Orders of the

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the Board of Revenue issued in 1851. for supply to the Bombay Government, to the Court of Sudr Udalut and to meet other demands Viz.t—

54 Copies for Bombay
10 — " — for Sudr Udalut
16 — " — to meet other demands

110

2. The publisher will at the same time submit 54 Copies of the supplement for transmission to Bombay to complete the sets to be furnished to that Government—

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

15-16.
Order thereon— Ordered to be recorded.—

Extract

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17.

B.d No. 3021
From the Secretary to Government

No. 988.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Under date the 22d August, 1854.

Read the following letter—

Revenue Depart.t

To, T. B. Conway Esqre.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to inform you that he has received a Communication from the Board of Revenue Copy of which accompanies, represent-ing that their re-peated calls upon you for explanation on certain subjects have met with no attention whatsoever. I have to express to you the extreme displeasure of Government at this further

Cause of the delay in the transmission of the settlement report for Fusly 1261—
Explanation of the Head Sheristadar and Head Accountant of the negligence pointed to them in the preparation of the settlement accounts for Fusly 1262 with the Agent's Comments—

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further proof of your dilatoriness and disregard of the orders of the Controlling authorities and to state that unless you furnish the information which the Board have required so as to reach their Office within /15/ fifteen days from this date you will be removed from your appointment.

/Signed/ T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

/A True Copy/
/Signed/ T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

(17-18.)

Order thereon— Ordered to be recorded.

To

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(19.)

B. No. 3124.

From the Secretary to Government

No. 1014.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Revenue Department, under date the 28th August, 1854.

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

/Here enter 23d August 1854. No. 381/

Para. 1. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council observes that the object of Government in authorizing the institution of a special appeal from the appeal decree of the Civil Judge of Salem in suit No. 167 of 1851 on the file of that Court was to obtain a final decision by the highest Judicial tribunal in the Country - on a principle represented by the Board of Revenue to be of considerable importance, Viz. as to the titles of Mostahdars to certain tracts of land within the limits of their Mostahs. It would now however seem from the report of the Government Pleader 19th instant - that the facts of the case as found by the Civil Judge from whose judgment in this regard there lies no appeal - do not admit of this principle being brought to issue - The Government therefore think with the Board that under such circumstances it would not be advisable to incur the expence of a special appeal, and they desire

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desire that further proceedings be foregone and the appeal decree be left undisturbed.-

Looking to the length to which litigation has been carried in the present suit the Governor in Council would not be willing now to plead the statute of Limitations but he is of opinion that this plea may properly be raised in bar of any further similar actions that may be brought by other parties.-

To, Board of Revenue

/Signed/ T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government.

Bo. No. 1839.
Proceedings thereon.-

(19-20.)

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Salem, and the Government Pleader in the Sudr Adalut, in order that further proceedings may be stayed in O.S. No. 57 of 1847 in the file of the Salem Court and the appeal decree of the Civil Judge be left undisturbed.-

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(21.)

Bo. No. 2922.
From the Commissioner Northern Circars.....

No. 473.
Official Memorandum.

The Commissioner has the honor to request that the Sub Secretary to the Board of Revenue will be pleased to forward for transmission to the Collectors under the Commissioner's control 5 Lithographed Copies of the Board's Circular of 13th July 1854 respecting the question of exempting from extra cess private wells sunk in the vicinity of Public Works if they have not already been forwarded to the Collectors.

Commissioner's Office
Vizagapatam
7th August 1854.

/Signed/ W. Elliot
Commissioner

Order thereon.

(22.)

Ordered to be forwarded to the [illegible] Circular [illegible]

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No. 93

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

(23.)

Bo. No. 3147.
From the Collector of Vizagapatam of the 7th Instant.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 7th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that 5 Teloogoo Copies of the Circular orders of the Board of Revenue will be sufficient for the use of the Principal Native Revenue Officers.*

1	Head Sheristadar
1	Dy. Do.
1	Head Assistant Do.
2	Tahsildars
5	Surrvasiddy and Golgondah ---

English copies are not required.-

Vizagapatam Collector's Office
24th August 1854

/Signed/ A. Robertson
Collector

(23&24.)

Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over

No. 57.

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

(25.)

Bo. No. 3121
From the Collector of Bellary - - -

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular letter of

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of the 7th instant and in reply I beg to inform you that according to the annexed list 27 copies of Teloogoo Translation of the Circular orders of the Board of Revenue are required for this District.—

Bellary Collectors Office, 21st August 1854——— } /Signed/ C. Pelly Collector

List of Copies of Teloogoo Translation of the Board's Circular orders required for the Bellary District.

		Copies
For the Head Sheristadar		1
" Naib	Do	1
" Assistant	Do	1
" Sub Division	Do	1
" Four Hoozoor Moonshees		4
" Hoozoor Head Goomastah		1
" Seventeen Tahsildars		17
" Police Ameen at Ramandroog		1
Total		27

Bellary Collector's Office 21st August 1854 } /Signed/ C. Pelly Collector.

(25-26.)

Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over

To

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No 67

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

(27.)

B. of R. No 3122.

From the Sub Collector in Charge of Cuddapah ——— } Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 13th April 1854, and in reply to state that no Proceedings such as those adverted to in the Extract under reply, appear to have taken place in this district.—

Cuddapah — Collector's office — 24th August 1854 — } /Signed/ A. Wedderburn Sub Collector in charge.

(27-28.)

Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over

No 32

To B. Cunliff Esqre
Sub Secretary in Charge
to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

(29)

B. of R. No 3123

From the Agent to the Governor at Kurnool ——— } Sir,

Adverting to the Board's Circular of the 25th April 1853, I have the honor to forward a List of the Weights in use in each Talook of this District and their equivalent in Company's Rupees as ascertained by my Assistant.—

Kurnool Government Agent's office, 22d August 1854. ——— } /Signed/ T. Conway Agent to the Governor

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No. 1. Statement

Kurnool

31st August 1834.

District Fusly 1264.

Weights used in weighing Silver and Gold

No.	Talooks	Pagoda	Tolah	Three Tolas make one half Pagoda	Tolah	Rupees to a Tolah	Tolah	Rupees to a Tolah	Tolah	Rupees to a Tolah	Tolah	Rupees to a Tolah	Tolah	Rupees to a Tolah	Tolah	Rupees to a Tolah	Tolah	Rupees to a Tolah	Tolah	Rupees to a Tolah
		Weight of Fanams	Weight in Rupees 12 Fanams make one Tolah	Weight in Rupees	Weight in Pagodas	Weight in Rupees	Six Tolas make 1/4 deer weight of it in Rupees	One deer weight of it in Rupees	12 Seers make one Dharra weight in Rupees	4 Dharrahs make one Kandy weight in Rupees	20 Kandy make one Candy weight in Rupees	Parsanitty 12 Bundys make one Tolah Pagodah 1/2 Pagodah weight in Rupees								
1	Chayalmarry	" 13/4 "																		
2	Sowell	" " "																		
3	Nundial	12 " 5 " 12																		
4	Paunsum	12 " "																		
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Rice Measured

№	Talooks	Number of Villages	One Salegam Equivalent in Rupees	Four Salegams make one Pollam equal in Rupees to	One Coodoo: Pollams to one Coodoo	One Coodoo: In Rupees	20 Coodoos make one Candy and its weight in Rupees
5	Dhoies	1	532	2,128	16	34048	6,80960
		9	480	1920	16	30720	6,14400
		8	360	1440	16	23040	4,60800
		3	264	1056	16	16896	3,37920
		6	240	960	16	15360	3,07200
		11	188	752	16	12032	2,40640
		1	174	696	16	11136	2,22720
		7	180	720	16	11520	2,30400
		2	164	656	16	10496	2,09920
		26	174	696	16	11136	2,22720
		2	142	568	12	6816	1,36320
		2	171	684	12	8208	1,64160
6	Nundicootcoor	12	156	624	12	7488	1,49760
		7	165	660	12	7920	1,58400
		10	147	588	12	7056	1,41120
		15	130	520	12	6240	1,24800
7	Atcoor	38	114	456	12	5472	1,09440
		11	286	1144	12	13728	2,74560
		19	144	576	12	6912	1,38240
		8	126	504	12	6048	1,20960
		12	135	540	12	6480	1,29600
		15	115	460	12	5520	1,10400
		1	161	644	12	7728	1,54560
		1	117	468	12	5612	1,12320
8	Kurnool Town ⊗	2	230	920	16	14720	2,94400
9	Goodoor	1	"	"	"	"	"
		48	"	"	"	"	"

Rate	Rupees one Man makes one Day and its weight in Rupees	One Man weighs one Seer in Rupees	12 Seers make one Viswa weight in Rupees	4 Viswas make one Manik weight in Rupees	20 Maniks make one Candy weight in Rupees	Ruby with 12 Beads make one Collak Rupees	Pagoda 3 ⅝ Rupees weight in Rupees	
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12								
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

1 Chittie make	1 Gudawark	360	1440
2 Cudawark make	1 Oddawark	3½	1344
		120	480
		1	4
		28	112

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

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Bde No 3162

From the Acting Collector
of Chingleput ------

Sir,

In compliance with the orders conveyed in the Board's Proceedings of the 21st April 1853, I have the honor to report that there are in this Collectorate 6,990 — 9¾ Cawnies of Summud Maniums assessed at Rupees 41,652-1-5. The number of grants of land below 2 Cawnies is 2,239, the extent in Cawnies in these is 2,295 and the assessment of the lands Rupees 15,736 above 2 Cawnies there are 747 Enams extent in Cawnies 4,695 with an assessment of Rupees 25,915- The proposition mooted by Government in their Minutes of Consultation of the 9th March 1853 for exempting the smaller Enams from interference on the part of Government either in respect of their present enjoyment or future disposal appears most desirable. Indeed the exemption from interferance might properly be carried out- I think still farther- It would however still be open to this Department.

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29	1	11	468	
30	11	10½	466	
31	15	1/5	460	
32	38	114	456	⊗ Assessment of 1/4 Rupees wrongly is the only one in rate in Rupees Kunnool and Gooty Rs. Annas & Pullies
33	1	10/4	428	1 Soliga — 7 Rs.
34	2	42	288	28 Do.
35	12	62½	250	1 Pylie — 2 Do. 336 Do.
36	5	61¼	245	1 Gooloor — 3 Do. 420 Do.
37	45	60	240	1 Condy — 9 Do.
38	25	59	236	
39	3	5¾	231	
40	14	5½	230	
41	53	57	228	

(Signed) A. True Copy
(Signed) J. Conway
Asst to the Agent to the Governor

(Signed) G. Ruthell
Asst to
Agent to the Governor

29-30. Order thereon.

Order to lie over

Department to hold such enquiry as might be considered necessary on occasions of disputes amongst the incumbents of the Enams, disposing of them on their merits and with reference to the actual enjoyment of the Parties.

2. I beg to add that the above computations of the extent of the Enams do not embrace Manniums assigned for the support of the Village officers and artizans

Chingleput District Collector's Cutcherry — Sydapet 30th August 1854 } /Signed/ P B Smollet
Acting Collector

(31-32)
Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over

No 108.

To J D Boardillon Esqre
Collector and
Magistrate of
North Arcot

(33)

Pde No 3164.
From the Collector of North Arcot — } Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to forward thro' the usual channel to Government this my application for one months leave of absence under Sections XI and XII of the absentee rules to visit the Presidency

Presidency on private affairs

Vellore — August 21st 1854 } /Signed/ A. W. Sullivan
Head Assistant Collector
and Magistrate

North Arcot Collector's Circuit Cutcherry — Palmanair 29th August 1854 } Recommended for sanction accordingly
/Signed/ J. D. Boardillon
Collector

(33-34)
Order thereon

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

No 261

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

(35)

Bde No 2877.
From the Collector of Salem — } Sir,

Adverting to my letters of the 3d and 10th June last, I have the honor to state for the Board's information that the sale of the Bagalore Poliput has been further postponed until the 1st September next by an order of the Court of Sudr Udalut.

Salem Collectors' Office, Salem 10th August 1854 — } /Signed/ H. A. Brett
Collector.

Ordered.

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(35-36.) Order thereon.— Ordered to be recorded

No. 117

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

(37.) Bd's No. 2884.
From the Collector of South Arcot — Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to send me a copy of the Circular dated 26th June 1854 alluded to in your Memorandum of the 7th Instant cannot be found in this office

South Arcot — Collector's Cutcherry — Cuddalore 10th August 1854 — /Signed/ A. Hall
Collector

Order thereon:

(37-38.) Ordered to be recorded
a copy of the Circular has been forwarded to the Collector as requested.—

No. 123.

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

Bd's No. 2970
From the Collector of South Arcot — Sir,

With reference to the Circular from

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from the Board of Revenue, dated 26th June last, directing that in future occasions of the sale of land for arrears of revenue the Expenses incurred are to be realized from the sale proceeds instead of the Fee hitherto levied under Section XXXII Regulation XXVIII of 1802, I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether I am to consider that the present instructions altogether supersede the provisions of the above Regulation and of Section V Act VII of 1839 in regard to the levy of a Fee of 1 anna in the Rupee on account of Government.—

South Arcot — Collector's Cutcherry — Cuddalore 16th August 1854 — /Signed/ A. Hall
Collector

Bd's No. 7836

Proceedings thereon.

(39-40.) The Collector is informed that the Circular order in question is expressly confined

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confined to sales of land
for arrears of revenue,
and therefore makes no
alteration in the course
which is to be followed
under the two enactments
quoted by him, when per-
-sonal property is distrained
and sold for arrears of rent
or public revenue.

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To

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No. 64.

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

(41.)

B. No. 2844
From the Collector
of Tanjore ...

Sir,

I have the honor to report upon

Reporting upon Petition No. 1063 of 1850.

petition No. 1063 of 1854.

Petitioner claims the Survamanium,
the circumstances of which were reported to
the Board by the late Collector in No. 9 of
Enam cases of 9th May 1853. On that report
the Government ordered that the enam-
should follow the course of any other pro-
perty left by the last holder, and revert
to Government as an escheat, only if under
the Hindu law there was no heir to inherit. The
only question therefore for decision as far as
the Government was concerned was, whether the
land has lapsed to the state or not. The
opinion of the Pundits of the Sudr Court
of Adawlut was taken upon the question, &
and as they declared that although a divided
family the sons or descendants of the deceased's
brother would inherit his property in failure
of heirs of his body, and as there were such
relatives existing, it was clear that there was
no

× Returned &
× Dated 28th July 53.

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no lapse to the state, and the enam was left in the possession of those into whose possession it passed at the time of the last holder's death.-

Those parties were the relatives of a boy who had been adopted by the last holder a widow, many years after her husband's death, and as the adoption appeared to the late Collector to be of doubtful validity, in allowing present possession to remain undisturbed pending the orders of Government, he took from the possessors a moochilkah binding them to make good the profits of the land accruing in the interval, in event of the Government deciding against their claims, when however it had been decided that the state had no claim the moochilkah was cancelled on the application of the parties who had given it.

The present petitioner prays for permission to sue for the possession of the enam, and I am not aware of any objection to such permission being granted.

Tanjore,
Trangambar,
7th August, 1854.

/ Signed / H. Forbes
Collector

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Bd. No. 1812

No. 400.

Resolution thereon.- Resolved that the letter recorded above be submitted to Government with reference to their endorsement on Petition No. 1063 of 1854 dated 10th July 1854.-

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2. Under the explanations afforded by the Collector the Board see no objection to Petition-er being allowed to prosecute his claim in the Civil Court.-

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No. 72.

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

Bd. No. 3132.

From the Collector of Tanjore — } Sir,

In reply to your Circular of the 7th instant I have the honor to request that you will supply me with 21 Copies of the Circular orders of the Board of Revenue in Tamil for distribution to the Public Officers of this district.-

Copies.
Sheristadars — 3
Tahsildars — 16
Head Jawabnevis — 2
21

I take leave to request that besides the Sheristadars and Tahsildars the Head Jawabnevis in my own and the Sub Collector's Cutcherry may be furnished with a copy.

Tanjore,
Trangambar,
26th August, 1854.

/ Signed / H. Forbes
Collector

Order thereon.- Ordered to lie over.-

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To

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No. 239.

45.

To
B. Cunliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary to the Board of Reven
Fort St. George.

Bo. No. 2823.
From the Collector of Tinnevelly — Sir,

I have the honor to return Petition No. 1475 of 1854 which accompanied your letter of the 27th Ultimo and to inform you that the subject complained of in that as well as in the 3 Petitions noted in the margin has been disposed of by a Rajeenamah filed in the Civil Court of Tinnevelly by the 1st 2d and 4th Appellants in appeal Suit No. 2 of 1854 who with Michel Nadan whose Petition accompanied your letter under reply are the 4 persons who addressed the 1st Petition on the subject. No. 2074 of 1853. which has been retransmitted to you yesterday with an Endorsement accompanied by a translation of the Rajeenamah above alluded to.

No. 2074 of 1853
" 2621 of Do
" 735 — of 1854.
herewith returned.

Tinnivelly,
Pencausey,
3d August, 1854.

/ Signed / C. J. Bird
Collector.

Bd. No. 1850
Proceedings thereon.
45-46.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petitions 2621 of 1853. 735 and 1475 of 1854.

"Petitioners are referred to the Board's Endorsement on Petition 2074 of 1853."

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No. 128.

47.

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

Bo. No. 2953.
From the Collector of Madura — Sir,

Being engaged at present in the Poodoocottah Country I am not in a position to communicate to the Board the state of the season in Madura up to the very date of writing - My report from the Sub Collector is dated the 4th and that from the Assistant Collector the 8th August.

2. The Sub Collector's description of the state of the Sub Division was gloomy. The quantity of rain which had fallen since the beginning of the year was not more than 10 inches. Wells were dried or drying up, the stores of grain considerable at the commencement of the drought were becoming low from the great export to other Districts, and the Pulse crops of the beginning of the present / christian / year were very scanty. There had been also considerable sickness among men and cattle. Still as the export of grain still continues Dindigul must be better provided than the neighbouring Districts.

Mr.

3. Mr. Norman states that up to the 8th August both in Madura itself and in the neighbouring Villages in Mayloor and its immediate neighbourhood a small quantity of rain had fallen, enough to admit of ploughing Punjee lands, gentle rain had also fallen in Terumungalum" but there was no water in the Tanks and channels and the crops in some places were withering Mr. Norman also reports disease among sheep and cattle and the latter suffer greatly for want of forage - In cultivation according to an abstract furnished by him there is an increase as compared with Fusly in Poonjah and a Decrease in Nunjah. Rice had not increased in price and its export to Tunevelly continued.-

4. Here at the town of Poodoocottah up to the evening of the 8th the supply of rain was a few slight showers only, but yesterday there was a heavy fall and to the east and South there was still heavier rain on the 8th and 9th

bringing from 1 to 3 months supply to the Tanks - In the Talook of Shevagungah on adjoining Poodoocottah rain fell on the 5th and 7th sufficient for Poonjah and bringing a 10 days supply to the Tanks - In the centre of that Zemindary there was a lighter fall on the 5th.

5. I regret to state that robberies are becoming very frequent, indeed, in the Ramnad and Shevagungah Zemindaries and the Ameenahs report the formation of large gangs which keep the whole Country in dread and are quite beyond the strength of the Police force there employed, which is very small in proportion to the extent of the Country and Population to cope with - Under these circumstances I beg strongly to recommend that I may be allowed to maintain a force of 60 extra Peons on 3½ Rupees a month each and 5 Duffadars on 5 Rupees a month each for a period not exceeding 3 Months on the understanding that I shall avail myself of the sanction no further than appears absolutely necessary.-

Madura,
Poodoocottah,
10th August, 1854

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

Resolved

11514.

Fort St. George, 31st August 1854.

Bd. No. 1838.

No. 399

Proceedings thereon.

(47-48.)

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

2. After reporting upon the generally slight fall of rain in the District particularly in the Sub Division the Collector observes that robberies are becoming very frequent in the Ramnad and Shevagunga Zemindaries, and that large gangs have been formed which keep the whole country in dread and are quite beyond the strength of the ordinary police force to restrain. Under these circumstances he solicits authority for the employment of 60 extra peons 3½ Rupees each per mensem and 6 Duffadars on 5 Rupees each per mensem for three months on the understanding that the temporary force shall be kept up only so long as it may appear to be absolutely necessary within the above period.

3. As under the pressing exigencies of the season the above establishment appears to the Board requisite for maintaining the tranquillity of the District they beg to recommend that the sanction of Government may be accorded to the Collector's proposition. They observe that a similar temporary force was recently sanctioned for the Nellore District.

From Govt. 9th in Cons. 25th January 1854.

From Govt. 10th in Cons. 24th July 1854.

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No. 100.

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

(49.)

Bd. No. 2917.

From the Collector of Malabar.....

Sir,

In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 29th June last I beg to inform them that I still see great difficulties in carrying out the proposition for the menons to grant receipts in detail for payments of Revenue.

2. In many parts of Malabar as the Board are well aware there are no old Jummahbundy accounts which give all the particulars required. The want of these particulars is at present in course of rectification by the preparation of individual chittahs but until these are prepared and stamped as authentic after full examination we have in many places no certain ground to goon.

On this point see a Memorandum which goes by to-days Post.

3. My opinion as to the difficulties of the measure in question is shared by my 2 Huzzoor Sheristadars, my 2 oldest Tahsildars, my Sub Collector and my

Special

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Special Asistant.

4. My Sheristadars doubt whether under any circumstance it would be possible looking at the novel labor which would be involved to carry out the Boards wishes without allowing an asistant to each of the present Menons. They are 429 in number.

5. The Tahsildars take a similar view.

6. My Sub Collector thinks "it would be an impossibility without a very great addition to the establishment for Village Officers to enter the names of Gardens or rice fields for which they may receive revenue or in every receipt to enter into details," but he does not give any reasons for this opinion.

7. My special Asistant gives his (for arriving at a similar opinion) at some lougth and I subjoin his letter which embodies the objections made by the native functionaries to whom I referred.

Malabar Collector's Office,
Calicut
9th August 1854.

(Signed) H. V. Conolly
Collector.

To

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No. 1.

To
H. V. Conolly Esqre
Collector of
Malabar.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 31 Ultimo No. 1573, I have the honor to submit, that in my opinion there would be found considerable difficulty in carrying out at least for any useful purpose the proposition of the Board of Revenue that the revenue receipts should specify in detail the names of the lands taxed as well as of the parties in possession. In the first place it would not, I feel sure, be practicable without a very large increase to our present Village establishments, but the second and main objection is, it seems to me, that in the present imperfect state of our accounts in Malabar the details given would, in probably the majority of instances, be incorrect and in none could be accepted without other examination: —

2 As to the first objection, I think our Amshom Menons have already fully enough to

to occupy them. Now they have to write their accounts in paper books, and there would I expect be found scarcely a single Menon who does not in consequence re really write his accounts over twice, once on leaf and again in the book. They may perhaps change the practice when they get more used to paper, though I doubt it much. Alas are so much easier to handle that in the hurry of business they will use them. I do not believe a single Menon has ever entered the items of collection at the time as in the Malavary paper book. Besides if a mistake is made in a ola it is easily thrown aside, but it is not so allowed to tear out a page from the paper books. Practically, therefore, the work of the Menons has been increased by the change of paper for Olas. Then, what with the upland peymashes, the Jummabundy accounts, and their police and Civil duties as subordinates to the Head of the Village they have a large share of work besides the mere task of keeping the accounts of Revenue collections.

3 In proof of how greatly the proposed

proposed change would increase their work, I will instance the Jumma of one Pyjot in the Melvary Umshom, who pays Fanams 308 on 32 pice lands and Fanams 36 on 9 gardens. Now his receipt is simply "Pice lands 32 Fanams 308 and gardens 9 Fanams 36." Under the proposed rule there would have to be entered 41 names and 41 items of assessment. Again 6 long olas were filled on both sides by 3 receipts giving the details proposed taken as instances from the Kirmary amshom. Each ola is fully 2 feet long. At present a Ola 1 foot long written on one side suffices for a receipt. Further if we examine a Jeratta account that is truly kept to shew all the payers of revenue it will be seen how much is paid "Charayetta" as it is termed in Malabar. I presume that in such receipts the names and items though given in the Jummabarum receipt would have to be again specified. I should think that in my division each Amshom may on an average have 500 different Jummas in the Jeratta account. Many have between 700 and 800 such. Even this is a large number of

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of receipts to be prepared in the
course of a year in a brief form
in reality it is much under the act
number given, as the assessment
under one Jumma is often paid by
or 4 different persons. A very slight
change in the form thus multiplies
very material extent the labor of the
preparation. I apprehend that the prop
change would increase the labor at le
4 or 5 fold

In reality we do not expect them
to work in the same style as Cutcherry
Gomastahs: the office is to a certain ext
an honorary one, it is one of not a little
influence and a mark of respectability
it is generally filled by men of some
states in the amshom, and we must
allow them time to attend to their own
affairs, we cannot otherwise get fit
respectable persons for a pay of 10 or
Rupees per Mensem to perform the
work and undergo the personal mort
which belong to the duties of a Mon
But supposing them to work as regular

Gomastahs

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Gomastahs I doubt whether under the
proposed charge a single man could annually
perform the work that would be imposed
upon him. Should it therefore be decided
upon, I think that a serious charge in the
increase of establishment will be
found necessary.

5 My main objection though
is that with our present accounts of
the distribution of the revenue, the details
given would not be deserving of credit.
The accounts which would give the
details required would be, I presume,
the pymash of 978 M. S. A. D. 1802-3 and
Pugil nivaram account of 1011 Fus. S. or 1835-6.
But the first account does not exist
in all Amshoms, for instance there
was none in the Kodar Amshom
of Vulevanad. that it frequently lumps
together several lands under one name
and one total of assessment, thirdly
from the lapse of time and the
change of names on a subdivision
of lands it would not always
be practicable to identify the
names given with the modern
fields

fields, while lastly I apprehend that the account itself would not any how be entitled to much credit from the defective process by which it was prepared and corrected.—

The other account is more in detail, but so far as it is not a copy of the first, differs from it on the authority of mere enquiries by the Village Officers from the Ryots, who, of course, even when they may have known the truth may have had their own object to serve in unjustly portioning out their total assessment to useful purposes would be served by annually stating details upon which every Ryot must know. We cannot act in the event of a dispute. In fact now, when on a change of Jumma or other occasion a dispute does occur as to whether one of (say for instance) the 32 fields included under a single Jumma pay its proper share we have no other resource than to make a Pymash of the whole 32 fields and portion out among them the total Jumma of the 38 such

portion only of a single Jumma to be transferred to their own names without demanding a Pymash, run the risk of each having an undue share of the total assessment thrown on to the fields they have acquired. Many instances of such fraudulent transfers are, I believe, known to have occurred. It is besides the present question to say any thing upon the necessity or method for remedying these grievous defects, but, as I presume it would be altogether in-

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impossible to adopt at once any such systematic accounts as I have mentioned, I think it would be worse than a waste of labor, under the present circumstances, annually to state details which we know are incorrect and do not intend to recognize.

Special Assistant Collr's Office
Malapuram
4th August 1854

Sd/ C. Collector
Special Asst to Collr

True Copy
Sd/ H. V. Conolly
Collector

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B/d No 1840

Proceedings thereon.

(49-50.)

The Board would wish the Collector to forwards to them for inspection the 3 receipts accompanying the long Olays alluded to by the Head Assistant Collector in Para 4 of his letter of the 4th August 1854.

Sd

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No. 102.

To

W. H. Bayley Esqr.

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue,

Fort St. George.

51.

Bo. No. 2918.

From the Collector of Malabar, Sir,

I informed the Board in my last Jummabundy Report, para. 18. that I would write separately on the subject of the preparation of Koalwar Chittas and I beg to forward a Memorandum on that head.

Collectors Office,
Calicut,
9th August, 1854.

I Signed I W. W. Cunilly
Collector.

The

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No. 1.

The District of Malabar has never had any accounts shewing the particulars of the holding of each individual Ryot.

In view to remedy this want, Mr. Clementson in 1833 issued a Circular order to every Talook to have accounts prepared, shewing the name and description of the lands held by each Ryot the number of Crops which the lands would yield the quantity of seed required for its cultivation, its amount of rent and of Government tax.

The account was to be drawn out in reference to the Deeds in the possession of the Ryots or, if those could not be got at, on the Statements of the Ryots alone.

They were to be authenticated by the signatures of the Village Officers and principal inhabitants and checked by such old accounts as were to be found in the Talooks.

Great difficulties were experienced in carrying out these instructions and it was not till 1849/50, that after repeated orders, accounts were sent in from the

Talooks

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		Total to be finished.			Individuals Chittahs. Already finished.			Balance remaining to be finished.			
		No. of Lands.	No. of Parambas.	Motorpha.	Number of Lands.	No. of Parambas.	Motorpha.	No. of Lands.	No. of Parambas.	Motorpha.	
1	Caway	21,790	19,180	2407	14,938	14,174	1259	6852	5,006	1148	Talooks to the extent of 2,03,211 leaving a balance not yet completed of 14,600.—
2	Cherakal	14,222	16,601	2,056	11071	12,540	718	3,151	4,061	1,338	In 1844 sanction was obtained for a temporary establishment to commence the preparation of Individual chittahs.
3	Cotyem	19,902	24,762	5,016	7,509	16,483	3,061	4393	8,279	1,955	
4	Cartenad	10,923	25,705	817	9,636	24,323	483	1287	1,382	334	
5	Wynad	6,688	"	211	222	"	"	6444	"	211	
6	Coorombrenad	14,747	33,544	3,334	13,949	33,139	2,750	798	405	584	
7	Calicut	15,084	27,392	9,897	9,704	17,617	2,642	5,380	9,775	1,255	The intention was to compose them from the mass of accounts which were coming in from the Talooks and the correctness of which was assumed as being greater than really was the case.—
8	Ernad	13,399	13,768	5,222	9557	8591	2,963	3,782	5,175	2,259	
9	Shernad	17,869	21,529	3,251	9,070	10866	1869	8799	10,663	1,382	
10	Betutnad	23,036	20,503	6,240	12,398	8,010	2488	10,638	12,493	3,752	
11	Cootnad	20,364	10,722	6,881	5,150	1,569	55	15,214	9153	6,826	
12	Chowghat	30,221	26,365	7,824	5,793	6,134	983	24,428	20,231	6,861	
13	Nedoonganad	22,431	15,143	5,027	21,058	11012	3920	1373	4,131	1,107	
14	Walloowainad	20,792	11,575	6,171	17,108	6,286	2,379	3,684	5,289	3,792	
15	Palghat	24,645	18,735	15,527	6,472	1,054	..	18,233	17,681	15,527	
16	Temelpoorum	15,227	10,165	8,152	8,697	4,039	2,014	6530	6,126	6,138	
	Total	2,83,258	2,95,087	87,653	1,62,272	1,75,837	27,584	1,20,986	1,19,850	60,049	After a large number of Chittahs as shown in the margin had been

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been prepared, a partial examination by the Head Sheristedar led to the knowledge that the Talook Returns in some places, and especially in Cootnad, were gravely incorrect.—

The Statement of the Ryots themselves had been accepted too, implicitly as the want of old accounts had rendered it impossible to check them effectually.—

The want of these old accounts varies considerably in different districts

It was much more felt in South than in North Malabar where the old accounts, such as they were, were in a better state of preservation and order.

In Palghat and Semelpooram the old accounts had from age, and probably some negligence, become actually destroyed; they were written on Leaf; by 1821. A.D.

In Betutnad they were burnt with the Cutcherry 30 years ago it was supposed designedly.—

The consequence of this

The difficulty in consequence arising in these 2 Taloks is so great that Mr. W. Robinson doubted whether it could be surmounted except by a systematic survey.—

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discovery of the Head Sheristedar was, that the further preparation of the Koolwar Cuttas was suspended till the material from which they were to be principally formed was more thoroughly scrutinized and corrected.

This is a tedious affair and one that can only be managed well when there is leisure from more pressing avocations.

The second Sheristadar has for a considerable period had his attention greatly monopolized by the arrangement of the Betutnad Rajahs escheat, and an extra weight of current business has devolved on the Head Sheristedar, but I have of late had much communication with both these Officers on the subject of these accounts and we have arranged to carry them on without interruption for the future.—

The immediate responsibility under the Sheristadars has been imposed on a servant of experience and weight whose deligence is excited by a promise that on his bringing matters to a satisfactory issue he shall be rewarded by due promotion.

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The expence of completing these accounts will be greater than was originally contemplated. Experience has shewn that there is more work than was at first thought.

But the disbursements hitherto made have been on a scale of the strictest economy and it shall be so for the future. We have still money in hand.

Caliant. —
9th August

/Signed/ H. W. Conolly
Collector.

57-52
Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over

JP

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No. 1883

To
The Secretary
Revenue Board

Sir,

I have the honor by order to forward you the Plan applied for in your letter of the 12th Instant.

Quarter Master
Generals' Office,
Fort St. George,
13th August 1854

/Signed/ F. H. Scott, Major
Dy Quarter Master General
of the Army

53-54
Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded

Read

55.

B. No. 3081
From the Secretary to Government dated 11th August 1854 — Forwarding despatch from the Honorable Court dated
(For information) 5 June 1853, No. 13 and the report of the Company's
Solicitor embodying the opinion of their Standing
Council on the Course it will be proper to pursue
55-56. relative to the Vizagapatam Estates —
Order thereon
Ordered to be recorded —

B. No. 2985
From the Secretary to Government dated 15th August 1854 — Authorizing
For information
57. the entertainment of the Establishment for the
Special Assistant at Masulipatam until the
57-58. orders of the Government of India are received on the
proposals of a Sub Collector to the district —
Order thereon
Ordered to be recorded —

B. No. 3130
From the Sub Collector in Charge of Cuddapah — List of letters received
69. from the Board of Revenue and remaining un-
answered up to 30th June last —

B. No. 3131.
From the Sub Collector in Charge of Cuddapah — List of letters received
60 from the Board of Revenue and remaining
59-61. unanswered up to 30th June last —
Order on the above List —
Ordered to be recorded —

62
B. No. 2995
From the Collector of Vizagapatam — Statement shewing the Exports
Read the undermentioned letters and Statements —

of Grain for the week ending 29th July last —

B. No. 3026.
From the Collector of Vizagapatam — Statement shewing the
62. Imports of Grains for the week ending 5th August last —

B. No. 3027
From the Collector of Rajahmundry — Statement Shewing the
64. Exports of Grain for the week ending 12th August last —

B. No. 3120.
From the Collector of Masulipatam — Return of Grain Exported
65 for the week ending 12th August last —

B. No. 3119.
From the Collector of Masulipatam — Return of Grain Import-
66. ed for the week ending 12th August last —

B. No. 3060
From the Actg. Collector of Guntoor — Return of Grain Exported
67. for week ending 15th August last —

B. No. 3059
From the Actg. Collector of Guntoor — Return of Grain Imported
68. for week ending 15th August last —

B. No. 3039
From the Collector of South Arcot — Statement of Grain ex-
69. ported for the week ending 19th August last —

B. No. 3038.
From the Collector of South Arcot — Statement of Grain Im-
70. ported for the week ending 19th August last —

B. No. 3133.
From the Collector of Tanjore — Return of Grain Exported
71. for the week ending 9th August last —

B. No. 3134
From the Collector of Tanjore — Return of Grain Imported for
72.

for the week ending 9th August last.—

B. No. 2999.
From the Collector of Madura.— Return of Grain Exported
(73.) for the week ending 8th July last.—

B. No. 3000.
From the Collector of Madura.— Return of Grain Exported
(74.) for the week ending 15th July last.—

B. No. 2988.
From the Collector of Madura.— Return of Grain Imported
(75.) for the week ending 31st July last.—

B. No. 3043.
From the Collector of Tinnevelly.— Return of grain
(76.) Exported for the week ending 12th August last.—

B. No. 3040
From the Collector of Tinnevelly.— Informing that there
(77.) were no Imports whatever of Paddy or other principal Kinds of Grain at the Ports of his District for the week ending 12th Instant.—

B. No. 3049
From the Collector of Malabar:— Reports that there
(78.) were no Exports or Imports of Grain and Pulse at his district during last week.—

(64-79.)

Submitted for the information of Government.—

Received the undermentioned

(80.) Miscellaneous letters and Statements.—

Mg. No. 1292.
From the Collector of Masulipatam.— Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance from 1st to 11th July last.—

Mg. No. 1296.
From the Collector of Madura.— Abstract of Demand
(81.) Collection and Balance from 1st to 11th July last.—

Mg. No. 1294.
From the Collection of Madura.— Abstract of Demand
(82.) Collection and Balance from 12th to 31st July last.—

Mg. No. 1297.
From the Collector of Malabar.— Abstract of Demand
(83.) Collection and Balance from 1st to 11th July last.—

Mg. No. 1351
From the Collector of South Arcot.— Indent for 4000
(84.) Salt Rowannahs.—

Mg. No. 1389
From the Collector of Trichinopoly.— Indent for Print-
(85.) ed forms of Bills.—

Order on the 2 above Indents Ordered to be supplied
(84-86.) accordingly.— From

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Mg. No. 1231

From the Collector of Ganjam. — Forwarding a Supplemental Indent for Stationery and requesting that it may be sent by Coaly. — (87)

Order thereon (87-88) Ordered that the Original Indent accompanying the abovementioned letter be passed and forwarded to the Secretary to the Military Board. —

~~Mg. No. 1233.~~

~~From the Sub Treasurer.~~ (89) — Indent for Articles

~~Mg. No. 1234~~

~~From the Sub Treasurer.~~ (90) — Indent for Articles.

Order on the 2 above Indents. — Ordered to be Supplied accordingly. — (89-91.)

" Nottingham

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Comp^d Wm Rogers

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