

Enquiry into alienated lands AD 1795-

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Ganjam Report on Enaums Fusly 1197-1206: 15.7.1798

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Paid in	Amount	Name of Collector
1197	Rs 16,776. 4. 1	
1198	Rs 10,657. 11. 1	Maxwell
1199	Rs 10,705. 13. 1	"
1200	Rs 10,996. 10.10	Webb
1201	Rs 11,026. 10.10	"
1202	Rs 11,305. 10.10	"
1203	Rs 11,373. 10.10	"
1204	Rs 11,373. 10.10	Balfour
1205	Rs 11,373. 10.10	"
1206	Rs 11,373. 10.10	Snodgrass

Minute of Board of Revenue: Agreed to authorise Mr Snodgrass to continue the usual payments to the Enamadars and to direct him before issuing them to be careful in identifying their persons and should the sunnuds held by these people granting the Enams be in the Collector's possession to submit them with his report thereon to the Board. If not, to collect (p 5683) them for that purpose (returning to the parties a certified copy of each) that if confirmed they may be registered and new sunnuds granted under the authority of Government.

IOR: Madras Board of Revenue Proceedings:P/285/74 (p 5216-783, 9.7. to 2.8.1798): Report is pp 5676-83 and is called "Report on money dispersed on Enaums during Fusly 1197- 1206." The amount for Fusly 1197 (26.9.1787 to 25.9.1788) is given as Rs 16,776. 4. 1. After 1197 the report gives details of 'Deductions' ground given Durohist, some other increases and decreases' as Rs 6482. 13. 3. The report also states that the collector "will write later regarding letter of 23.5.1795."

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Despatch to Madras: Territorial Finance Dept: 26.8.1829

(Details of total charges, political stipends, and pensions and charitable allowances from 1822-3 to 1827-8 as given in paras 64 and 65, and 78 respectively.)

Year	Pensions and Charitable Allowances	Political Stipends	Total Charges
1822-3	Rs 11,80,118	Rs 41,57,034	Rs 4,71,37,667
1823-4	Rs 12,56,783	Rs 35,39,942	Rs 5,58,66,904
1824-5	Rs 11,72,184	Rs 34,20,472	Rs 5,20,38,098
1825-6	Rs 11,78,608	Rs 37,27,317	Rs 5,42,80,577
1826-7	Rs 10,33,612	Rs 35,95,568	Rs 5,05,53,669
1827-8est	Rs 11,87,981	Rs 34,42,434	Rs

(Same for 1810-11, Hef Lords Papers for 1811 vol 2)

1810-11 pages 5,24,636 Pag 9,07,603 Pag 1,21,46,316

(Some comparative regional data on pensions and charitable Allowances)

Region	in 1809-10	in 1817-8	in 1827-8
Ancient Possessions	£ 178,682	£ 100,310	£ 93,767
Carnatic			
Tanjore		17,623	16,410
Ceded Districts			
TOTAL CHARGES	£5,323,469	£5,602,272	£6,186,620

BM: House of Lords Papers: 1830 vol 13 (devoted to Indian finance 1809 to 1830 and has copies of finance dispatches)
The above from pages 526-45, and pages 14- .

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Minute Madras Board of Revenue: 23.7.1801

If the claimants of pensions noticed in the foregoing letter depend upon the amount of them as their sole support, their indigence must be great indeed. For the Board observe that in some instances two or three persons participate in a pension of 7 rupees annually. If their poverty then is ~~so~~ great as it is stated to be it must proceed from their own indolent habits. The Board however can not but conclude they have other means of maintenance. It has been but too common a practice among the native governments to be profuse in their distribution of charity and the Board have in frequent instances been obliged to curtail this expenditure. Nor can they suppose that Sittaram Rauze would have acted as he did: had he not been convinced of the expediency of reducing these Enamdaras. The Board are not satisfied that the merits of the original grantees warrant the entailing a perpetual burthen on Government (p 8194) much less of the propriety of increasing the expence on this account. The claims of this description swallow up a great portion of the resources of the state. And however pressing may be the calls of humanity, the necessities of Government are more urgent and forbid unnecessary profusion.

The Board have no doubt of them being proper objects on whom the bounty of Government should continue to be bestowed and they are desirous that it should. But those whose faculties are neither impaired by age, disease nor debility should labour to obtain a livelihood by means of their own industry. Agreed therefore to desire the Collector's particular attention to reducing the list of pensioners giving warning to those of the latter description of the sentiments of Government and of the necessity of their looking to themselves for their own support.

IOR: Madras Board of Revenue Proceedings:P/286/64 (PP 7989-8686, 20-30.7.1801): Proceedings 23.7.1801 on 1st Div Vizagapatam, (p 8188-91, statement 8192).

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Minute Madras Board of Revenue: 19.11.1801

The numerous incumbents on the bounty of Government in different parts of the country are a heavy burthen on their resources and as they have been entailed on them by persons not competent to grant pensions and frequently idle dependents and others who did not merit them it is expedient to relieve the state from encumbrance which it is by no means bound to sustain. But since the continuance of these pensions hitherto, has been the result of our humane consideration for the persons enjoying them it will not be consistent with the same principle to withdraw them at once. The Board in the command of the 23rd July last (p 13102) declared their sentiments on these claims and furnished Mr Alexander with instructions for his guidance. Agreed to approve his recommendations as specified in the remarks annexed to the list of Enamdaras dependent on 1st Div of Vizagapatam and confirm them and desire that he will pay to the parties the pensions as proposed transmitting a fresh list of those for which sunnuds are granted.

IOR: P/286/71: Proceedings 19.11.1801 (The list, above referred, consists of 12 persons between ages of 12 and 80, recommending pension of Re 1 per month per person. It is on p 13100.)

Madras Board of Revenue Circular Letter to Carnatic Collectors: 9.11.1801.

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Sent the following circular letter to the collectors of the Carnatic.

To
Mr J.B.Travers, Collector of Nellore

Sir,

The form submitted to you in my letter of the 4th August for conveying information relative to the jageerdars, not being sufficiently full to convey that called for of the yeomeahdars as pointed out (p12830) in my subsequent letter^x of the 22nd ultimo I am directed by the Board to transmit companying form for your guidance and they desire that you will forward your report on the claims of the yeomiahdars with as little delay as possible particularly noticing any other means of subsistence the parties possess besides the yeomiahs.

You are authorised to pay such yeomiahdars who are from age and extreme poverty dependent on the pension and incapable of obtaining a livelihood the amount of their monthly pension informing them~~ward~~ that it is paid only until the Board's pleasure be known.

Fort St George
9th November 1801.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant,
George Garrow, Secretary.

(Heads of Form)

1. Name of the Yeomiahdars
2. For what purpose granted
3. Title of their deeds
4. Date of the sunnud
5. Relation to granter
6. For life
7. Hereditary
8. By whom granted
9. Age of claimant
10. Cast
11. Condition and means of living
12. Name of villages in which yeomiahs and inams are established
13. Quantity of paddy land
14. High land
15. Amounting in ready money
16. Amounting in grain
17. Residence
18. Number of pensioners family
19. Appearance of the deed
20. General remarks and description of the claimant.

IOR: Madras Board of Revenue Proceedings:P/286/71 (p 12823-13374, 12-26.11.1801): Above pages 12829-30.

8. These suggestions I submit in a general (p 168) point of view in cases where the yeomiahs supported by valid sunnuds are declared hereditary; when they are enjoyed by people who from disease or old age are incapable of exertion or labour, and when they are held by women, it may perhaps be deemed expedient to continue them as hetherte; declaring in the two latter cases that the yeomiah will cease with the lives of the present incumbents, who may be allowed the option of retaining them, or renouncing them for lands to be held as before mentioned.

9. Except in cases when the yeomedars hold separate purwannahs for Inaums (the account of which is in a state of forwardness) I have not been able to get any particular information as to their means of living independent of the yeomiahs. They in general declared that their yeomiahs was their only means of support, and the enquiries I made to ascertain the truth of this assertion generally confirmed it. I have mentioned opposite to the names of those who are said to have other means of living, what these supposed means are.

10. (p 169) It will be observed by the Board that the yeomedars in some instances have not made their appearance at my cutcherry, and in others that only copies of the deeds by which the yeomiahs have been held are produced.

11. The account of Enaums required in your secretary's letter of the 16th ultime is in a state of forwardness, and shall shortly be laid before the Board. In the accounts now forwarded it will appear that some lands are included which cannot properly be called yeomiahs. But as the form sent for my observance provides for this, and as the purwannah granting the yeomiah also mentions the lands thus specified, I have deemed it proper to include them in the present account.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen
 Tricheneopoly Your most obedient humble servant
 27th December 1801. John Wallace, Collector of Tricheneopoly.

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Board of Revenue to Collector Trichy: 1.3.1802 @
 To

Mr J. Wallace, Collector of Tricheneopoly
 Sir,

I am directed by the Board ~~to furnish you~~ to desire that (p 2393) you will furnish them with an abstract statement shewing the inhabitants share and all other deductions from the gross produce in the respective divisions of your district previous to the allotment malewarum for Fusly 1211.

I am Sir, your obedient servant,
 Fort St George, G. Garraw, secretary.
 1st March 1802.

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Collector Trichy to Board of Revenue: 9.3.1802 @@

To (p 2931)
 William Petrie Esq, President and Members of
 The Board of Revenue, Fort St George

Gentlemen

In compliance with your ~~secretary's~~ orders communicated in your secretary's letter of the 3rd instant I have now the honour to forward a statement shewing the deductions from the nunjah gross produce of this division on which the settlement for the current Fusly is founded previously to the allotment of the mailwagrum or government share.

The statement is drawn out according to the new sub-divisions of the district into taleeks and meauls.

Tricheneopoly I have the honour to be, Gentlemen
 9th March 1802 Your most obedient and humble servant
 J. Wallace, collector.

IOR: @ P/287/1, @@ P/287/1 : Statement page 2932(photoed)
 (p 2933) Ordered to lie on the table.

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BRP Vol 312 B Trichy Division of Crop: Pro 18.3.1802 (32) Hb.2905-6-7

Taluk- wise	Gross Product	21,18,987-0-1.
	Rent/Ridge	1,05,306-6-0
	Sedundum (Manuradit Turon)	18,040-2-0.
		1,23,346-8-0.
	Net- Gross Product	19,95,640-4-1.
	Peasant's	9,83,797-4-0.
	Citizen.	10,11,843-0-1.
	Deduct- Manuradit Inundation	11,180-8-2.
	Net Govt.	10,00,662-3-3.

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Collector of Trichinopoly to Board of Revenue: 27.12.1801

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To

William Petrie Esq, President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

1. I have the honour to forward lists in the prescribed form
of the yeomdars of this division.

2. The account No. 1 relates to the yeomdars of the Trichinopoly,
No. 2 to those of Terriere, No. 3 to those of Velienda, No. 4
to those of Chellumbrum, No. 5 to those of Arrialere, No. 6
to those of Wediarpallam and No. 7 to those of Mannargeddy.

3. The enclosures in these accounts marked A 1, A 2, A 3, A 4,
A 5, A 6 and A 7 are abstracts of the general account of each
district.

4. The account No. 8 is the general abstract of the Yeomials
of the division; shewing the amount mentioned in the sunnuds
and the amount paid last year; the latter amounting to
S.Pagedas 9,508. 33.70.

5. This sum is certainly a heavy deduction from the public
revenues, so much so as to be (p 166) in my opinion a matter
of serious consideration. It is observable that very few of
the yeomials are in the sunnuds declared hereditary and yet
it appears that in many instances they have descended even
to the grand children of the original yeomdars. It is also
to be remarked, that altho' most of the yeomials have been
granted in charity, yet very few of these receiving them,
are fit objects of bounty or compassion. I look upon the
rolls now transmitted, as in general being nothing else than
a list of pensioned idlers, who would have contributed to the
benefit of society by the exertion of their industry had they
not been sunk in inactivity and sloth by the lavish profusion
of an unthinking government.

6. It is not however too late still to render the great part
of this body useful and industrious members of the state, and
this can not in my opinion be better effected than by giving
them waste lands to cultivate, in lieu of their yeomials.
However well justified Government might be in abolishing the
yeomials without any thing in lieu of them, I yet am humbly
of opinion, that such a measure (p 167) would be inconsistent
with the liberality, which distinguishes our Government. I
therefore think that the waste land might be given to the
yeomdars, free for a certain number of years, and then to
be liable to an increasing assessment until the full revenue
is reached, which should be declared fixed. I would recommend
the terms mentioned in your secretary's letter of the 26th
November for granting waste lands, extending the period, in
the case of yeomdars, for which the land is to be held free,
from 3 to 5 years, after that the lands to be liable to the
annual increase of revenue, mentioned in that letter. It
would in this case be necessary to advance small sums as
tuccavee, to enable the yeomdars to commence on and continue
their cultivation.

7. In some instances the yeomdars have by their sunnuds land
as well as money granted to them. In such cases I would recom-
mend the latter to be immediately discontinued, with the rest
of the yeomials, and the former continued on the terms / to be
I have proposed in the foregoing paragraph.

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IOR: P/286/77: The statements above mentioned are given in this
volume. There is no Minute either on above in the following
proceeding.

22.9

Board of Revenue to Collector North Arcot: 19.11.1801

To

Mr G. Stratton, Collector in the Northern Division of Arcot
Sir,

As several of the yeomeahdars of your division have proceeded to the Presidency with the original sunnuds state that they have been ~~referred~~ referred to the Board for their orders it is the Board's desire that you do enquire into without further delay the claims of the several parties as they present themselves at your cutcherry. That your report may be transmitted by an early period in conformity with the orders already issued (p 13166) you will include the pretensions of the claimants who have stated them in the accompanying representation in your report.

Fort St George
19 November 1801

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
George Garrow, Secretary.

IOR:P/286/71: p 13165-6.

22.10

Board of Revenue to Collector Baramahal: 19.11.1801

To

Mr David Cockburn, Collector of Baramahal
Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant.

2. As the endowments which the Board are about to make to the religious ~~establisshment~~ institutions in the Baramahal will be a permanent grant of the indulgence of Government it is necessary that you submit a list of their respective establishments and the particular expences necessary to be incurred. When this is done the Board will give an ultimate consideration to your suggestion on this head.

Fort St George
19 November 1801

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
George Garrow, Secretary.

IOR:P/286/71: The letter from the collector of Baramahal dated 10.11.1801 is on pages 13145-7 with statement on pages 13148-9. It begins: (Gentlemen, By your secretary's letter dated the late collector of the Salem districts was directed to lay before your Beard a statement (p 13146)): pp 13146-8 photoed.

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Collector Dindigul to Board of Revenue: 2.1.1802

To

William Petrie Esq, President and Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have herewith the honour of forwarding a copy of a letter and enclosures from my Assistant containing the information regarding the yemadars and enamdars of this (p 365) province under the late Government as called for in Mr Secretary Garrew's letter of the 9th November last.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen

Madura

Your very obedient humble servant

2nd January 1802.

T. B. Hurdis, collector.

T. B. Hurdis Esq, Collector

Sir

I have herewith the honour of forwarding to you lists of Enamdars and yamadars of the province of Madura agreeably to the directions of the Board of Revenue.

From the total want of recorded information regarding the claims of the present incumbents much has been obtained from the parties themselves under oath.

The sunnuds produced do not appear to admit of doubt. They were granted (p 366) with the exception of one or two by Mohamed Ali Khan, the father of the late Nabob - His Highness himself having added no fresh incumbents on the list.

This department of Enams and Yemeas now and then undergo a revision by new renters and notification of the casualties reported to the Huzzeer, with an account of those who came forward in the name of these deceased when his late Highness generally permitted them to succeed.

Verdepundit the aumeeldar appointed in the temporary suspension of the management of Nazur ul Mulk in Fusly 1209, appears to have entered into a strict scrutiny into the claims of the yemadars with an intention of curtailing this branch of expenditure as much as possible. The present list is the same that was forwarded to and confirmed by His Highness as mentioned in my letter to you of the 19th October (with the exception of such as have died since the assumption). (p 367)

The yemadars like the troops depended nominally on the Nabob though paid by the renter by a provision made for their maintenance independently of the sum of 62,500 Star Pagedas, the amount sent to the Durbar.

For many years however as far as I have been able to ascertain the establishment of yemadars was never regularly or fully paid. The amount the nominally for every day in the year seldom exceeding 8, 10, or 11 months of it. To obtain this even these people (it appears) often were compelled to grant a receipt in full. The statement of it however calculated the year at 360 days being 30 days to the month.

Some of these incumbents claim a double yemea, others participate it with each other. The amount of such Enams of land as they enjoy by maumool are not included in their incomes as being liable to be resumed. The amount (p 368) of such lands &c/are enjoyed by sunnud or Enyethama only are included. /as

Enamdar

The remarks annexed to this statement are as explanatory
IOR:P/286/77: Pre 11.1.1802: Enclosures pp 369-78 (part 369 photocopied).

as could be obtained on the subject.

As the payment of the yomedars was issued from the sirkar treasury, the officers of the late government were compelled to take steps to preserve some regularity, but as the villages granted as Enams required no exertions on their part so they were little inclined to use them, hence the little information to be obtained from them excepting what is gathered from the deeds themselves.

I have the honour to be, Sir
 Madura Your very obedient humble servant
 27th December 1801. William Garraw, Assistant Collector.

(pp 369- 70: lists as referred to above)

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(p 367) Minute: Ordered that the foregoing letter and enclosures be ever until the other reports (p 378) on the same subject called for be received.

22.12

Board of Revenue to Carnatic Collectors: 11.12.1802 @

Sent the following circular letter to the Carnatic Collectors.

Circular to the Carnatic Collectors,
 Sir,

The subject of the yeomiahs paid by (pl3843) the late government is under the consideration of the Board, but as it will be sometime before the decision of Government on these claims can be obtained, I am directed to call your attention to the orders of the 9th November 1801, and to desire you will pay the amount of their yemiah to those who are entirely dependent on it for support.

I am further directed to observe that you have not furnished the list of yomedars and enamards in your list, agreeably to the form transmitted to you in the letter above referred to, and to desire you will forward it without delay.

Fort St George I am, Sir, your most obedient servant
 11 December 1802. F. W. Ellis, Secretary.

IOR: P/287/19:

(Note: The action which appears to have been taken on this letter was reported during 1803. In Trichy (P/287/28: Pro 28.3.1803: pp 3155-62) out of an enumerated list of 173 dated 27.12.1801, the payment made was to 90 yeomeahdars. The amount due to these 90 @ 26 Pagedas per day was Pag 866 per month. The amount paid to them covering a period of two months was Pags 577 (approximately). This was agreed to by the Board of Revenue and recommended to Government (P/287/29: Page 3595, para 5, letter dated 31.3.1803) with a further recommendation of a sanction of Pags 288. 41. 35 per month for these Trichy yeomeahdars.)

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From Collector N. Arcot to Board of Revenue: 30.3.1802

Read the following letter from the collector of Northern Division of Arcot:

To

William Petrie Esq, President and Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have herewith the honour to forward agreeable to your orders of the 9th November last statements from No. 1 to 10 inclusive in the form therein prescribed of the amount of pensions enjoyed by different incumbents during the late government in the districts of Arcot north of the river Palaar.

Since the receipt of your former orders on this head of the 22nd October last, I have several times required by beat of tom tom the attendance at my cutcherry of the (p 3528) several pensioners who had any claims on these districts and have waited until this period in the hope of being able to furnish the information required as complete as possible, but I am concerned this expectation has not been answered, owing to several pensioners not having yet appeared, and whom it has not been in my power to summon individually from not knowing exactly the particulars of the dispersed state of their residence, some being south of the river Palaar, and others residing at Madras from the best information I have been able to obtain.

I have agreeable to your orders paid the pensions of such incumbents as have attended who are from age and extreme poverty dependent entirely on their pensions and incapable of obtaining livelihood, the annual amount of which you will see exhibited in the statement No 11 contrasted with the total annual amount of pensions paid from this district during the late (p 3529) government. Should any more real objects of charity hereafter present themselves to claim their pensions they will receive the amount under the authority above adverted to, and I shall be careful to inform them, as I have already observed agreeable to your orders in regard to the rest, that their pensions are paid only until the Board's further pleasure be known.

Several incumbents have no sunnuds in their own name which however appear in the district accounts in the lists of pensions sanctioned annually at the Durbar and which were from thence sent to Arcot to be circulated for the information and evidence of the district amildars; other incumbents have sunnuds of different jaghireddars and several of their pensions it will be an act of real charity to continue, as among them, many are very old, and infirm, and utterly incapable of earning a livelihood having many years depended (p 3530) wholly on their present support: Among these who generally produced sunnuds none could be prevailed on to part with them.

The pensions were variously paid during the late government some being defrayed by the different syer renters who at the close of the year were entitled to a remission for the amount disbursed by them on this account. Other pensioners were paid by Jumiah (Tumiah?) on the country and a few only were paid in cash by the district amildars.

In respect to the amount of the different pensions I have hitherto paid I have been guided in my disbursements, by the pensioners receipts during the last year, they having been paid variously for $4\frac{1}{2}$, 6, 9, and 12 months in the year. On

IOR:P/287/2: Enclosures not in volume: Pp 3532: Ordered that the foregoing letter do lie for consideration.

this head I solicit your orders for my future guidance, as I understand all the pensioners were some years since paid at the rate of twelve months annually, but (p 3531) whose pensions were afterwards gradually reduced to shorter times in the same manner as the pay of the troops sybbendy, and other public servants of the late government.

As several of the pensioners are public servants attached to mesks (Mesques?) their pensions, althe stated for life, can heever be only/~~publicly~~considered fixed during pleasure /justly so long as they perform the duties assigned them. They were formerly under the superintendence and control of the causee at Arcot, and in case any misconduct or negligence was imputable to any on his representation of the circumstances to the Nabob orders were sent him to displace them and appoint others in their room. It now rests with you to determine respecting this description of pensions whither still to be considered under the superintendence of the causee of Arcot as formerly.

I have the heneur to be, ^{with respect} Gentlemen
Chittor Yours &c
George Stratton, Collector.

(p 3532) Ordered that the foregoing letter do lie for consideration.

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Collector in the Jagir to Madras Board of Revenue: 4.1.1803

Read the following letter from the collector in the Jagir.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir,

I have been favoured with the receipt of your letter of the 11th ultmo on the subject of the Pulicat yeomiahdars and a few days ago the orders of the Board ~~mf~~ were brought to me accompanied by 24 different claimants.

Soon after my predecessor took possession of Sativaud and Pulicat he in compliance with the instructions of the Board published an (p589) advertisement inviting all claimants having claims of this description to come forward and in consequence of the orders of the 11th October a /Board's second advertisement was published notifying that a further term of 10 days was granted for the production of vouchers after which none would be received. On the 30th November 1801 my predecessor forwarded to the Board a list of 8 persons with their vouchers which were all the claims that had been preferred to him till that time for yeomiahs on the revenue of Pulicat. He also then stated that he had that day received a list of 28 persons who had not made their appearance at the cutcherry and at the same time requested to know whether he should receive their vouchers if they presented them. Amongst the many other more important avocations of the Board, this seems to have escaped their remembrance for I do not find that he ever was honored with their further instructions on the subject.

(p 590) Of all the 24 persons who have now come here in consequence of the Board's letter there are only 2 who have to this time either preferred their claims or produced their vouchers at this cutcherry. They are all from Madras, and their only excuse for this neglect is an alledged ignorance of the former orders of the Board upon the subject.

Considering the length of time that has elapsed since the expiration of the period fixed for the delivery of vouchers on all claims of this ~~kind~~ nature and the ample notice that was given of it at the time I have declined receiving any fresh vouchers or investigating the merits of any men now claiming without the previous sanction of the Board. I therefore request you will have the goodness to procure me their orders whether I am now to enquire into and report upon the demands of yeomiahdars and their authorities or not.

The two persons viz Yamanashaw and Huffiz Mahomed Meeran whose claims are (p 591) under the consideration of the Board being entirely dependent upon their yeomiahs for subsistence have been paid the amount of it as directed.

I am Sir
Carangooly Your most obedient servant
4 January 1803 J. Hepburn, Collector.

Minute thereon (20.1.1803) The Board consider the non-attendance of the yeomiahdars at the Collector's cutcherry to produce the sunnuds under which their yeomiahs were held to whatever causes imputable to have been sufficiently punished by the amount of their being so long withheld it is agreed therefore to authorise the Collector to receive their vouchers paying those who from age or infirmity depend for subsistence, on the yeomiah, conformably with former orders on the subject.

IOR: P/287/24: Proceedings 20.1.1803.

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22.15

Circular Letter to Carnatic Collectors: 18.1.1803

Sent the following circular letter to the Carnatic Collectors.

Circular to the Carnatic Collectors
Sir,

The enamdars of the Carnatic having expressed a considerable distress from the delay that has arisen in the examination of their claims to the Enams enjoyed by them under the late Government I am directed by the Board to desire that you will submit as soon as possible a report of such as may be situated in your division in order that the subject may be brought under the consideration of the Governor in Council.

For more particular information you are referred generally to the instructions formerly conveyed relative to jageerdars and yeomiahdars to transmit the original sumnud if it have not been already done and the most authentic information you can procure relative to the (p 512) pretensions and condition of each claimant. In the meantime with a view to relieve the distress which the Enamdar are represented to suffer the Board authorise you to afford such pecuniary aid to necessitous individuals as they may appear to stand in need of.

Fort St George
18th January 1803.

I am Sir
Your most obedient servant
F. W. Ellis, Secretary.

IOR: P/287/24: Proceedings 18.1.1803: p 511-2.

Board of Revenue Minute on Carnatic Yeemiahdars: 7.7.1806

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Having some time ago obtained from the durbar of his highness the Nabob authenticated registers of persons intitled to yeemiahds, or charitable allowances in money and grain as they stood in Fusly 1210, the year immediately preceding the cession of the Carnatic, the Board directed their sheristadar to make a translation thereof together with an abstract of each district list, shewing the number of claimants classed under their varieus titles and the (p 3670) total amount of their claims.

The documents which it is agreed to submit for his lerdship's inspection comprise only the claimants belenging to the Seubah of Arcot, certain districts in the province of Trichenopoly and the district of Pulicat; but these we are led to believe form a great majority of the whole. The following is an account of the vtetal amount claimed in money, grain &c

General Abstract Statement of Yeemiahdars, Durmadars and Saleyendars of the Seubah of Arcot, Walgundapere &c and Pulicat for Fusly 1210.

Grand Total Brannum including daily, monthly
and yearly allowance

	Rs	Chucks	Tuchas	Pags	Rice	Grain	Oil	Ghee	Pad	Ket	Cloth
639 S. D.Arcot	74,666.9	2,754.1	12345.37	509.00	907.5	70.17	24.13	-.5	343.	1.10	2
306 N. D.Arcot	36,393.11	380.9	8198.12	123.14	61.38	--	19.30	-	838.9	17.28	-
45 Walgundapeer &c	4,866.12	831.8	2832.			6.38	--	13.11	8.34	-	-
28 Pulicat	5,868.3	194.7	1770.								
Total	1,21,795.4	4,161.6	25,146.		632.14	1,031.1	70.17	57.15	8.39	1181.9	18/2 .38

(p 3671)

Of the foregoing sum a proportion exceeding thirty thousand Pagedas is claimed under sunnuds granted or alleged to have been granted by the late Nabob Om dut ul Omrah and his two immediate predecessors the Nabobs Wallajah, and Anaverdee Khawn. As the restrictive orders of Government contained in their letter to the Board of Revenue of 9th October 1802 apply only to alienations of land subsequently to the treaty of 1792 and not to charitable allowances of the nature here referred to the Board are of opinion that claims founded on the regular sunnuds of the three Nabobs abovementioned should be admitted. But with regard to pretensions derived from sunnuds granted or alledged to have been granted by different relations and dependents of the late Nabobs the Board are of opinion that such part only, if any, should be admitted as may be claimed by persons incapable rendered incapable through age or infirmity of procuring a subsistence.

When the orders of his lerdship in council shall have been received upon the above (p 3672) principles the Board propose to transmit the lists to the respective collectors w with directions to furnish the parties whose claims may be admitted with new sunnuds under an official seal and signature descriptive of their age and persons to keep registers of the sunnuds and to submit copies thereof for the Board's information.

IOR: P/288/39: Fr 7.7.1806 (Note: The quantity of rice, grain, oil, ghee and ketchdy is in mds; paddy in culums, cloth in pieces)

Agreed further to recommend that the yemamdares belonging to the Jageer who have heretofore received their allowances at the office of the Board of Revenue, may in future be paid by the collector. The mode of payment here alluded to originated at a time when a separate treasury was attached to this office and the rents of the Jagheer were regularly remitted thereto. Since the year 1800 when the Revenue Treasury was abolished the sum required for the payment of the Jagheer yemehahs and amounting in Fusly 1215 to Star Pagedas 3,260.17.2 has been drawn by quarterly instalments from the general treasury. (p 3673)

(Note: The above mentioned abstract statements follow on pages 3673- 6. These list the number of Yeomiahahs under each category of sunnud, districtwise and specifying the details of each species of money, grain etc granted, according to daily, monthly and yearly and then showing the total for each category and each district.

In the Southern Division of Arcot the number of daily yeemiahahs were 421, monthly-paid 207, and yearly paid 10. In N. Arcot daily paid were 204, monthly 93, and yearly 9. In Walgundapeer daily paid 40 and monthly paid 5. In Pulicat 25 were paid daily and 3 monthly.

The totals of the various moneys and grains given to daily, monthly and yearly yeemiahahs is as under:

Yearly Charge of Daily-paid Yeemiahahs

	In S. Arcot S. Arcot	In N. Arcot N. Arcot	In Walgundapeer	In Plicat
No of Yeemiahahs	421	204	40	25
<u>Quantities Given</u>				
Rs	60,436.4	26,164.14	4026.12	4,501.3
Chuckrums	2,725.8	326.3	831.8	194.7
Tuckas	12,345.3	8,	2,832.	1,770.
Rice (in mds)	702.18	61.38	61.38	—
Grain "	2.8			
Oil "	23.38	19.30	13.11	
Ghee "			8.34	
Ketchdy "		17.28		

Yearly Charge of Monthly-paid Yeemiahahs

No of Yeemiahahs	207	93	5	3
<u>Quantities Given</u>				
Rs	13,683.	9,944.13	840.	1,367.
Chuckrums		54.6		
Pagedas	504.	97.14		
Rice (in mds)	204.26			
Grain "	68.8			
Paddy (in cullums)	68.	768.9		

Yearly Charge of Annually-paid Yeemiahahs

No of Yeemiahahs	10	9
<u>Quantities Given</u>		
Rs	523.	284.
Chuckrums	28.3	
Pagedas	5.	26.
Oil (in mds)	0.15	
Ketchdy "	1.10	
Paddy (in cullums)	5,275.	70.
Cloth (pieces)	2	

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Board of Revenue to Principal Collector, S. Arcot: 12.12.1806

To
The Principal Collector in the Southern Division of Arcot

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 28th ultimo.

2. It was the intention of the former orders which were transmitted to you that the claims of all persons founded on sunnuds granted or alleged to have been granted by either of the three last nabobs and whose names were inserted in the register should be admitted, (p 7646) whether supported or not by regular documents, but the examination of the parties was pointed out as necessary, in order to guard against the admission of claims advanced by imposters, in behalf of persons absent or deceased.

3. With respect to persons claiming under other authority than that of the Nabobs, although the Board were aware that such claims deserved support and confirmation from the circumstance of their being enrolled in the register, yet as the acknowledgement of these claims appeared to be less obligatory on Government it was judged to be sufficient if the allowance were continued by way of indulgence to such of the claimants as might be real objects of charity.

4. From this opinion the Board are disposed to recede, for the yeomiah is, in its nature a charitable allowance, and it is an abuse of the original intention to continue (p 7647) it to persons who did not originally derive it from a legitimate source and who may have other means of support. It is ~~not~~ probable however that there are very few in this situation, and in discriminating objects of charity from others, you are at liberty to exercise a free discretion.

5. The opinion which you have expressed on the points referred to in the enclosure submitted with your letter is in conformity with that of the Board, excepting as related to the first point upon which I have already conveyed their explanation.

6. The registers for Chellumbrum, Kylusghur and Agarum were through mistake transmitted, the former to the principal collector of Tanjour and Trichinopoly and the latter to the collector in the Northern Division of Arcot. To these gentlemen therefore you are desired to apply. The registers for Trivanellore and Tiagar were not received from the Durbar, but application (p 7648) will be made for them, and they will be transmitted to you so soon as procured.

7. In reply to the question proposed in the first paragraph of your letter of the 17th ultimo; I am directed to desire that the payment of the yeomiahs may commence with the month of September in which the sanction of Government was received.

8. The payment of arrears will become a question for future consideration, meantime you will prepare and transmit a statement of the amount due on that account.

Fort St George
12 December 1806.

I am Sir
Your most obedient servant
W. Wayle, Secretary.

IOR: Madras Board of Revenue Proceedings: P/288/48 (pp 7637-899,
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Board of Revenue to Government on S. Arcot Yeomiah's: 24.8.1812

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Sir,

In confirmity to the circular instructions (p 2638) issued by the Board of Revenue to the collectors under date the 23rd December last, which have received the general confirmation of Government, the collector in the southern Division of Arcot has forwarded his pension list for the current Fusly 1222 in a separate letter which I am directed to submit enclosed for the consideration of the Hon'ble the Governor in council.

2. The only addition proposed to the pension list is the allowance to the Veritvallum (?) Peligar sanctioned by Government under date the 4th February 1804. To this person is ~~fixed~~ paid annually a fixed proportion of the actual collections from his pellam, but as these cannot be ascertained until the close of each Fusly, it has hitherto been customary to emit this allowance from the estimate; and to obtain sanction for the actual disbursements. This however having been deemed an inconvenient and irregular mode of proceeding, the collector under orders from the Board, has estimated the payment (p 2639) to the Polygar in the present Fusly, and calculated it on an average of eight years at Pagedas 1350.

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No 2.

3. The reduction in the pension list by lapses in the course of the Fusly recently expired amounts to Pagedas 471. 17. 59. It had also been proposed, upon the principles laid down in the circular instructions to strike out the names of four other pensioners whose allowances amount annually to Pagedas 414. 2.32, which in this case, would have made the reduction in the present year Pagedas 885.20.11, excluding the Vaitvallum Polygar's allowance, the insertion of which in the estimate, as above explained, causes an increase merely nominal.

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4. Mr Ravenshaw, however, while he has in the first instance conformed to the orders of the Board, by suspending payment of the yeomiah's to the four persons alluded to in the foregoing para, has strongly urged the continuance of these allowances, and although their admission (p 2640) would be at variance with the strict letter of the Board's instructions under date the 23rd December the grounds upon which Mr Ravenshaw founds his recommendation appears sufficiently strong to merit attention, when considered with reference to the former proceedings upon this subject.

5. Though yeomiah's are generally to be regarded as charitable donations granted for the relief of indigence, and might consequently be withheld, without any imputation of the want of humanity or liberality from such as possess other sufficient means of support yet there are circumstances attending the grants to some/yeemiahdars in the Carnatic which may / of the reasonably be considered to oppose the measure of discontinuing their allowances during the life of the existing incumbents.

6. After the cession of the Carnatic a considerable time elapsed before any definite arrangement was formed for providing for (p 2641) yeomeahdars, and other pensioners of the former Government. During this period the Government, the Board of Revenue, and the local authorities, were assailed with innumerable claims many of which were founded on invalid titles and it was not until 1806, five years after the cession, that any final determination was adopted. In that year the Government upon the recommendation of the Board of Revenue was pleased to resolve that all the yeemiahdars holding sunnuds of either of the three last Nabobs, Omdut Ool Omrah, Walajah and Anwareed Deem Khan, should be continued in the enjoyment of

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their allowances and confirmed therein by new sunnuds under the seal and signature of the collectors, description of the person, age &c of the incumbents in order to obviate imposition.

7. With respect to persons holding sunnuds for yeomahs under grants from relations or dependents of the Nabobs, (p 2642) it was further determined that such only should be continued in the enjoyment of them as from age or infirmity might be rendered incapable of gaining a subsistence.

8. This decision clearly points out the distinction to be observed between the two classes of claimants; the claim in the one case being declared to depend upon the sunnud in the other, upon the absence of other means of subsistence, and the Board therefore doubt the propriety at this late period of ejecting persons of the first mentioned class on the ground of a disqualification which was originally declared applicable to those only of the second. They are, therefore, induced so far to recede from the letter of their instructions of the 23rd December last, as to recommend that the collector be permitted to continue during the life of the present incumbents all yeomahs for which new sunnuds may have been (p 2643) issued in exchange for those of the three Nabobs before mentioned, and they propose accordingly to authorize Mr Ravenshaw to continue the payment of the four pensions in question.

9. In reference to the statement No. 1 it will be observed that the aggregate amount of the yeomeahs at present payable by the collector of the Southern Division of Arcot is Pagedas 3,509. 18. 39 per annum (excluding the four allowances before mentioned). To the same list are added, the "Government Pensickers" three in number whose allowances specially granted by Government, amount annually to Pagedas 5,400. The Vaitiallum Peligar's allowance, Pagedas 1350, being also added, the total amount of the pension list of the Southern Division of Arcot, as it stands at present is Pagedas 10,259. 18. 34.

10. With the aim of obviating the abuses which there was reason to believe (p 2644) had resulted from the payment of pensions in districts in which the parties did not reside it was suggested, in the circular instructions, that the payment of all pensions should be transferred in such cases to the collector of the district in which the parties might be resident and Mr Ravenshaw has accordingly forwarded a list of the pensions transferable from his district under these instructions amounting to Pagedas 5,985. 2. 32.

11. The Board recommend that this sum be deducted from his estimate abovementioned and that the pension list in the Southern Division of Arcot on account of Fusly 1222 be sanctioned at Pagedas 4,274. 16. 2, and Star Pagedas 414. 3. 32 for the four pensions recommended on the former part of this address to be restored. They submit also that the collectors in the Northern Division of Arcot, Chingleput, and Madras be authorised (p 2645) to pay the allowances of the persons whose names are mentioned in the statement No 3 as residents in the districts respectively under their charge; and that authority be accordingly granted for an annual disbursement on this account in the Northern Division of Arcot to the extent of Pagedas 947. 7. 9, in Chingleput of Pagedas 50. 25. 52, and in Madras of Pagedas 4,987. 12. 60 per annum, total Pagedas 5,985. 2. 32., corresponding with the amount proposed to be transferred from the Southern Division of Arcot.

12. It may be proper at the same time that the payments on this account should be debited by these officers to the Southern Division of Arcot.

13. Laying aside the impolicy of entailing idleness by the grant of hereditary allowances of this nature, the Board, adverting to the original orders of Government, respecting the Carnatic yeomahs, understand (p 2646) them as applying to existing incumbents only, and consider the collector to have misunderstood altogether these orders and to have acted without authority in issuing by the authority of the Governor in council new grants for hereditary pensions. With these sentiments in which the Board anticipate the concurrence of the hon'ble the Governor in council, they submit that the collector should be directed to cancel the grants now held by the hereditary pensioners and issue others to these persons, for life renewable only at the pleasure of Government.

14. In conclusion I am directed to observe that the instructions issued to the collectors respecting a strict annual revision of the pension list have proceeded not from any desire to curtail the fair bounty of the Government, but from a desire to establish a complete control over the expenditure on this account in order to prevent that bounty from being abused. (p 2647)

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24th August 1812 W. Oliver, secretary.

Government to Board of Revenue on S. Arcot Yeomahs: 11.9.1812

The following draft of a reply is read and approved:

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Gentlemen,
1. Your secretary's letter of the 24th ultime has led the hon'ble the Governor in council to take general view of the points therein discussed respecting the ~~the~~ yeomahs in the Carnatic, and I am directed to communicate to you the following observations on the subject.

2. It is necessary to consider both what arrangement relative to these yeomahs it would, in respect of justice, have behoved the Government to adopt, if the question had been (as to a great extent you seem still (p 2648) disposed to regard it) open to the adoption of any arrangement which might be judged proper, - and also how far the arrangement already adopted may preclude the Government from infringing upon any of the provisions which it contains.

3. The Governor in council inclines to think that the territories of the Carnatic, at the time of their transfer to British authority, were charged with the yeomahs held under regular sunnuds from the Nabobs upon precisely the same principle as with church lands and that, whatever may have been the considerations under which the yeomahs were originally granted by the Nabobs, -(considerations of public services, or personal indigence, or royal faveur) - the single consideration with the British Government should be that the yeomahs have been granted by competent authority to the persons claiming them and must (p 2649) on that account continue binding upon the ~~successors~~ sovereigns of the territories out of the revenues of which they are to be paid. In assuming the territories of the Carnatic, the British Government had no right and no inclination to cancel the just claims of individuals on the revenue which those territories may yield. The justice of each claim, indeed, was to be established; but, that done, the satisfaction of the claim did not, as matter of right remain optional with the Government.

4. In looking back to the proceedings dated the 9th September 1806 to which you allude, the Governor in council does not

perceive that the recommendation of the Board of Revenue or the decision of Government is at variance with the foregoing view of the merits of the case.

5. It was recommended and resolved that claims to yeomiahs founded on the regular sunnuds (p 2650) of the Nabobs should be admitted. The several descriptions of yeomiahs, those which were hereditary, those which were to last only for one life and those which were granted for services to be rendered, were not specifically distinguished and perhaps were not adverted to; but it was sufficient to lay down the leading principle that the sunnuds of the Nabobs were to be recognised. That principle determines in every instance the amount and the period and the conditions of the yeomiah, by a reference to the sunnud under which it was originally granted.

6. New sunnuds have accordingly been issued under the authority of the Government corresponding with those issued by the Nabobs; and the Government is now bound by a formal instrument, to the effect to which it was before bound in justice and to which in the proceedings of the 9th September 1806, (p 2651) it has resolved to hold itself bound.

7. These observations, you will perceive, do not apply to the yeomiahs granted by the relations and dependents of the Nabobs, respecting which a distinct arrangement was adopted.

8. Under the foregoing view of the general question, the Governor in council is of opinion that the rights of the four yeomiahdars, whose pensions you have caused to be resumed, cannot be affected by the other means of subsistence which they may enjoy, nor by any circumstance, except the terms in which the Nabob's sunnud originally and now the sunnud issued by the collector, are expressed. The intention of these yeomiahdars to institute suits at law for the recovery of their pensions affords satisfactory proof of the confidence which the natives repose in the due administration of justice under the Company's (p 2652) Government, and, as that confidence is not misplaced, the Governor in council does not see on what grounds their suits could be successfully resisted.

9. If in the foregoing view of the subject the Governor in council may appear to you to have overlooked any considerations by which his opinions regarding it might have been influenced, he is desirous that they should be pointed out; but otherwise it will be proper that your instructions to the different collectors should be modified according to these opinions as are expressed in the present letter.

10. The Governor in council approves of your directing the collector in the Southern Division of Arcot to include in his estimates the allowance of the vaitvallum Polygar and sanctions for the present Fusly the list of pensions payable in that district at the sum of Pagedas 4,688. 19. 34, and the payment of pensions to (p 2653) the amount of Pagedas 947. 7. 9 by the collector of the Northern Division of Arcot; of Pagedas 50. 25. 60 by the collector of Chingleput, and of Pagedas 4,987. 12. 60 by the collector of Madras, forming a total payable in these three districts of Pagedas 5,985. 2. 32, which is to be debited to the collector of the Southern Division of Arcot.

Fort St George
11th September 1812.

I have the honour to be &c
David Hill, secretary to Government.

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Board of Revenue to Collector Nellore: 2.7.1812 (extract)

Extract of a letter to the Collector in Nellore dated 2nd July 1812:

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5. "Adverting to the attention generally paid by you to the orders of the Board they did not expect to have been obliged to notice the total disregard to their injunctions respecting hereditary yeomiahs exhibited in the concluding part of the letter abovementioned. You seem to have considered yourself at liberty to review pensions of this kind on your own authority; whilst you were in possession of my letter dated the 23rd December last directing that whenever lapses occur in yeomiahs which "may in the sunnud be declared hereditary" a special reference "be made before they are renewed"; and on reference to the Regulations noted in the margin you will perceive that the authority which you have assumed is vested only in the Governor in council. (p 3582)

6. On the pension list transmitted with your estimates for Fusly 1221, under date the 30th October 1811, a few remarks are subjoined to which you will pay attention in preparing your lists in future.

7. It would be convenient if the whole of the names on the list were regularly numbered, and if, instead of altering the whole of the numbers on the death of any yeomiahdar, the number originally opposite to each name, were allowed to remain. The slightest inspection of the list would then shew the numbers of casualties, or of claims rejected in the course of the year.

8. The age of the yeomiahdars should be carefully noted down, it being a material consideration in judging of their claims. The name also of the person by whom each sunnud was granted, should be specified. In both these respects the pension list transmitted by you on (p 3583) the 30th October last, is very deficient.

9. The Board observe that many yeomiahs are granted expressly for the benefit of several persons. In such cases, the shares of those only who appear to claim their allowances, should be paid and the share of any one of these persons, in the event of his death or his not being considered an object of charity, should be resumed.

10. The yeomiah No 11 is annexed to the service of a mosque: yet from there being a balance of 55 Pagdas 10 Fanam 36 Cash due to the holders of it would seem that these persons are absent. The allowances of all yeomiahdars not duly performing the service for which their yeomiahs was granted, ought to be resumed.

11. The pensions of the jagheerdar of Geerremcendah, and of the four persons whose names follow in the first page of the list, seem to have been ~~conferring~~ conferred on them by the Company's Government, the dates of their grants being (p 3584) the 2nd July 1802. If so, their ~~names~~ names should appear in a separate statement not included in the list of yeomiahs originally granted by the Nabobs and the reasons ~~for~~ granting the pension should be specified.

12. The yeomiahs of No. 46, 63, 84, 90, 186 and 253 appear to have been allowed to devolve to persons who have no right whatever to them. The claims of the persons enjoying these allowances should be strictly investigated.

13. The youngest of the three incumbents of No 96 evidently could not have been born till 6 years after the grant of the yeomiah of which he enjoys a share.

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14. The yeomiah of No 129 has not been paid for the last ten years. Surely the holder of the yeomiah cannot be object of charity, if their necessities have not forced them to lay claim to their allowances, during so long a period.

15. From the large amount of (p 3585) arrears due to the yeomiahdars Nos. 130, 131, 132 and 133 it is natural to conclude either that the parties have been long absent or have other sufficient means of support.

16. The yeomiah No. 259 is attached to the office of Cazee; an office an office which in its former shape no longer exists. The condition by which the yeomiah was held, being disclosed the yeomiah itself should be resumed independently of which the present incumbent is only son of the original yeomiadars and not more than 25 years of age. The Board therefore direct that, unless any particular circumstances render him an object of charity his allowance be resumed. Should you think proper to continue it you will of course, state your reasons for doing so.

17. The yeomiahs Nos 134 to 155 were granted for learning Persian. That a grant of this kind can produce any good effect, is not to be expected and therefore the mere (p 3586) circumstance of the yeomiah having been conditionally conferred will have no weight with you in deciding on the cases of these persons, who must of themselves be worthy objects of the bounty of Government and their right to the allowance in other respects be well established, before their claims can be admitted.

18. The object of the above remarks is not to point out every apparent inaccuracy in t your pension list, but merely to shew you how susceptible that list is of correction. The collector alone can possess that information respecting the circumstances of the several yeomiahdars required in forming a judgement on each individual case."

(A True Extract)
A.D.Campbell, Dy Secretary.

Extract from a letter to the Acting Collector in Nellore: 30;5.1809

6. With regard to the abstract of (p 3587) the moyen zabitah enclosed in your letter, from 12th July 1808 to 31st March 1809, the Board refer you to their proceedings upon Mr Travers's letters dated 27th August 1808 whence you will perceive that the reductions proposed by the collector were explained by him as to be ~~imminant~~ eventual. As it has been found impracticable to carry into effect the arrangement proposed by Mr Travers, the expected reduction has of course not been effected to the full extent. The Board will represent these circumstances to Government and obtain sanction for the difference. In the meantime I am directed to call your attention to economy. You will however be careful not to weaken your means of efficient control by carrying your attention to economy too far."

(A True Extract)
A. D. Cambell, Deputy Secretary.

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Government to Board of Revenue on Nellore Pensions: 30.10.1812
(p 3589)

2. The Governer in council approves of the orders you have given respecting the payment of arrears of pensions and expects your further report on the subject.

IOR:P/246/49: page 3588 gives the details of total charges for 113,334.31.29 Nellore in 1218 and 1219. The charges for 1218 were Sp 56,639.27.45 (pensions and charitable allowances 29,840. SP 34,290.40.28), and the estimated for 1219, SP 43,432.101,484.29.34 (29,840.33.53).

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Board of Revenue to Government on Nellore Yeomiah's: 23.11.1812

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Read the following letter from the secretary to the Board of Revenue:

To
The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

1. I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to request that you will submit for the consideration of the hon'ble the Governor in council, the enclosed letter from the collector in Nellore reporting on the pension list for the current Fusly 1222.

2. The pension list for the late Fusly, including arrears, was estimated at Star Pagedas 27,578. 29. 35, the actual charges were Star Pagedas 16,956. 14. 32. (p 4095) It will be observed that excluding arrears, of which the payment ceased on the commencement of the current year, the estimate for Fusly 1222, stands at Star Pagedas 15,882. 18.12.

3. Of this sum, Star Pagedas 5,626. 12. 72 consists of pensions to dispossessed jagheerdars, peligars, and others, either granted, or confirmed by this Government, the particulars of which are sufficiently explained in the statements No. 1 and 6. With regard to the adoption of children to succeed to these allowances, as alluded to by the collector, it is submitted by the Board that pensions of this nature, should never be renewed to any relations of the existing incumbents, except under the particular orders of Government, on a specific reference to be made for this purpose.

4. The remaining sum of Pagedas 10,256. 5. 18 is payable to yeomiahdars in this district as shewn in the statements 2,3,4 and 5. All of these persons held their allowances (p 4096) under grants issued by the Nabobs of the Carnatic themselves. "The greater proportion of these wretched people" are represented by the collector "to be persons who have outlived the periods of their prosperity and been formerly in situations of respectability, some even of importance." Upon such persons the bounty of the Government is bestowed with propriety, and as the late orders of Government confirm all grants made by the Nabobs themselves, it is not proposed to disturb any payments made in the district of Nellore, to persons holding either personal or hereditary yeomiah's.

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5. With regard to service yeomiah's, however, it will be marked, that the alleged services are stated by the collector to be merely fictitious. The Board submit, that if the services be of a religious nature, the yeomiahdars should be required to produce proper certificates of the performance of their duties, how frivolous so ever these may appear (p 4097) to be. But that if not of this description, and otherwise of no public utility, the yeomiah's should be discontinued. Under this impression, they recommend the discontinuance of the yeomiah's from 101 to 118 inclusive specified in statement No 2, granted by the Nabob Wallajah to enable the pensioners to prosecute their studies, and now enjoyed by persons, of whom the youngest is 31 years of age. It is presumed that the object of these grants must have been long since effected, and that the pensioners are able to procure for themselves some other sufficient means of subsistence.

6. There is another description of service yeomiah's, specified in the statement No. 8, originally granted, on condition of the parties affording medical aid to the poor. If the persons enjoying these allowances, perform this duty, the Board would

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recommend that the yeomiah should be continued. They submit however (p 4098) that a copy of the statement No 8 be transmitted to the Medical Beard, with the view of these persons being placed under the control of the medical officers in the Nellore district, and the Beard propose to direct the collector to continue the payment of these allowances, provided only that the yeomiahdars produce, at the period of each payment, a certificate from the medical officer under whose superintendence they may be placed, stating that they have attended to the instructions which he may have given and that he considers the duties performed by them to merit compensation from the public. As it appears that these yeomiahdars assisted greatly the introduction of vaccination in Nellore, they might perhaps be usefully employed in extending its operation.

7. The Beard will call the particular attention of the collector to the investigation (p 4099) of what he terms hereditary grants. They have already stated their opinion that it was not the policy of the native government to confer hereditary money grants, and they are inclined to believe that these to be by Mr Fraser, will prove mere personal grants to the meetaaligan of particular individuals. The acknowledgement of hereditary yeomiahs, even if they did exist, would, the Beard conceive, tend only to ~~survive~~ entail on future generations, the misery which exists amongst the present yeomiahdars. The hon'ble the Governor in council will perceive, that speaking of the numerous families dependent on these people, the collector observes "I hardly knew an instance and I have been at some pains both to inculcate the necessity, and make enquiry as to the attempt; of any of them having made the slightest approaches towards habits of industry or procuring the means of subsistence (p 4100) by any sort of employment, even military. So long as in idleness, these persons can obtain a pittance from Government, it is not probable that they will be induced to forsake their present idle dissolute and dangerous habits, but will continue a burden on the more industrious part of the community; until necessity shall induce to exertion, and convert them into mere useful subjects.

8. The statement No 3, contains a list of the allowances renewed on the demise of former incumbents without regular authority, but now stopped for the orders of the hon'ble the Governor in council. The Beard recommend that the trifling personal allowances therein mentioned be continued to the present incumbents for life and that under the rules proposed in para 6 respecting service yeomiahs, the collector be authorized to renew such of ~~this~~ description as may be connected with (p 4101) the prejudices of the people, or are really of benefit to the public.

9. The collector has included in the list, the pensions specified in the statement No 5, which have not been claimed for many years. As it is to be presumed that the persons to whom these allowances were granted, are either otherwise provided for, or long since dead, the Beard recommend that the pensions amounting to Pagodas 832. 32. 68 be struck off the list. For, if any of these individuals should hereafter appear, the collector can submit their claims for the consideration of Government.

10. The collector has shewn the districts in which the several pensioners reside. It appears that some are at Hyderabad, Kurnool, and Mecca. And as he has not explained how the allowances to such persons have been hitherto paid, the Beard recommend (p 4102) that deducting the sum of Pagodas 832. 32. 68 abovementioned, the pension list in the Nellore district be sanctioned at Pagodas 15,049. 29. 24 and that it be left to the Beard to arrange hereafter with Mr Fraser and the civil auditor, the particular districts in which the different portions of this sum shall be paid.

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11. If it should be found that no new sunnuds have been issued to the yeemiahdars since the assumption of this district, the Board propose to direct the collector to issue new sunnuds to all the life and service yeemiahdars. Respecting the hereditary pensions further investigation should take place and the result will be reported for the orders of Government.

I have the honour to be &c
Fort St George William Oliver,
23rd November 1812. secretary.

Government to Board of Revenue on Nellore Yeomiahs: 29.12.1812

The following draft of a reply is read and approved: (p 4103)
To

The President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your secretary's letter dated the 23rd ultime with the enclosed letter from the collector in Nellore and statement of the pensions in Nellore for Fusly 1222, and to inform you that the hon'ble the Governor in council sanctions the pension list in the nellore district at Pagedas 15,049. 29. 24 deducting the sum of Pagedas 832.32.68, the amount not claimed for many years from the estimate for Fusly 1222. The sum thus sanctioned will paid under the arrangement you propose to make with Mr Fraser and the civil auditor in the districts where the pensioners may reside.

2. The Governor in council concurs in your opinion that the pensions amounting to Pagedas 5626. 12.2 per annum in statement Nos 1 and 6 should never be renewed to any (p 4104) relative of the existing incumbents except under the particular orders of the Government on a specific reference to be made for that purpose.

3. With respect to the service yeomiahs where the alleged service is stated to be frivoleus or fictitious the Governor in council is of opinion that in cases when the yeomiah is not for life it should be discontinued except when the yeemiahdars will continue for the present to receive the subsistence which they have so long enjoyed under the government of the Nabobs and the Company. It might be proper for instance to discontinue the yeomiah of Syeed Jaffir No, 108, of these yeemiahdars in statement No. 2 whose situation you have noticed as it appears that he resides at Wediagherry and is the son-in-law of the jagheerdar and consequently it may be concluded provided for. As it appears that the persons whose (p 4105) yeomiahs were granted on the condition of affording medical aid to the peer have been usefully employed the Governor in council directs that their yeomiahs be continued while they attend to their medical duties and the medical officer stationed in Nellore will continue to employ them in extending the practice of vaccination.

4. The Governor in council expects further information respecting the grants termed by Mr Fraser hereditary but directs the allowances stated in the list, statement No. 3, renewed on the demise of former incumbents without regular authority may be continued to the present incumbents provided they have no other means of subsistence.

5. If any of the individuals whose pensions are specified in the statement No 5, should hereafter appear their claim will be submitted as you propose for the consideration (p 4106) of the Government.

I have the honour to be &c
Fort St George William Thackeray, Chief
29 December 1812. Secretary to Government.

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Board of Revenue to Government: 3.12.1812

To
The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I am directed by the President and members of the Board of Revenue to submit to Government the enclosed letter from the collector in Tinnevelly reporting on the pension list in that district for the current Fusly 1222.

2. Of the total amount of the pension list, Pags 1,479. 13. 64 the sum of Pags 599. 5. 66 consists of allowances granted to Musselmen for attendance (p 2) on mosques, for oil, or for religious services. The remainder Pags 879. 42. 78 is the amount of yeomiahs to individuals all of whom are Musselman of which a few are held under grants of the Nabob Wallajah, of his successor the Oomdut-ool-Oomrah, of Mafoos Khan &c, but chiefly under no other title than that of 'Mameel' or usage; they are for the most part of small value.

3. Of the expediency of continuing the allowances of the first mentioned description, the Board apprehend there is no question. The other yeomiahs in Tinnevelly appear to be entirely personal and as they have been granted to "such only as were real objects of charity and had no other means of subsistence" the Board recommend that they be confirmed, and that the pension list be accordingly sanctioned at the sum of Pags 1479. 13. 64, above mentioned.

4. It does not appear that new sunnuds have been issued to the yeomiahders of Tinnevelly. (p 3) The Board propose therefore to direct that they be prepared and issued in the form of those granted by the collector in the Southern Division of Arcot at present under the consideration of Government.

Fort St George
3rd December 1812.

I have the honour to be
A.D.Campbell, Deputy Secretary.

The following draft of a reply is read and approved.

To
The President and Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

The Hon'ble the Governor in Council sanctions the pension list for the Tinnevelly district submitted with your secretary's letter dated the 3rd ultimo at Pags 1479. 13. 64, as you have recommended.

Fort St George
5 January 1813.

I have the honour to be &c
W. Thackery, Chief Secretary to Govt.

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Board of Revenue to Government on Districts Charges: 27.1.1803

To
The Right Hon'ble Lord Clive, Governor in Council

My Lord

1. We have the honor to submit for the sanction of your lordship in council the Moyenzabitahs proposed by Major Macleod for 1211 and 1212, and by Major Munro and Messrs Lushington, Cockburn and Garrow for Fusly 1212.

2. The collector in Malabar having drawn out ~~the~~ his estimated charges in Fusly 1211 for the period of twelve months, we were desirous before submitting them to your lordship to ascertain the actual expenditure in the broken period of his management, of from September 1801 (p 982) to the end of the Fusly. The present statements afford that statement as detailed (below).

Actual Disbursements in Fusly 1211
MOYENZABITAH

	Coimbatur	MALABAR
Division Servants	3,309- 1-33	
District Servants	13,938- 0- 0	
Village Sibbendys	16,115- 7-45	51,707- 7-41
Divisional Sauderwared	686-40- 9	
District Saudervared	426- 0- 0	4,579-32-52
TOTAL	34,475- 7- 5	56,286-40-13

CHARGES ON THE REVENUE

Pagoda and Mosque Allowances	12,597-29-14	
Repair of Tanks	2,913-17-68	
Advances for Cultivation	9,678- 0-17	
Pensions		4,749-40-48
Butta to Regular Sepgys	293-24-30	86-13-18
Military Peons	5,970-23-23	5,535-35-57
Judicial Charges		4,737-22-75
Dutch Settlement		831-14- 0
Total	31,453-10-72	15,941- 0-38
Extra Charges	9,293-28-15	8,963-39-34
GRAND TOTAL	45,222- 4-12	81,191-38- 5

3. The Moyenzabita proposed for Coimbatur in Fusly 1211, including servants, village Sibbendy and Sauderwared amounted to SPags 36,904-37-64; the actual expenditure was 34,475-7-5. The Moyenzabita proposed for Malabar province amounted to SPags 56,286-40-13, the actual expenditure for the time Major Macleod was in charge to SPags 56,286-40-13. The estimated charges on the revenue for Coimbatur were SPags 54,872-34-24, and the actual expenditure SPags 31,453-10-72. In Malabar the estimate was 20,604-7-25, and the expenditure SPags 15,941-0-38. (p 983) The estimated amount of extra charges in Coimbatur was SPags 12,007-41-46, and the actual expenditure, SPags 9,293-28-15. In Malabar the estimate was SPags 12612, and the expenditure SPags 8,963-39-34; making the total estimate of the two provinces SPags 2,17,686-5-79 and the actual expenditure 1,56,414-0-17.

4. The Moyenzabita for Fusly 1212 is estimated in Coimbatur at SPags 35,302-27-24, in Malabar at SPags 80,375-0-3, making a total of 1,15,677-27-27. The estimated charges on the revenue for Coimbatur are SPags 51,118-35-67, and in Malabar SPags 34,746-39-48, or together SPags 85,865-33-35. The estimate of the extra charges in Coimbatur amounts to SPags 16,229-10-60, and in Malabar to SPags 20,488, or in both provinces (p 984)

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to SPags 36,717-10-60; so that the total estimated expenditure for the present Fusli is SPags 2,38,260-29-42.

Proposed Disbursements in Fusli 1212

	<u>MOYENZABITAH</u>	<u>Coimbatur</u>	<u>Malabar</u>
Division Servants	3,251-27-24	16,413-33- 0	
District Servants	14,025- 0- 0	28,854- 0- 0	
Village Sibbendy	17,000- 0- 0	29,477-28-75	
Division Sauderwared	600- 0- 0	4,590-10- 8	
District Sauderwared	426- 0- 0	1,042-12- 0	
Total	35,302-27-24	80,375- 0- 3	

CHARGES ON THE REVENUE

Pageda and Mosque Allowances	13,610-35-67	5,000- 0- 0
Repairs of Tanks	11,000- 0-00	
Advances for Cultivation	24,000- 0- 0	15,000- 0- 0
Pensions		6,756-21-48
Butta to Regular Sepoys	360- 0- 0	300- 0- 0
Military Peons	2,148- 0- 0	6,900- 0- 0
Judicial Charges		300-22-40
Dutch Settlement		489-37-40
Total	51,118-35-67	34,746-39-48

EXTRA CHARGES

Tent Allowance of the Asst Col.		1,200- 0- 0
Sandalwood Sibbendy	384- 0- 0	
Sandalwood Hire	4,000- 0- 0	
Surveyors	2,865-16-23	
Choultries on the High Roads	500- 0- 0	3,134- 0- 0
Cutwals Choultries & Prisoners		256- 0- 0
Buildings: Division or Collector's Cutcherries &c		1,500- 0- 0
Buildings: District Cutcherries		
Repair of Sundry other Dist Cuts	120- 0- 0	580- 0- 0
Clearing Passes and Making Roads	2,000- 0- 0	5,000- 0- 0
Rewards for Killing Tygers and Elephants	500- 0- 0	370- 0- 0
Rewards for Apprehending Thieves	200- 0- 0	3,000- 0- 0
Repairing the Large House	269-36-37	
Compensation to Inhabitants for Removing Houses &c		1,000- 0- 0
Presents of Cloths to Merchants		500- 0- 0
Furniture and Repair of Pagedas	3,000- 0- 0	1,500- 0- 0
Rewards to Hircarrahs for Intelli- gence		300- 0- 0
Rewards to Native Doctors for Inoculating		510- 0- 0
Purchase of Arms	2,150- 0- 0	150- 0- 0
Mr Hempel Draffts Men (?)		800- 0- 0
Sundries	240- 0- 0	688- 0- 0
Total	16,229-10-60	20,488- 0- 0

GRAND TOTAL 1,02,650-31-71 135,609-39-51

5. On reference to the list of servants proposed to be entertained in the principal Division cutchery, we perceive that Major Macleod allows to the servants, who accompanied him from Coimbatur much larger pay than they before received and exceeding the rates which according to the principles we have laid down as already communicated to your lordship, ought to be allowed to any native servants: in consideration, however, of the circumstances stated by the collector, we submit to your lordship the propriety of his being allowed to retain them at the pay proposed.

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Maj Macleod
dated 7,4.1801
in Gons 22.4.
1802, para 2-4.

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vide letter 6. In the 13 paragraph of our address to your lordship submitting dated 1.11.in the (p 985) settlement of Tinnevelly &c Districts, for the last Cons 1.11.1802 Fusly, we adverted to Mr Lushington's having proposed that the Moyenzabitah of that year should be continued for the present Fusly 1212, which as observed to your lordship we could not recommend until we should receive his Moyenzabitah drawn out agreeably to the prescribed form and have gone into a consideration of the charges collection. The ~~ext~~ amount of the estimates now submitted with the exception of a trifling decrease in those for Tinnevelly are the same as in the last year. Considering however the actual deductions effected by the collector in Fusly 1211 and that proposed to be made by him in the present, we are induced to recommend them for your lordship's sanction.

7. (p 986) The total amount of the Moyenzabitah for the districts under Mr Lushington's charge for the present Fusly is SPags 66,696-22-40, which on the estimated revenue within the year 9,69,398-33-48 is SPags 6-36-78 per cent.

Moyenzabitah for Fusly 1212

		<u>per month</u>	<u>per annum</u>
Tinnevelly Districts	SP	4,000- 0- 0	48,000- 0- 0
Tinnevelly Sequestered Pollams		139-29-22	1,676-15-24
Assigned Peshcush		166- 0- 0	1,992- 0- 0
Ramnaud		<u>1,252-14-47</u>	<u>15,028- 7-16</u>
Total		<u>5,558- 1-69</u>	<u>66,696-22-40</u>

from Mr Lushington- 8. In the accompanying letter he observes that from the experience dated 8th instant he had derived, since the date of his report, of the nature of the public duties to be performed in Tinnevelly &c together with our recent orders, he had been induced again to revise his establishment, and would in consequence submit in a few days, a different arrangement. We therefore deferred to the present time submitting the Moyenzabitah which we have now thought proper to forward (p 987) without further delay. The establishment alluded to by the collector which will not however admit of any material reduction when received shall be submitted to your lordship in council.

From Mr Cockburn dated 14.9 in Cons 23.9.
 From Mr Cockburn dated 24.9 in Cons 27.9.
 From Mr Cockburn dated 13.11. in Cons 10.1.1803.

9. Mr Cockburn not having fully complied with the directions circulated for the guidance of collectors in drawing out their Moyenzabitahs we returned to him the estimates he had forwarded and have now the honor to submit others drawn out according to orders as also, those first sent containing the particulars of Pensions, Pagoda and Mosque Allowances and Charges Extraordinary.

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10. The permanent settlement having been formed in the Salem district the collector has been able to reduce his Moyenzabitah and charges for that portion of his district considerably. In the Kistnagree district, there is an increase in the estimate of the present year, above the actual ~~of~~ disbursement in the last, as will appear from the following comparison.

Moyenzabitah

	<u>Salem</u>	<u>Baramahl</u>
Division Cutcherry Servants	4,342-35-20	4,867-11-68
District " "	8,673- 8-20	10,396-15-12
Division Sauderwared	1,140- 0- 0	1,632- 0- 0
District " "	282- 0- 0	333-24- 0
Village Sibbendy		17,240- 7-22
TOTAL	14,438- 1-40	34,469-16022

Charges on the Revenue

Pensions	182-21- 0	3,594-27-38
Pageda and Mosque Allowances	11,359-30-12	7,228-33- 9
Charges Extraordinary	2,497- 0- 0	1,180-38- 7
Amanie Tank Repairs	2,000- 0- 0	4,000- 0- 0
Advances for Cultivation	5,090- 0- 0	11,000- 0- 0
Batta to regular Sepoys	37- 0- 0	100- 0- 0
Military Peons	492- 0- 0	
TOTAL	21,568- 9-12	27,104-14-54
Grand Total	36,006-10-52	61,573-30-76

SALEM

Actual Disbursement in 1211: Moyenzabitah	44,249-39-22
Charges on the Rev	24,999-35- 6
	69,249-32-20
Proposed Disbursement in 1212: Moyenzabitah	14,438- 1-40
Charges on the Rev	21,568- 9-12
	36,006-10-52

Difference being Decrease in the Latter: 33,243-21-56

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KISTNAGHERI

Actual Disbursement in Fusli 1211: Moyenzabitah	34,719-33-54
Charges on the	
Revenue	22,149- 4-39
	56,868-38-13

Proposed Disbursement in Fusli 1212: Moyenzabitah	34,469-16-22
Charges on	
the Revenue	27,104-14-54
	61,573-30-76

Difference being Increase in the latter: 4,704-34-63

The proposed charges for the two divisions of Salem and Kistnagheri, in 1212 therefore, are SP 97,579-41-48, which compared with the actual expenditure in F 1211, SP 1,26,118-28-41, shews

From Major Munro dated 29.6; Cons 11. On receipt of Major Munro's proposed Moyenzabitah for 1212, we thought it necessary from (990) the
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From Maj Munro 16.7
in Cons 19.7.

From Maj Munro 30.7
in Cons 30.9.

From Maj Munro 30.7
in Cons 30.9.

(p 991) last year and that on the Moyenzabitah first proposed will appear from the ~~from~~ following comparison.

Moyenzabitah

Division Servants	11,774- 0- 0
Harpanhill	3,534- 0- 0
Adwani	2,775- 0- 0
Cumbum	2,775- 0- 0
District Servants	36,318-11-20
Harpanhill	6,687- 0- 0
Adwani	5,034- 0- 0
Cumbum	5,122- 0- 0
Division Saderwared	3,000- 0- 0
District "	1,876- 0- 0
	<u>78,895-11-20</u>

The Moyenzabitah for Fusli 1211 including Cutcheree and District Servants and Saderwared 88,683- 7-16
Moyenzabitah first proposed including the same Items 95,302-40-76
Moyenzabitah now submitted including the same Items 78,895-11-20

Thus it appears that a decrease has been effected in the present year's establishment compared with that of 1211 of Pags 9,788 and with the first proposed by Major Munro, of Pags 16,407.

14. As it is evident that the charges collection must be higher in districts like those under Major Munro, of wide extent and thinly inhabited, than where an equal revenue is collected within a narrow range of territory, we shall, with your lordship's (p 992) permission, leave the collector at liberty to increase the present establishment at the end of the Fusli should it be found insufficient. We propose, also, under the present explanation afforded of the utility of the measure, to allow him to continue the Gomasta and Peons stationed with the Commanding Officer in the Ceded Districts.

15. We forward also statements of charges on the revenue, as detailed (below), amounting to SPags 1,75,347-34-11. On some of the items included in this amount, we expect further explanation and when received shall again address your lordship; for information respecting Tuccavi advances we request reference to the 3.11; in Cons the collector's letter to the subordinate collector's accompanying. 25.11. (1802)

Charges on the Revenue

Pensions	21,032- 3-17
Pagoda and Mosque Allowances	8,131- 4-74
Charges Extraordinary	18,274- 0- 0
Military Peons	50,765-38-20
Repairs of Tanks	21,144-29-60
Advances for Cultivation	56,000- 0- 0
	<u>1,75,347-34-11</u>

Government to Board of Revenue on Moyen Zabitahs: 11.12.1802

(14391) approves the instructions you have issued to the several collectors, with the view of facilitating the transmission and examination of their Moyen Zabitahs for the Fusly year 1212. His lordship in council directs that the Moyen Zabitahs of the several districts for that year, be taken into/consideration /yearly and submitted for the sanction of the Governor in council, with the explanations required in my letter of the 30th October last with respect to this important subject.

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34. The Governor in council has already conveyed to you his sentiments on the danger of diminishing the means of the collectors to realise their revenues by too rigid a reduction of their Moyen Zabitahs. Although it is not the intention of his lordship in council to suppress your attention to the expediency of reducing the charges by every practicable mode; he deems it to be proper to (p 14392)/his cautionary injunction on this subject. Unless the reduction of the Moyen Zabitahs be made on fixed principles, which it is difficult to suppose under the very different circumstances which attach to different provinces, it is improbable that the controlling authority at the Presidency can interfere with accuracy in the local exigencies of the service. The collectors can have no inducement to increase their charges beyond the amount necessary to the punctual collection of the revenue; and if the means of doing so be withheld it produces a cause, and furnishes a justification, for the diminution of the revenue: in such cases, although the loss of revenue may not be apparent, because not known to the Board of Revenue, the finances of the Government are liable to suffer more by the effect of that loss, than can be compensated by the immaterial saving of charge in the Moyen Zabitah. His lordship in council therefore deems it to be proper to guard against the delusion of stating such reductions of charge, although they are of a positive nature, and carry an imposing appearance of attention to economy, against the evils attendant on all ill judged reduction. (p 14393)