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NOTE

In publishing this selection of records preserved in the Birbhum Collectorate for 1786-97 and for 1855 I have tried to include every legible letter which seemed to carry some news or instruction. I have not confined the selection for 1786-97 only to political events as was done by the late W. K. Firminger. On the contrary the emphasis in this selection is on the state of the country immediately preceding and following the permanent settlement, to early administration, commercial trade and political tangles, the speedy, cynical and ruthless overthrow of the old landlords, the merciless exaction of revenue in the name of restoration of peace.

I have merely arranged the correspondence chronologically into two parts (i) letters issued by the Collector and (ii) letters received by him.

The selection of records relating to the Santal Rebellion in 1855 is similarly arranged. It will throw light on many obscurities to which W. W. Hunter apparently, as will appear from another appendix in this volume, had not had access.

The volumes of collectorate records, needless to say, were pretty much in the same sad state as W. K. Firminger had found the Midnapur records in. But I am happy to be able to say that at some time or other they were carefully read to which red sidemarks bear witness.

Asok Mitra
Selections from Records of the Birbhum Collectorate: 1786-97

(1) Letters Issued: 1786-97

To Richard Johnson Esqr.
Treasurer to the Revenue Department
Fort William.

Sir,
I have the pleasure to dispatch this Day to your Treasury
the sum of sicca Rupees seventy five thousand as per accom­panying Chellan—and am

Beerbhoom
22nd Novr. 1786.

Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sign’d) G. R. Foley,
Collr.

Beerbhoom, Hydrabad, 22d. November, 1786.

Chellan of Treasure remitted this Day to the Khalsa
Treasury account and Revenue collected from the District of Beerbhoom for the Month of Cauteck, and Aughun in part
being the sum of sicca Rupees seventy five Thousand under
Escort of Holass Roy Havildar four seapoys and Twenty six
Burgundosses and Peons..

To
John Stables Esqr.
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,
I have the Pleasure to inform you that this Day dis­patched to the Khalsa Treasury the Sum of sicca Rupees
seventy five thousand on account the Revenue of this Dis­trict as per Chellan a copy of which I have the Honor to enclose together with the Persian Translation.

I am,
With Respect
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient humble servant,
G. R. Foley

Charges General of the Collectorship of Mahmudshy
for the Month of April 1787.

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Sa. Ra. 78 : : : 

Beerbhoom
1st. May 1787

Charges Collections of the Collectorship of Mahmudshy
for the Month of April 1787.

To my Salary as Collector . . . Sa. Rs. 1200 : : : 
" House Rent . . . 120 : : : 1320 :
" Mr. Arbuthnot Assistant 300 : : : 
" House Rent . . . 90 : : : 390 :
" Amlah 460 :

Sa. Ra. 2110 :

Beerbhoom
1st. May 1787.

Dr.
Treasury Account of the Collectorship of Mahmudshy for April 1787

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April 30th To Revenue of 1193, Recd. on this account . . . 171 5 0
" General Books for Certificates . . . 1,010 13 6
" Balance of last month . . . 1,003 19 6
Sicca Rupees . . . 2,188 0 0

May 1st. By Charges Collections as per acct.

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" Particulars . . . 2,110 0 0
" Charges General Particulars . . . 78 0 0
Sicca Rupees . . . 2,188 0 0

Signed/J. Sherburne
Collr.

To
John Shore Esqr.
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,
In consequence of the Permission of the Right Honorable
the Governor General in Council, I beg leave to nominate
Sada Rishen Mites as Dewan of the Districts of Beerbhoom and Bishenpore, for your approbation.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed/ J. Sherburne
Collr.

Hyderabad
May 1st 1787.

To
Mr. Peter Frushard
Goontelah

Dear Sir,
I have the pleasure to send you the Thousand Rupees
requested in your Letter of the 2nd Instant

I am &c
Signed/ J. Sherburne

Hyderabad
May 3rd 1787.
To Richard Johnson Esqr.  
Treasurer to the Revenue Department  
Fort William

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a Bill of Exchange upon Messrs. Graham, Crommelin and Moubray for Sicca Rupees Eight Thousand/Sa. Rs. 8000/; and a General Bank Post Bill No. 316, drawn in favor of James Freahard Esq. or order, for One Thousand Sicca Rupees / Sa. Rs. 1000/; account the Revenue of this District.

Beerbhoom  
May 3rd. 1787.

Signed / J. Sherburne

Enclosed in the above (copy)  
Sa. Rs. 8000. Beerbhoom 3rd. May 1787

At Twenty days sight of this my only Bill of Exchange, pay or cause to be paid to Richard Johnson Esqr. Accounted Genl. to the Revenue Department or order the Sum of Sicca Rupees Eight Thousand/Sa. Rs. 8000/; for value in account as per ad vice from Gentlemen.

Your most obedient Servant

Signed / J. Sherburne

General Bank Post Bill No. 316, dated 27th April 1787 for 1000 Sa. Rs.

To Richard Johnson Esqr.  
Accountant General to the Revenue Department  
Fort William

Sir,

I have the Pleasure to transmit Treasury account with account Particulars of Charges General and Charges Collections of the Collectorship of Mahmudshy for the Month of April.

I am &c.

Signed / J. Sherburne

Colr.

Beerbhoom  
4th May 1787.

To Mr. J. C. Audibert Chambon  
At Soopoor

Sir,

I am favored with your Letter of the 22nd. Instant.—In consequence of the Orders I have received from the Right Hon'ble the Govr, Genl. in Council to enforce those before given prohibiting the hoisting of your National Flag at Soopoor and its Dependencies, I have deputed Mr. G. Arbuthnot to see them carried into execution; as in has my directions to show you every Degree of Delicacy and attention, in the Discharge of his Duty, I flatter myself He will not meet with any opposition on your part, that may render it disagreeable.

I am &c.

Signed / J. Sherburne

Colr.

Beerbhoom  
May 30th. 1787.

To John Shore Esq.,  
President & Members of the Board of Revenue  
Fort William

Gentlemen,

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I am &c.

Signed / J. Sherburne

Colr.

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May 21st. 1787.

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President & Members of the Board of Revenue  
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| May 30, 1787 |

To John Shore Esqr.,

President &c Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you, that in consequences of the orders of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council, transmitted me in your letter of the 18th ultimo, I directed my second assistant Mr. C. Arbuthnot to proceed to snooper for the purpose of carrying them into execution. A copy of my Instructions to Mr. Arbuthnot, and of my letter to Mr. Chambon, I do myself the pleasure to enclose you, together with Mr. Arbuthnot's report, Mr. Chandos answer to my letter, and the protest delivered by him to Mr. Arbuthnot.

I have the honor to be &c. Signed / J. Sherburne Colbr.

Beerbhoom
June 2nd, 1787.

To James Frushard Esqr.,

at Goonteh

Sir,

The Gomastahs of Ramjiwanpoor and Oulcoorah inform me 'you have established a new Haut at Goonteh ; that in consequence their established Hauts and abandoned, which must be "attended with the loss of their Revenue." Oblige me by informing me if any Permission is included in the Grant of your lands to erect a Haut as otherwise I must refer the Representations of the Gomastahs to the Board of Revenue, for their Determination : in the mean time you will also oblige me, by ordering the New Haut to be discontinued.

I am &c. Signed / J. Sherburne Colbr.

Beerbhoom
June 2nd, 1787.

To John Shore Esqr.,

President &c Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen,

I duly received your letter of the 1st. May, directing me immediately to call upon the Zemindar of Bishenpoor for the payment of his Balances within five days from the date of the notice, and in case of his completely discharging them to conclude the Settlement with him for the present year at the Jumma of 1193, but on his failing to liquidate them within the time limited, to immediately dispossess him of the Management of his Zemindary, and offer the Settlement to Damoodar Singh at the Jumma of 1193. These orders I punctually executed, and in consequence of Chyton Sing's neglect to pay his balance as directed, I made an offer to Damoodar Sing both by Letter and through his Vakeel of the Settlement at the Jumma of last year. The 2nd inst. Damoodar Sing's Vakeel delivered me a Darkhaust for the Farm at the Jumma of 1193 but without taking any notice of the Balance or offering any security for the performance of his Engagements. As I apprehend it is your Intention that he should be answerable for the Balances of last year with the Settlement of this, I have deferred accepting his proposals, till I am honored with your further Orders.

I am &c. Signed / J. Sherburne Colbr.

Beerbhoom
June 4th, 1787.

To Mr. John Farquhar

Sir,

I am favored with your Letter of the 16th Inst., as a Reason for the Rent's of Your Farm of the Iron Mehul, not being paid, that there is a Balance due to you for the pay of the Guard at Danchee—

I apprehend from a perusal of the subb. Papers. You transmitted me: that you must allow me Loan Allow in the Charges Zemindary, made by the Government for the Maintenance of Bergundasses as the Fund from which Four Sepoys, employed for the protection of your own . . . . are to be paid—This Fund I do not think myself authorised appropriate otherwise than it is at present viz. to the payment of Bergundasses for my necessary Guards and for Escorts of this public Treasure, as no other than these people are allowed me for these Purposes and I confess I do not perceive it can reasonably be expected that Government should be at a charge of 2500 Rs. per Annum, for this protection of a Mehul, iron which there derive only 766.—Four Gonnastah having in several Instances forlicted his Engagements, with respect to the Payment of the Rents, and the Board of Revenue's Orders of the 15th February not having yet been complied with, I have thought it my Duty to continue him in Confinement, and for the present to dispossess him of the Mehul—

My Obedience will immediately follow the Receipt of any Orders you may pressure (sic) me from the Board of Revenue for the Payment of the Balance you claim, in the mean Time I shall be obliged to you for your orders to your Gonnastah to comply with my demands of Revenue.

I am &c. Signed / J. Sherburne Colbr.

Beerbhoom
24th June, 1787.
To
John Shore Esqr. President
and Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

Enclosed I have the honour to transmit account particulars of any settlement of this Province for the Current Year, amounting to Rs 5,57,947-1-5, and formed agreeables to your Instructions of the 1st May, as far as Circumstances would admit—

In this letter you are pleased to observe, "that in regard to the Tax, termed Patet Just, wanted to have been collected on waste Lands forced upon the Ryotts, or from others to the Tax, termed Pateet Jaat, stated to have been collected under this Pretence to whom no waste Lands were allowed".

The past Pateet, differs in name only from the Nayye ploughing, or contributions levied in other districts, on the remaining Ryotts, to gather up the deficient Jumma of those who have deserted other lands the Ryot holds here by the free grant of the Government. who have deserted other lands the Ryot holds here by the free grant of the Government, to whom no waste Lands were allowed. The Vlass of this Village, this is answerable without excuse allowed. The principle was just but its operation partial, affecting the poor only. The collection of the Zemindar received a proportion, too insignificant, I judge to merit your slightest Notice. The consideration, with a Review of the liberal attention, and indulgence to the religious prejudices of the Natives, which has invariably distinguished your Conduct and the British Government has induced me to suspend the execution of your Orders on this head, and thus I have done with the least hesitation from observing the General dissatisfaction the Rumours of your Intention excited, and from an Opinion that if the Assessment does not deprecate the sanctity of this Shroffage it will wonderfully damp the zeal of the Pilgrims, and lead them to be the only parsimonious in their Contributions to it. I found it necessary to let the Durey Nobad and Neeygote Lands with the Farms, but separate Accounts will be kept of the Collections of them. The saveck Nobad I have continued in the possession of the Zemindars.

The Board will observe I have estimated the Revenues of several Deo Ghar, in conformity to the Receipts of last year, but not at, its full Jumma, which I do not find has ever been collected. My Mofussil demand will however be for the full amount, and every Means in my Power exerted to realize it.

I have closed the settlement of Behsnpore with Chyton Sing, on his paying down 20000 Rs giving security for the payment by Instalments of the remaining Balance in 2 Months as per Enclosed Account, with which I hold his Deeraj Jalis Khass Damodore Singh could not comply with the Conditions offered him. The hear apparent being a Minor, the Grandson of Chyton Sing, and the season passing for a Conclusion of the Settlement, I hope you will approve of this Arrangement.

I have in Compliance with your Orders appointed Ram Caunt Goze, on my part to superintend Chyton Sing's Mofsussil Settlement and Collections. I have the honour to be
Sir,
Sherborne

Beerbloom
20th July, 1787

To
John Shore Esqr. President
and Members of the Board of Revenues

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you, I yesterday held the Foomas of this Province and that Rs 51,000 were collected on account of the Kists of Bysak, Jyte and Assar. The Mofsussil Foomas has not yet been held in Beaspooor of course these Kists not yet collected—

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Beerbloom
20th July 1787

humbly propose to make my Reimbursements in that price I receive the remaining 50000 Rs. sales, the Government will reap all the Benefit of the shroffage without risking the future Consequences I have presumed to suggest my apprehensions of—

The Collections of the Temple of Deo Ghar, which are also proposed to make an Article of the Jumma. I apprehend have been greatly exaggerated. The Collections on the Shroffage I informed amount to from 3 or 4000 Rupees per annum, that with Goats and Cows is appropriated to the Maintenance and service of the shrines of the produce of other Articles which constitute the offerings. Such as strips, Remnants and Pieces of Cloth, the several sets of Native wearing Apparel, Tattoos and Horses of little Value, an Occasional Elephant by a Pigeon of distinction with a motley variety of Trush, the Zemindar received a Proportion, too insignificant, I judge to merit your slightest Notice. The consideration, with a Review of the liberal attention, and indulgence to the religious prejudices of the Natives, which has invariably distinguished your Conduct and the British Government has induced me to suspend the execution of your Orders on this head, and thus I have done with the least hesitation from observing the General dissatisfaction the Rumours of your Intention excited, and from an Opinion that if the Assessment does not deprecate the sanctity of this Shroffage it will wonderfully damp the zeal of the Pilgrims, and lead them to be the only parsimonious in their Contributions to it.
To

John Shore Esqr., President

and Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I am honored in the Receipt of your letter of the 31 Ultto., on the subject of my proposed settlement.

The Board acquiesces in not reimposing the "Outbundee Nimick Bushee", but with its partial Operation had been remedied and the Settlement formed on General and Uniform Principles—it is impossible to have this Object more at heart than I have but the inviolate Worth of Reformation must be progressive. An immediate Transition from Anarchy to Order, under the limited power of humanity. The Partiality I noted is not confined to the Outbundees, but with its partical Operation had been Partiality pervades every part of the Jumma. I shall confine myself to Order, under the limited power of humanity. The must be progressive. An immediate Transition from Anarchy have collusively sunk me half their Jumma, and thus they have overlooked the Remission of Syer Chulluntah, Jumma 8,431. 5. 8. The Collection of which was prohibited on the 28 Novr, 1786, and this prohibition confirmed in the late Regulations. The duty is trilling 1 to 1¼ per Ct. and I think might be continued, with the exception of the Cholies on the Rivers, without prejudice to the Inland Trade—

I have the honor to transmit the Plan for the future settlement of this Province mentioned in my letter of 14 Augt. 1787, and has this Preference to the Outbundee Nimick Bushee, that it proceeds on the fair and general Principles recommended in the Regulations, whereas the Outbundee was in transit partial and confined to a few Pergannahs only.—In the Prosecution of this Plan the present Jumma of the Province will not fall below the Assessment of 33,000 Rs. in the Khalsah Records appears to be either of the obligations adverted to.

I have the honor to be
c. &c.

Beerbhoom
14 Augt. 1787
Signed

J. Sherburne
Collr.

To

John Shore Esqr., President

and Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit the Plan for the future assessment of this Province mentioned in my letter of 14 Inst. I believe The Assessment proposed very Moderate compared with that of the neighbouring Zemindaries, it is evident to be the same fixed with the Nimick and Abwabs of 1175, and has this Preference to the Outbundee Nimick Bushee, that it proceeds on the fair and general Principles recommended in the Regulations, whereas the Outbundee was in transit partial and confined to a few Pergannahs only.—In the Prosecution of this Plan the present Jumma of some Villages will be reduced, others considerably increased, but The Inferior Class of Yorrots will in general be relieved of and I conclude The Jumma of the Province will not fall below 75,500— but if it exceeds the Amount you may deem reasonable should be drawn from this district, the Revenue is easy in the Reduction of . . . . The Nimick or the Number of Months Abwahe—

The Expense incurred for the Months of June and July for extra Amlah, paper &c. amounts to 360 Rs. but to complete the plan in the Course of the Present Year, I calculate will require

1 Head Mohrir at 25 per Month 25
30 Mohrir at 7-8 -do- 225
inclusive of Paper &c. 250

I have the honor to be
c. &c.

Beerbhoom
18 Augt. 1787
Signed

J. Sherburne
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Nett Jumma on this Plan 4,398 6 19

**Proposed Abwabs**

- **On Neez Gang**
  - Beer Gird: The Ryotts of the Village 24 Months
  - Pyckat: Ryotts of Neighbouring Villages 18 Months
  - Mokuwarah: Ryotts of Neighbouring Provinces not Residents 12 months

- Ryotts holding annuitas: 6 Months

- Beerbom 16 Aug. 1787
To: John Kilnock Esqr.
The Judge and Magistrate of Burdwan

Sir,

I experience many Inconveniences detriment to the Collections from the Charge of the Allah and Phousdary Court of Basempoor-not having been delivered over to me As my appointment to these departments is publicly made known to you in the Regulations of the Phousdary which have been transmitted you by the Board I apprehend there can be no danger in your delivering over this Charge without any further Official Order

I am
Sir &
Signed/ J. Sherburne
Collr

Beberbhoom
19 Augt 1787

To: John Shore Esqr, President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

In Conformity to the Regulations, I have the liberty to inform you, I have this day appointed Sumsa Naut Chucklubty sezawal, and Bunnkoo Bebahray Roy Aman. The first to make the Collections of sarhaut Deo Gur, the latter to measure and make an hustabood of the lands of the Gaunts who have not came in. I have thought it necessary to dispossess Bundor Smg, Gauntwal who is in Balance and has declined to be responsible for his Jumma-Ruppes 1,369-10-18

Budpoloonsang and Ropo Naran Sang. Gauntwals of the Info have allowed a deduction from the year 1182 of 680 Rs., on Account of the Chobes at which the Pilgrims to Deo Gur paid a Toll, abolished by Mayor Brown when Collector of the Jungle terry A proposal has been made me to pay 5000 Rs per Annum. for the Re-estabhshment of these Chobes, with a Toll of 4 annas from each Pilgrim, but I am afraid to say how little has been offered for a proposed/ by way of Tnal/ third of the Cherrow—The Toll I consider the most certain Resource, and most consonant to the Ideas of the Nabves, as there is a Precedent for It in the Mahrattah Chokey at Putharsah Nullah, on the Road to Jaggernaut, where I understand a Toll IS levied of Rs 11-4 As per head

I enclose a Barranamed of Amlah appointed to sarhaut &c

I have the honor to be

Beberbhoom
19 August 1787
Signed/ J Sherburne
Collr

Establishment of Amlah for the Collections &c of Sarhaut Deo Gur—

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The Judge and Magistrate of Burdwan

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I am
Sir &
Signed/ J. Sherburne
Collr

Beberbhoom
19 Augt 1787
To John Shore Esqr., President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit the adjusted Settlement of Beerbhoom—Surchout Deo Gur being rated in this Account at its full Jumma, deducting the Syer Chelluntah Bhamon Gang being in Balance 1461·15-13 out of 1830-3-9, account last year which he declines payment of, I have thought it advisable to dispose of him. The Accounts which accompany the Settlement will, I hope be found to contain every Explanation required and prove satisfactory.

If the Board should be pleased to re-establish The Syer Chelluntah, to approve The proposal mentioned in my letter of 19 August, for re-establishing The Choikes at Deo Gur, or to make any other arrangements with respect to the last, I have the honour to transmit Kistbundies of the saviet, Nowabad Neejjote, The Collections of which do not commence till after the first Harvest.

The attested Copies of Derkhausts Cabooleats and Securities Engagements shall be forwarded tomorrow.

I have the honor to be,
Chairman, J. Sherburne

29 Augt. 1787

To

B. Apin Esqr. Secry to the Board of Revenue.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to transmit you attested Copies of the Derkhausts, Cabooleats and Securities Engagements, mentioned in my letter to The Board of yesterday’s date.

I am &c. &c.
Signed/ J. Sherburne

30 Augt. 1787

To

John Shore Esqr., President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

The great distance of Sorree from either Burdwan or Moorshedabad the nearest places wherever any Medical assistance can be obtained, lays me under the necessity of making an application to you for the appointment of a surgeon to this district—If I might be permitted on this occasion to mention The Gentleman who would be the object of my own choice, I should take the liberty of recommending Mr. Ryan to your favorable attention.

I have the honor to be,
Chairman, J. Sherburne

1 Sept. 1787

To

G C. Meyer Esqr.
Actg. Preparer of Reports to the Reve. Department

Sir,

I have the pleasure to transmit you agreeable to the orders of the Board of Revenue of 21 Augt, a statement of the Balances of this Province Account 1193

I am &c. &c.
Signed/ J. Sherburne

2 Sept. 1787

(Enclosed in the foregoing)

Estimate of Probable Receipts and Disbursements of the Collectorship of Beerbhoom &c. in the Month of October 1787

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Total Receipts 91,581

Disbursements

| Charges Collections for Sept. | 3,285 |
| Charges General for Sept. | 0    |
| Taxes | 757 |
| Foudary | 250 |
| Contingent Charges | 1,252 |
| Charges Zemindarry for Assin | 410 |

Net Receipts 86,561

To

John Shore Esqr. President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I wrote you yesterday under the pressure of the Calamity that within these few days has fallen on those and I fear the neighbouring Districts which from the same distresses and finest Prospect has driven me almost to despair. The Torrent in many places swept off Villages, Inhabitants, Cattle, the Crops on the Grounds with every thing that was movable. To repair the Damage if possible I could visit the Board to give me discretionary authority to receive a little in the ensuing Months from the strict Terms of the Rexchus Kistbundy, and to advance Tenancy to the Ryotts at one Per Cent per Mensem from the Treasury of Beerbhoom as far as 40,000 Rs. from that of Bishenpoor 20,000 in order to relieve their Distresses, and to enable them to retrieve their losses in the Rusbee Tussi.

I have the honour to be &c. &c. &c.
Signed/ J. Sherburne

Octr. 7th. 1787.

To

John Shore Esqr. President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to transmit a Price Current of this and the Province of Bissapore for the month of February 1788.

I am
With great Respect
Your most obedient
Humble Servant

Signed/ J. Sherburne

March 5th 1788

Beerbhoom
To Moulbray SICC!

Revenue of this Collectorship-

Richard Johnson Esqr

Sir,

Beerbhoom Accountant General to the Revenue Department or Order the Sum of SICca Rupees Forty Thousand (Sa Rs 40,000/-) one To 25th March 1788

Please to pay or cause to be paid to Richard Johnson Esq

Sa Rs half m Stiver Sleca Rupees for Value in Account as per ad vice form

To Others hold by Pottahs from Malor llQwll when Collector

Gentlemen,

dar, occasionally called Gaunwalls Some of them hold their Lands by Sunnud from the Zemmdars of Beerbhoom, granted previous to the Honour Company's Accession to the Dessawry, Others hold by Pettags from Major Brown when Collector of

Jungleterrity District renewed by Mr Taylor & confirmed by Mr Foley—

Except in the Instance of Chutten Singh reported by my first Assistant, I know of nothing exceptionable in the Conduct of the Jaggeerdars They sometimes avail themselves it is true of their remotest Situation to withhold their Rents and on some occasions it has been found necessary to coerce them

I consider it would be highly for the Advantage of Government and the Benefit to the Country in General to consolidate the Revenues for both Malguzary and Jaggeer Land at a fixed Jumma, giving the former in Charge to the present Jaggeerdars and thereby remove the separate Interest which the Jaggeerdars have exerted in the Improvement of their private Lands to the certain Preposits and ultimate run of the Lands by paying Revenue to Government In this Case I should by no means propose any Reductions in the Jumma of the several Talooks in which the Revenue for both Malguzary Lands being brought into Cultivation would be sufficiently moderate It depends entirely upon the Conduct of the Gaunwalls themselves to render their Talooks very valuable as they possess a very great extent of Country which requires only to be cleared to become a Source of Great Profit

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Beerbhoom March 20th 1788

Sarhaut List of Jaggeerdars

Talooks Jaggeerdars

Bammonong 9 annas Nowl Singh dead His eldest Son Buckore Singh not yet confirmed in the succession report of the Balance of 1193 remaining unpaid

Lucknoonpoor Chutter Singh

Lakcorrah Anund Das and Droop Das

Dooler Bomlax Sing

Jektee Khas

Patsok Did Bije Singh

Koookorrah Sukker Sing and Davy Sing

Gwatsareh Khas

Goomroo Anund Sing

Sawldae Poonch Roy

Booyre Bhood Sing

Madjeturry Serb Sing

Sarhaut Proper Khas

Fookjouh Shaw Sing

Doo Gur Raal & Dookhar Sing

Doodman Sing

CooGoorah Dhrunk Bhokstar

Parrosah & Gootbabry Bhatto Roy

Goovdopore Bohen Choswery

Kolghrah Koodum Sing

Darrumopore Kerpa Roy

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Doomdowmah Bhood Sing

Bower Chundee Chutter Sing

Beerbhoom 25th March 1788 (Signed) Jos Sherburne Callr.

To Messrs Grahams & Mohney Calcutta

To John Shore Esq

President & Members of the Board of Revenue Calcutta

Gentlemen,

I have had the Honor of your Letter of the 12th Ultimo upon the Subject of Sarhaut & Doo Gur

I shall have occasion in a few Days to address you respecting Chorrow, and in the interim enclose You a List of Jaggeer Lands, occasionally called Gaunwalls Some of them hold their Lands by Sunnud from the Zemmdars of Beerbhoom, granted previous to the Honour Company's Accession to the Dessawry, Others hold by Pettags from Major Brown when Collector of

Beerbhoom March 26th, 1788

(Signed) Jos Sherburne Callr.
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(Signed) Jos. Sherburne
Calcutta

To
John Shore Esq,
President &c Members of the Board of Revenue,
Calcutta

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to inclose you Abstract of the Tanks in 12 Pergunnahs of this Province, mentioned in my Letter of the 14th February. The amounts of the other Pergunnahs are not yet collected but I conjecture they will be found to contain nearly an equal number—

The Tanks stated as unclaimed are in the Possession of Individuals but without any Title other than that they derive from possession

I am &c

Abstract of Tanks in the following Pergunnahs of Beerbhum

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Beerbhum
2 May, 1788.

To
John Shore Esq.,
President &c Members of the Board of Revenue,
Calcutta

Gentlemen,

I am honored with your Commands of the 6th ultimo accompanied with those of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council directing the Reestablishment of the Zemmadar of this Province, in whose Existence, had not those Gentlemen been the Additions have been made to Government any Receipts, but I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen
Your most obedient & Humble Servant
Sigld J. Sherburne

Beerbhum
10th June 1788

To
John Shore Esq.,
President &c Members of the Bd of Rev.
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I take the Liberty of addressing You on the Subject of the Building at this Place in which I am & the only Parts of it that are now Habitable with any Degree of the Additions have been made to Government any Receipts, but I have the Honor to be

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The Zemmad acceded to these Terms, but as He has not yet fulfilled the previous Conditions of his being put in Possession, and Time presses for a Conclusion of a settlement, I have deferred it to another Conditions. That the Farmers engage for the payment of the adjusted Jumma of 11867-8-6, together with the Increase that may arise on the Completion of the Jummabunday, The Board will be pleased to take into Consideration that I could proceed no further in this measure than to assert any other Jumma of each Village and Pergunnah till the pleasure of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council is communicated to me, and that consequently the Jumma of every Individual is however remains still to be settled adjusted, before it can be made the standard of Collection as this with the requisite dispatch will require a great Number of Additional Nobles but I shall be careful that no further Expenses is incurred than is absolutely inevitable.

The Board will perceive I am for the present necessarily fixed here, but that no ill Consequences may arise from delay on the Settlement of the Bussanpore and as the Observation of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council quoted in your Letter of the 27th ultimo appear to authorize the Measure, I have directed to my 1st Assistant Hindustan to proceed to Bussanpore there to receive proposals for the Farms on the adjusted Jumma of 1182 and to conclude a Settlement on the whole of Assas unless You should be pleased to transmit me any Orders to the Contrary or to signify your Pleasure respecting a Settlement with the Zemmadar—I have reverted to the Bussaunpor Jumma of 1183, as the decline has been considerable since that period and no other method of retrieving it or making any Increase at present occur to me

From the best accounts I have yet obtained of the Bussaunpor in Bussanpore for the Zemmadar may not yet compiled with your orders of the 23rd October 97 to deliver authentic Ones by the 20th May 839 Beghas appear to have been at great expense the Original Building being on Mud Walls, could not possibly be settled adjusted, before it can be made the standard of Collection as this with the requisite dispatch will require a great Number of Additional Nobles but I shall be careful that no further Expenses is incurred than is absolutely inevitable.

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Beerbhum
10th June 1788
of being Reimbursed by Govr. & on which Subject I find
He addressed a Letter under Date the 26th Febry. of the
present Year, Copy which I have the Honor to Enclose.
Should the Board be Pleased to grant it me upon the Terms
proposed by Mr. Sherburne, I shall consider it as an Induc­
ment to put the House in Complete repair, in hopes of being
reimbursed the Expense by my Successor, I must thro'wise,
as the Expense will by no means be Inconsiderable. Solicit
the grant of Ten Begahs of Waste Land upon which to Erect
a convenient Habitation for myself, & Offices for the accom­
modation of my Servts.

To

John Shore Esq.,
President &c. Members of the Bd. of Reve.
Fort William

Gentlemen,
I have the Honor to transmit You the Price Current
of Grain &c in the Districts of Beerbhoom & Bishenpore
from the 15th to 30th of Novr. 1788—with a Persian
Translate.

I am &c.

Signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

Price Currents of Beerbhoom & Bishenpore, from the
15th to the 30th of November 1788

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To

John Shore Esq.,
President &c. Members of the Bd. of Reve.
Fort William

Gentlemen,
The Debts of the Nazim's Cutcherry having reported the
arrival of the Nazim's Fathwa for the Execution of two Delin­
quents taken up &c. The Derogah of the Nezamut Cutcherry having reported the
arrival of the Nazim's Fathwa for the Execution of two Delin­
quents taken up &c.

I am &c.

Signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

To

Matthew Dawson Esq.,
Colr. of Moorsheedabad

Sir,
The Perwannahs which You Issued in consequence of my
Letter of the 24th Ult. merely direct the Pyecaust ryotta or
Application to the Commanding Officer of the Detachment.

I am &c.

Signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

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To R Adam Esq.,
Collr of Bhogpoor

Sir,
I beg leave to Enclose You Copy of an Arzee prfEented to me by Lalla Ram Naut the Zemmdarry Dewan of this Distinct, & request the favor of your giving Orders for BndJubhookun Smg & the other Gauntwalls of Sarhaut who have taken refuge within the Limits of Your Jusdtction, to be given up agreeable to the 87th Article of the General Regulations

Beerbhoom
19th Decr 1788

To John Shore Esq.,
President &c Members of the Bd of Reve
Fort William

Gentlemen,
Upon a reference to my Predecessor’s correspondence I find the Charge for Cosslds from hence to Bhishenpoor by way of Burdwan, has not yet rec’d Your SanctIOn I therefore for­bear to Illsert It III my Accts but must take the Liberty to observe, that unless an estabhshment IS admitted of my Commullcations From this Station with the Presidency, Will meet with constant Interruptions, & the receIpt of Yr Command be frequently delayed
I therefore request Yr permissIon for enserhng a Charge of 54 Sa Pr Mencem for a Cross Dawk from thiS Station

Beerbhoom
19th Decr 1788

To Lawrence Mercer Esq.,
Magistrate, Bardwan

Sir,
I have been honored with the receipt of the Right Hon’ble Governor General in Council orders under Date 24th Ulto directing me to advance to Mr Js Freshard on Accot of the Company’s Silk Investment for 1788, the Sum of Rs 25,000 but as Mr Freshard only transmitted me a receipt for Current Rupees 25 000 I have not Judged It expedient WIthout Your further Orders to tender the dlfference to thiS Agent at Gonatea

Beerbhoom
1st Janry 1789

To
to

Price Current of Beerbhoom & Bishenpoor from the 1st to the 15th of December 1788

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To
to
To Lawrence Mercer Esqr.,
Magistrate, Burdwan.

Sir,

I am favored with the receipt of your Letter under Date the 14th Instant Enclosing a List of Delinquents and inform- ing me of your preparing a party for the purpose of appreh- ending them—Account the Depredations of the Dekoits in this district I have to inform You that I am using my utmost exertions in...Collecting a force to send against them—In order that no impediments from alterations as to the boundaries of Our respective Districts, the party's jointly acting where occasion may require—I beg leave to send you enclosed a Purwannah to be delivered to the Person commanding the Party & have to request you will send me a similar One, to be delivered to the person acting in my part by which means it is to be hoped the wished for purpose will be effectually accomplished.

Beerbhoom
February 16th 1789

To Lawrence Mercer Esqr.,
Magistrate, Burdwan.

Sir,

I have this day received intelligence that Jeebna the Dekoit who escaped from your Jail is at a place called Mokaum Demmahleah, Kissmut Pergunnah Sheir Ghur on the banks of the Damooda River in your District making head & has already collected about 150 men this Intelligence will I hope assist You in the Search. (torn)

To Lawrence Mercer Esqr.,
Magistrate, Burdwan.

Sir,

I have herewith the Honor to transmit Copy of a Letter Received from the Person sent out in Charge of the party Dispatched from hence jointly to assist those Deputed on your part for the purpose of clearing these Districts of the Dekoits & Thieves who infest them it appears by this Account that Mahrue Chowdry the man Deputed by you has by no means done his duty & that so long as he conducts himself in the manner therein described the party from hence can be of Little or no use—I therefore wait your answer as to the resolutions you may think expedient to adopt for the General good—& in Order to save Government from further Expanse Your reply will Determine their continuance on this Duty or Recall.

Beerbhoom
March 14th 1789.

To Lawrence Mercer Esqr.,
Magistrate, Burdwan.

Sir,

I am favored with the receipt of your Letter of the 17th Instant with copy of Mahrue Chowdry's .... representation and from the Account just received by a Sepoy Dispatched express from the Subadar unless some immediate & effectual Means are adopted by you, shall be under the necessity Edunion (sic) of blood to recall the party.—

Unaccountable as it may appear as yet only one Person has been taken & that by the Sepoys from hence his name Ajit Tallookdar of Mullirarah under my... Jurisdiction on the Protector of Dekoits. Appeared that the alteration is whether Ajit Lall being a Tallookdar under Me is to be kept in Charge by Mahrue Chowdry & carried to Burdwan or sent to Me. On Mahrue Chowdry to the Subadar to send Ajet Lall that he might see him it as complied with under guard of two Sepoys—these with Ajet Lall were put under a Guard by the Chowdry & afterwards released & taken in charge by the Subadar when the... Dispatch came away the party from hence had been Surrounded that night by Mahur Chowdry's Party with fits Bayyets & lighted Matches —& expected every moment to begin an assault, nothing however occurred & I sincerely hope our Orders will arrive in time to prevent any thing of the kind. The Subadar and his Men are Brigade Sepoys and will not allow themselves to be insulted or disgraced—to prevent any mischief ensuing & possible to effect the wish'd for purpose of serving & bringing to justice the Dekoits—I have wrote the Subadar and informed him the purport of your answer to me—directing him to remain after the receipts of my Letter three Days to see the result of your Orders—that if they are attended to and the business he was Deputed on is likely to be carry'd into effect he is then to remain, sending Ajet Lall with Mahrue Chowdry charge to me—or otherwise He and the party, are Ordered to return bringing Ajet Lall with them to this place in Order that Mahrue Chowdry may not hereafter plead ignorance to the Orders that party from hence has received. I have thought it expedient to transmit him an Official Copy of my letter to the Subadar for his information.—

I am &c. (Signed) C. Keating, Magistrate.

To Lawrence Mercer Esqr.,
Magistrate, Burdwan.

Sir,

I have this instant received an Arzee from Mahrue Chowdry the bearers of which a Sepoy & Chupprossey having confirmed a Report. I had before heard that Mahrue Chowdry was taken out of Jail & sent on his business, there needs no argument to evince the impropriety of my allowing the party from hence to Act in conjunction with him of concerning. Unless some responsible person from you arrives within the time specified, the Sepoys & party from hence will return.—

To John Cheap Esqr.,
Resident at Soomanoozy.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to enclose You Copy of an Arzee delivered by Neetty Sekarey Inhabitant of Bisshenpore to which I request the Favor of Your attention.—

I am &c.

Beerbhoom
March 31st 1789.

Price Current of Beerbhoom & Bishenpore from the 15th to the 31st of March 1789.

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Signed/C. Keating,
the 5th April 1789.
To

John Shore Esqr.,

President &c. Members of the Bd. of Rev.

Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have been Honored by the Receipt of Your Letter Under Date the 9th Juny., desiring me to furnish the Collr. of Rajesby with a Statment of the Sums Due from the several Pykast Ryotts on the Engagements Entd. into at the Com- mencement of the Year, & of Yr. having Directed the Collr. of Rajesby to Enforce Paymt. of the same, or in Case of Objections being Offer'd to Insist on the attendance of the Gentlemen, herewith the Honor to Enclose an English Acct. particulars again to Submit the Question for Yr. Instructions, To

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mention'd to have been Enclosed in my Letter of the 1st of Febby. had been Omitted & directing either them in the Papers required, by the Roy Royan to be forwarded immediately.

From the Circumstance of my having personally Enclosed the Muchulkas alluded to am of opinion they must have been Miskid.

The Zemindar's Dewan of this District having furnished me with another Muchulka, I beg leave to transmit it Enclosed, & that there may be no Delay to the Business for which these Papers are required, the authorized Vaheel of the Zemindar of Bishenpore has Deliver'd a Muchulka to the Effect of the attested Copy in my Office of the original formerly Deliver'd by his Constituent—last this should not be thought Competent—I have Order'd the Zemindar of Bishenpore to send another Muchulka as soon as possible & On Receipt shall transmit it.

Beerbhoom

April 11th 1789.

To

John Shore Esqr.,

President &c. Members of the Bd. of Rev.

Fort William.

Gentlemen.

I am Honor'd by the Receipt of Your Letter Under Date the 7th Inst. Informing me that as the Bengal Year 1195 is nearly Elapsed, You shall furnish me with Instructions for the Ensuing Settlement with the least possible Delay & Directing me in the mean time to issue Circular Purmanews to prevent any anticipation of the assets of 1195 for the Discharge of the Ct. Year's Balances, or other purpose.

In Obedience to Your Orders I beg leave to inform You. that Circular Purmanews have this Day been Dispatched to this Effect throughout the Districts under my Charge.

I am &ca.

Beerbhoom

Signed/C. Keating.

April 11th 1789.

To

Lawrence Mercer Esqr.,

Magistrate of Burdwan

Sir,

By a wounded Sepoy who is arrived from Our party's—I understand they have had a smart skirmish with the Thieves near the borders of Pacheat—but in their pursuit of them they have been able to learn very few of the Pykast Ryotts of this District enter into Written Engagements, of Course as the Season was far advanced before the Establishment of the Revenue, I beg leave again to Submit the Question for Yr. Instructions, & have herewith the Honor to Enclose an English Acct. particulars No. 2 of the Balances due from them severally agreable to the Jummbundy together with the Acct. Revenues Rd. by them for the Years 1192, 1193 & 1194 B.S.

Beerbhoom

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Gentlemen.

The Zemindar & Sezawull of Bishenpore having by their Vaheel represented, that the late Pranoshir Daspurun Rerk has tender'd Bank Notes & Gold Mohre's for part of the Sums Clandestinely taken by Him from the Publick Treasury at that Place, & requesting the same may be recd. in Pay- ment of the Balance of Rev. due.

I beg leave to request Yr. Orders on the Subject, & if to be recd., how the Notes are to be Disposed whether to be pd. in part of the Commercial Chief of Soommookey Draft, or remitted to the Presidency.

I am &ca.

Beerbhoom

Signed/C. Keating.

April 11th 1789.

To

John Shore Esqr.,

President &c. Members of the Bd. of Rev.

Fort William.

Gentlemen.

I have recd. Yr. Letter of the 3rd April desiring me to furnish You with a Statment of the Deficiency to be expected in this District in Case the Pykast Ryotts from whom Engagments. were not taken at the Beginning of the Year, should be allowed to pay according to the Rates of former instead of the Rates of the new Jummbunady.

I beg leave to submit to Yr. Consideration Abstract which I beg leave to Submit to Yr. Consideration Exhibits the Jummbundy of the Pykast Ryotts in the Year 1195 at Sa. Rs. 5,893.6.15. the Amt.
Collected the present Year Sa Rs 28,691 7—which leaves a Balance of Sa Rs 10,090 11 4—the Direction to be expected in Case the Pykaust Ryotts should be permitted to pay according to the Rate of assessment in the Year 1194 instead of the Established Jummabundy.

The Act of Particulars of the Mst due from the Pykaust Ryotts Inhabitants of Rajeshy, Cultivating Lands in the District of Beerbhum. I had the Honor to transmit You Ltr Copied Under Date the 6th Inst.

Signed! C Keatmg, the 15th April 1789

To John Shous Esqr.,
President &ca Members of the Bd of Revm.

Gentlemen,

I have been Hon'd with Yr Letter of the 9th Inst informing me of Yr havingAdverted to my Towee for Phauligon, & observing that the Balances on the Ct Demand & Gentlemen, informing me of Yr havng Adverted to my Towee for realized, report my Opinion how far these respective Balances will of the Reve Due from Bishenpore Acct the Bengal Year of the Jummabundy Moorshedabad Cultivating Lands in this District be allowed to pay according to the Established Jummabundy to pay agreeable to the Custom of former Years, but none the latter is owmg to failure on the part of the Zemmdary.

Doubt of the success of my exertions in realizing the full Amt previous to transmitting You my Towee for Beerbhum Rs 12,827—Bishenpore

& that the Arear from the former is ascribed to the Refusal of the Pykaust Ryotts to pay according to the Jummabundy & from my late Correspondence, that the Balance Due from the latter is owing to failure on the part of the Zemindary in the punctual Discharge of his Kasts—& directing me to report my Opinion how far these respective Balances well of the Year 1194 instead of the Baze Sunnd of the Hon'ble Govn Genl in Counell havng been pleased to Order the Collection of the Revenues of the Pykaust Ryotts of Yr Division Cultivating Land in this District, agreeable to the Established Jummabundy, I beg leave to transmit You Copy of the Bd of Reves Letter to me on the Subject & have to Request that You Will Cause the Attendance of the Pykaust Ryotts specified in the Enclosed List from the Zemindary Records to have been Granted since the 21st Apnl 1789 never having yet been furnished.

I am &ca
Signed! C Keatmg

Beerbhum the 13th April 1789

To Les Mercer Esqr.,
Collr of Burdwan

Sir, The Hon'ble Govn Genl in Council having been pleased to Order the Collection of the Reves of Pykaust Ryotts of Yr Division, Cultivating Land in this District, agreeable to the Established Jummabundy, I beg leave to transmit You Copy of the Bd of Reves Letter to me on the Subject & have to Request that You Will Cause the Attendance of the Pykaust Ryotts specified in the Enclosed List from the Zemindary Demand of this District to attend at my Chettury for the adjtinent of their Accts or should it be thought more expedient that you will Depute as conveniently as possible an Ammun Action with the Zemindary Aumiah on this Business.

I am &ca
Signed! C Keatmg

Beerbhum the 21st April 1789

To Peter Speke Esqr.,
Collr of Nadhwa

Sir, The Hon'ble Govn Genl in Council having been pleased to Order the Collection of the Revenues of the Pykaust Ryotts of Yr Division Cultivating Land in this District agreeable to the Established Jummabundy, I beg leave to transmit You Copy of the Bd of Reves Letter to me on the Subject & have to Request suppose the Operation of them will occasion great clamour, distress and disgust as far as I am informed the Regulation do provide for all Cases of Rent free Lands, and I am led to suppose that the operation of them will from the Number of individuals who must be affected, occasion general clamour, distress and in many instances distresses.

My observations have hitherto been confined to the Baze Sunnd of Beerbhum, but I believe they will equally apply to the Lands in Bishenpore, when Bighas 8339 only appear by the Zemindary Records to have been Granted since the Date of Dewanny Sunnd, the 13th Apnl 1789, I have every reason to believe that Lands to a much greater amount have been alienated from the Rent of Government, and granted as Darboter, Berartter &c. &c. of which no notice is to be in the Public Accounts.

The number of individuals who may be affected in that District, by the operation of the Regulations I have been unable to ascertain, the Account required of the Zemindary so far back as the 23rd of October 1789 never having yet been furnished.

I have the Honor to be Gentlemen
Your Most Obdct Honr. Servant
Beerbhum the 23rd April 1789

To John Shous Esqr.,
President & Member of the Bd of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I have been honor'd with the receipt of your Letter under date the 17th Instant transmitting me Copy of a letter address'd to Your Board by Mr James Frushard desiring my report on the Losses which Mr Frushard has sustained by his lands being inundated by the River with my Opinion generally regarding the Assessment which has been fixt upon them.

On reference to the Accounts & records of the late measure ment. I find Mr Frushard's lands stated as follows. In cultivation Bighas 1081-C7-Putteet or uncultivated B499-C17 District by the inundation B288-C2-Incapable of Cultivation B608-C8—for the two formers of which making B1881-C4—& 3160-C13-G3 of Resumed Barco Zumm Mr Frushard has been assessed as a pykaust Ryott payable to the Jummabundy and Your Orders under date the 9th of February last, as Mr Frushard does not complain of further losses sustained than what appears from the Records, do not deem it necessary to remeasure the lands Mr Frushard's representation of the situation of his lands is certainly just, and were it not for the circumstances he has been at in embankments and other precautions taken, the lands, from the body of Water at times rushing down the Mores River would be continually washing away, to prevent this a heavy expense has been incurred by Mr Frushard the which at the time of making the purchase from it situation must have been foreseen or expected.

With respect to the Assessment—I am clearly of opinion Mr Frushard has received an indulgence from Government by being allowed to hold his lands as a Pykaust Ryott. The payment of Revenue for B469 C7—of Putteet land, appears a hardship upon Mr Frushard so long as it remains waste, but from the arguments stated in his Letter, it should appear that he has in his power to cultivate it at pleasure and I fear the precedent of restraining Rents for such land because the proprietor might not choose to Cultivate it would be a dangerous one.

Having call'd upon the Zemindary Demand for his accounts receipts of Revenue from Mr Frushard for the current Year, it appears the sum of Sa Rs 1500—has been paid and agreeable to the Jummabundy as a Pykaust Ryott the remainder due from Mr Frushard the sum of Sa Rs 1188-7-2 which presence You will deem expedient to direct the payment of.

I am with the Greatest Respect,
Gentlemen
Your Most Obdct Servant
Beerbhum the 26th April 1789

Signed! C Keatmg

As far as I am informed the Regulation do provide for all Cases of Rent free Lands, and I am led to suppose that the operation of them will from the Number of individuals who must be affected, occasion great clamour, distress and in many instances distresses.
To John White Esqr.,
Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts, Fort William.

Sir,
I have the Honor to inform You that in obedience to the Orders of the Governor General in Council conveyed to me in your Letter of the 27th ultimo, and in consequence of Mr. Shore's Letter to me, measures were immediately adopted for the apprehension of the persons concerned in the murder of the Dawk Hicareeah in Bisshenpore, and I have now the pleasure to acquaint you that 2 of the Party have been taken and committed to the Nezaumut Court for trial; from their confessions it appears that the Party consisted of three in all, the two that are taken and one Saghar who made his escape, and that they were in the pay of Punchoo Bhudun of Roooon Koona and by him sent on this Business. People have been sent out to apprehend them, and from the Information I have gained from the two that are taken, I doubt not but that my Wishes on this Head will be accomplished.

On the 30th Instant I had the Honor to inform you that Ojet Lall of Mallisana, and Murdun Sing a Talookdar of Burdwan had been apprehended and now beg that you will inform his Lordship that Intelligence I have just received from the Seobadar commanding a party of Sepoys from hence that Jeebnah, who lately made his escape from here for Trial, has been lately taken in this District having accused Murdun Sing a Talookdar of Burdwan to have been concerned with him in committing the Several Robberies laid to his Charge and have now the pleasure to inform you that Ojet Lall, uncle of the Talookdar of Mallisana in Bisshenpore, has been apprehended and committed to the Nezaumut Court with such proofs against him, as renders it next to an impossibility of his escaping that Punishment be so easily merits. I also beg leave to inform you, that a number of Decoits who have lately been taken in this District having accused Murdun Sing a Talookdar of Burdwan with being their Chief, of having contrived and carried out all the stolen Goods with him, he was apprehended and has been sent to the Nezaumut Court with very strong Proofs against him. I therefore humbly submit to the Governor General in Council if it would not be advisable that the Naib Nazim should be also requested to transmit the Proceedings in the trial of Murdun Sing for his inspection.

I am Sir,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) C. Keating,
Magistrate.

Beerbhoom
May 30th 1789.

To John White Esqr.,
Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts, Fort William.

Sir,
I was duly honored with your letter of the 27th ultimo and have to request that you will inform his Lordship that in consequence of Mr. Shore's letter to me Munnares were immediately adopted for the apprehension of the persons concerned in the murder of the Dawk Hicarearah in Bishenpore and I have now the pleasure to acquaint you that 2 of the Party have been taken and committed to the Nezaumut Court for trial; from their confessions it appears that the Party consisted of three in all, the two that are taken and one Saghar who made his escape, and that they were in the pay of Punchoo Bhudun of Roooon Koona and by him sent on this business. People have been sent out to apprehend them, and from the information I have gained from the two that are taken, I doubt not but that my wishes on this head will be accomplished.

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I am Sir,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) C. Keating,
Magistrate.

Beerbhoom
June 2nd 1789.

To John White Esqr.,
Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts, Fort William.

Sir,
I have to request you will inform the Right Hon'ble Governor General in his Foujedarry Department that on the application of Weavers of Ilumbaraz made thro the Commercial Resident Mr. Chepp under date 24 Instant I have this day sent off a Guard of Sepoys from the Native Industry stationed at this place to protect them from incursions & depredations of the Decoits who molest, plunder & destroy their lots from the neighboring villages of the Burdwan district, the guard consists of a naik & six sepoys.

I am Sir,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) C. Keating,
Magistrate.

Beerbhoom
June 27th 1789.

To M. Leslie Esqr.,
Magistrate of Pachpat.

Sir,
Ooodoo Mungey the head of a gang of Decoits who for these two years past has plundered the districts of Burdwan & Beerbhoom having taken refuge in Doomrah village, Pergannah Myneh under your jurisdiction, I have particularly to request that you will cause to be arrested & sent here for trial.

I am Sir,
(Signed) C. Keating, Magistrate.

Beerbhoom
27 June 1789.

To John White Esqr.,
Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts, Fort William.

Sir,
The Derogah of the Criminal Court at this station on the part of the Naib Nazim having this day delivered me a Barahaur requiring the assistance of a military guard for the protection of his jails, which are crowded with Delinquent convicted of capital offences & expressing his fears should any attempt be made by them to escape. I have to request you will represent to the Right Hon'ble Governor General in his Foujedarry Department if it would not be advisable that the Naib Nazim & the Commanding Officer of the detachment of native infantry at this station to furnish a guard for the aforesaid purpose—which I hope will meet with his Lordship's approbation.

I am Sir,
(Signed) C. Keating, Magistrate.

Beerbhoom
July 14th 1789.

To Lawrence Mercer Esqr.,
Collector of Burdwan.

Sir,
I have been honored of the receipt of your letter under date the 15th Instant, transmitting me copy of your Chuprasies, etc., and Renters Muchulkas, relative to the attendance of the Pykaust Ryotts of your district, attending on me to adjust their balance in the event of altercation appear your district, attending on me to adjust their balance for the Pykaust Ryotts of your district, attending on me to adjust their balance in the event of altercation appearing personally before me at this place, for that purpose, this Pervannah asammtah has appeared and settled their balances.

In the event of their non-attendance, you request me to propose measures for enforcing their attendance, after the repeated disobedience to your orders issued on this subject, I confess myself rather at a loss what to (sic) more than that of your issuing a general & peremptory Pervannah for the immediate adjustment of their Account & balances at the Mofussell Cutcherry, or in the event of altercation appearing personally before me at this place, for that purpose, this Pervannah to be given in charge to two, or more of your Chuprasies with strict injunctions to enforce the same, without attendance to frivolous excuses, or delays of any kind.

On this day (torn) departed with them to the respect (torn) given.

I am Sir,
(Signed) C. Keating, Collector.

Beerbhoom
July 27th 1789.

To John Shore Esqr.,
President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen,
My assistant Mr. Arthur Hesilrige, on deputation at Bishenpore, being desirous of receiving your instructions & specific orders relative to the settlement of the Bheterjaut Muhala, I beg leave to lay before you the following Exche-
Moknernity Tallooks of Phubia and Paunerah to supply their
committed by my Predecessor to the President of the Khalsa,
sure No. 1 Copy of the District. I have also called on the Tallokdars of the
the 17th Ultimo. No. 2 Copy of my answer thereto under
neglect in those Department.
Gautwauls immediately to supply their quotas of armed Men
Courts of Dewanny & Foujidarry Adawlut. The salary on
lish kall (sic) yeilding Revenue to, ...
Sing on the Rajahs
is dated the 7th September 1788.
The Number required from each I have limited in proportion
nadar's Father, & Wounded with an arrow one Surroop Roy
mentioned, the Confirmation of the Debutter, Bermutter &c.
and is a source of Gain to the Natives in authority and altho
this Mahall may now appear part of the assets for the Main-
tenance of Menu Sing & his family. I am confident it never
was Confirmed as such to him by Government, or can it
possibly be continued to him, as I know of no restraint that
would be strong enough to keep him, or any native within
limited bounds added to which all matters relative to Recover-
ing of Cast, failure in Marriage Contracts, Religious alterca-
tions & defacements, appertinent to, & are provided for in the
Courts of Devanny & Foujdiarry Adawlit. the salary on
Mariages taking place, is a Tax imposed of a Fee paid to the
Zemindar or person in authority for a Surname, or Warrant
authorizing performance of the Ceremony, in direct contradic-
tion to the Regulations—as is also the not specified/The Fee
on the first appearance of the Females menstrual discharge.
I must here beg leave Gentlemen to assure you the receipt of
Mr. Hesling's letter on this subject, these Matters as an estab-
lish kall (sic) yielding Revenue to, ...
Sing on the Rajahas family was unknown me I shall however until honor'd with the receipt of your instructions/Mr. Hesling having stated it
as an asset of the Bheterjart/decline any immediate proceed in
my Judicial & Magistral capacity, on the full conviction that the circumstances of the delay will fully acquit me of neglect in those Department.
I am &ca.
Beerbhoom (Signed) C. Keating, the 1st August 1789
Colr.
To
The Right Hon'ble Charles Earl Cornwallis K. G.,
Governor General &ca. in the Foujdiarry Depart-
ment, Fort William.
My Lord,
The Repeated continual incursions & descents made by large bodies of Decoits & Robbers, into this District through an
extensive Tract of Jungly Conntry by which it is bounded,
claims the most serious attention of Government.
If the Depredations were not yet, but such steps will be adopted as to enable me to prevent the
Annual ill-consequences that result from their Depredations
generally commencing about this period of the Year, when the
reaping of the Crops is begun, & the Ryotts from the Sales of
the produce of the Soil, collecting together the proceeds to pay
the Demands of Government.
Permit me to state a few circumstances that have in the
Course of some few days past occurred. A Body of nearly One
hundred of these Decoits made a descent on & Plundered the
Village Bocloonah in Pergunnah Joyajnal also as on Per-
gunnah Soopoor where they Murdered Pursaud Roy the Tan-
madar's Father, & Wounded with an arrow one Surroop Roy
the Dewan of Anud Chand Chase in the Village Luckpoor in
Pergunnah Kurney Burreree, & Village Bhertajery in Pergun-
nah Shil, Allupoor have also been plundered & two Persons
Murdered.

On receipt of the above Information I immediately in my
capacity of Collector issued positive Purvannahs to all the
Gautwaul in my District and demanded the quitt of armed Men
agreeable to the Custom & Usage of the District in such Cases. The Number required from each I have limited in proportion to
the Number they might have to employ in the Records of the
District, for I have also called on the Villagers of the
Moknuntary Tallooks of Pubbia and Punnah to supply their
Quotas of Men with all possible expedition. With these people all possible exertion shall be made—at last they are but
a Rabbile and must necessarily Act with the Tannadars & their Establishment, whoever I have reason to fear are but too
much in League with the Robbers that are to be Opposition,
and I am sorry to say that I am authorised in my suspicions from some things that have come out in the. . .
now pending Investigation to account the Depredations before described. I shall also address the Commanding
Office of the Company of Native Infantry at this place for such assistance as he can give me which I Judge will be but
trifling & by no means adequate to the Service required
for the following reasons, two Detachments are on Command
Escorting Treasure. Another on Command with the Com-
mercial Resident of Soomunkey for the Protection of the
Company's Property & Weavers at Illumbazar, a Guard is
stationed for the protection of the Nezamutt Jail, and a Guard
at Collector's Treasury.

The Guard at Illumbazar I presume is of too great conse-
quence to be removed, being so very adjacent to the places
where the incursions are generally made, and I doubt not
but your Lordship on referring to the Calendar of Capital
Delinquents now in Confinement at the Nezamutt Jail, will
equally see the impropriety of that Guard being removed,
Excepting at certain periods the Treasury Guard might be taken.
The Situation of this District is as a Fort & were the
passes & Ghauts properly protected no inroads could be made
into it by these Decoits, but I am fully convinced that it
cannot be Effectuated by Drafts from the Tannadary & Gaurwaul
Establishment, they being as I have before observed, a Rabbile & most probably the first to fly. The Robbers gen-
erally enter the District by the way of the four following Ghauts, Burmares, Ruttunpoor, Gundah Gong & Jumwadd-
poor, Adjacent to the Ojie River dividing this from the
Jungly parts of Pachate & Sannapy in Burdwan.
I therefore beg leave to submit to your Lordship's con-
soleation the benefit that would arise, not only in the
reservation of this district, but also the lives & properties
of its Inhabitants from a Native Military Guard being fixt
at each of these places. If this proposition is approved, I
shall beg leave to propose they should not be less than twelve
in Number each Station, which with the Assistance of picked
Men from the Tannadary & Gaurwaul establishment, will
I think be sufficiently effectual to prevent the Graevances
stated, but this cannot be effected unless 3 Companies of
Native Infantry are stationed here.
The Criminal Court Jails at this station are full, the
Number of Delinquents now in Confinement being 178. Many
of whom I am sorry to say, by the Calendar appear more
deserving of Condiign Punishment than being simply confined,
& wellfed in a Jail their Number are daily increasing and
unless strong Buildings are Erected they must inevitably
another each other.
It is with peculiar satisfaction that I avail myself of this
opportunity of informing your Lordship of the Care & Atten-
uation of the Naib Nazims Derogah which alone has hitherto
prevented such a Calamity.
My Lord
Year Lordship's
The Most obedient and Most humble Servant
(Signed) C. Keating, Magistrate.
Beerbhoom
the, 16th October 1789.
To
Thomas Brooke Esqr.,
Acting Magistrate of Burdwan.
Sir,
I have the pleasure to inform you that Lall Baboo has
been apprehended & brought in here. If therefore you have
any further Proofs of his Delinquency, I have to request that
you will furnish me with them with as little Delay as possible.
I think it likely to be necessary to form that he has
apprehended Ooodoo Mangey of Mullivara, a Man impeached
by Jeetna Deect in his Depositions taken before you, with,
having abetted & assisted in the different Robberies &
Murders committed by him. I will therefore thank you for
Attested Copies of the proceedings, or such proofs as you may have against him that if guilty he may be brought to condign punishment.

I am &c.

(Signed) C. Keating,

Magistrate.

Beerbhoom,

the 2nd November 1789.

To

I. E. Harington Esqr.,

Magistrate of Moorshedabad.

Sir,

On the 17th Ultimo I had the pleasure to enclose you Copy of an Arzee of Tullock Chund Roy Tannadar of Barbuck sing. I take now the Liberty of sending you. Another, to which I request your Attention, I think it also necessary to inform you that one of the Peons sent by you with the Purwannah on the Talookdar of Puckurhass has been here & states that the Thieves to the No. 150 are assembled in the Pergunnahs of Barbuck Sing & Coutoolpoor, and that if Orders are sent to the several Muscoorey Talookdars of these two Pergunnahs they will be able to apprehend them. You will therefore much oblige me by giving the necessary Purwannahs, and in case of their apprehension Order them to be sent over here.

I duly received your Letter of the 24th October enclosing a list of Persons supposed to have been concerned in committing a Robbery in the House of Conny Haldar of Cattubah. Orders have been sent to the Tannadar of Sooropah to apprehend them, when they shall be sent over to you under a Guard.

I am &c.

(Signed) C. Keating,

November 9th 1789.

To

The Right Hon'ble Charles Earl Cornwallis,

K. G. Governor General &c. &c. in the Foujadera Department,

Fort William.

My Lord,

I take the Liberty of submitting for your perusal the following Narrative & doubt not but the measures I have adopted will meet with your Lordship’s Approbation.

On the 1st of Shawaul Mohun Maunick was committed to the Nezamut Jail on a Suspicion of Murder, but as the proofs against him were not sufficient at the Requisition of the Nezamut Derogah of this place, an Order was sent on the 26th August to Mohun Pallet Rannadar of Gummehad in Bishenpoor, to collect such Evidence as he could in the Moiduss & attend at the Cuttberry. The peon that went with the Summons returned & stated that Mohun Pallet had driven him off & paid no attention to the Tullub. On this the peon was sent back with a Perwannah to Hurreyazum the Tannadar of Pakeparah to apprehend and send him to Soorey. On the 4th Octr. Hurreyazum Tannadar delivered in an Arzee, Stating that Mohun Pallet had collected a body of men & driven him off, and had also rescued from him seven Thieves that he had apprehended for robbing the public Treasure of the Kote Mehal in Bishenpoor, In Consequence of this on the 5th October, Ten Peons were sent with order on the Tannadars of Borrow Hazarey, Soomnookey and Joybelliah to seize & send him in. On the 21st October an Arzee was received from the peons stating that Mohun Pallet had Collected a large body of Men at Laikband where he was protected by Doolall Singh Baboo & Gowl Behadur and bid defiance to all Authority, and as I had not then any force to spare that I could send from hence, the enclosed Letter No. I was on the 31st Ultimo written to Mr. Heathgrou. I yesterday received his answer Copy of which No. 2 I also enclose, and have in consequence requested of Capt. I. Boshiah Commanding the Company of the Native Infantry here to furnish me with a Military Force to apprehend & using these People to Justice.

I have the Honor to be with the Greatest Respect,

My Lord

Your Lordship’s

Mont Obscinct

Humble Servant

Beerbhoom

(Signed) C. Keating,

November 24th 1789.

To

The Hon'ble Charles Stuart

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to transmit you the Price Current of Grain &c. in the Districts of Beerbhoom & Bishenpoor from the 15th May to the 1st July 1790 with a Persian Translate.—

I am &c.

Beerbhoom

Signed/ C. Keating

Colr.

15th May to the 1st July 1790.

Price Current of Grain &c. in the Districts of Beerbhoom & Bishenpoor from the 15th May to the 1st July 1790.

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Beerbhoom, the 1st July 1790,
To the Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to transmit Enclosed Copy of a letter & Enclosures Nos. 1, 2 & 3 received from my second assistant on Inspection under date the 30th Ult. and beg leave to add to your instructions.

Permit me Gentlemen to observe, if the stress laid on the Terms of the Jumma-bundi not being known, is allowed to the Pykastu Ryott—The Kood Kast Ryott's have every part claim to the same indulgence, at being impossible that the Terms or Rates of the Jumma-bundi could be made known until confirmed by your Board—

I am &c
Signed C. Koutig

To

The Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to receive Your Letter under date the 30th ultimo advising me of its being intended to establish Kooas at the stations of the several Officers of Government to be put under Charge of the Post Master General, instead of the present Establishment of Cossars, Directing me to Report what Dawks are already established in these Districts, to what places thereto few. Dawks are necessary, the distances, and what People are now.

In answer I beg leave to inform you Gentlemen there are no Dawks established in the Districts under my Charge—as the time of a Cross Dawk being allowed for this station, it was kept so, Soorey or Hyderabad in Beerbhoom, and from Indos to Behainkpur to Burdwan, from which place the Dispatches were forwarded to the Collector of that District—The Distance from Soorey or Hyderabad to Burdwan is about fifty miles, and from Indos to Burdwan is about fifteen miles—

The Dawks to the Westward pass through Behainkpur by the New Road—

I am &c
Signed C. Koutig

To

The Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have been honored by the receipt of your letter under date the 14th Ultimo, transmitting me Copies of a letter & Enclosure from Mr. Frushard to your Board, relative to his Lands at Gonaota, directing me to report thereon, & to furnish the Information required of me in your letter of the 22d February last.

Copy of the Statement of Mr. Frushard's land as delivered by him, I had the pleasure to forward to your Board under Date the 10th Ultimo.

Mr. Frushard having remarked that this statement was in conformity with the Measurements of his Lands, as taken by the Aumeen deputed by the Late Committee of Revenue, on this Duty, I was induced to search the Records for such Document, & having found a Copy of it under the signature of the Aumeen, particularly stating the Quality & Quantity of each description or parcel of Ground, agreeable to the then state of it in the Bengal Year 1192 & 1193. I have taken it up as the ground work for my report on the matter now in Question.

Mr. Frushard's Lands are situated partly in Purgunah Surroop Sing, & Tallook Ichapaker the Nemck or established Jumma-bundi rates of which, differing somewhat from each other—I have drawn out, & have the honor to Enclose, a separate Statement, or Jumma-bundi for each portion of Land agreeable to the Measurement at the Pykastu rates of the Jumma-bundi of the District having considered Mr. Frushard as a Pykastu Ryott, agreeable to the Board's resolution of the 3d February 1789.

The Aumeen's Account—the original of which is said to be deposited in the Khalsa—differs from the Account delivered by Mr. Frushard in the following points

Mr. Frushard states the quantity of good ground by which I presume is meant Land either Cultivated or fit for Cultivation /to be Begahs 1973 4. The Aumeen Measurement states the Land in then in Cultivation to be Begahs 1389 9 4 & Putteet or Waste Land fit for Cultivating Begahs 1199 10 6 making Begahs 2688 9 10 The Quantity of Cultivated Land by Mr. Frushard's Account is Begahs 1973 2 6 & by that of the Aumeen including Roads Water Courses &c is only, Begahs 653 10 making a difference of Begahs 444 added to which, it appears by the Jumma Wazul Bankey of 1194, that an Except of Begahs 160 13 3 of Basse Zemem was included in Mr. Frushard's Grant which was that Year resumed, & one Hundred Ruppes brought to account the Revenues of the District.

The Jumma-bundi, as a Pykastu Ryott, of the Land, stated to be in Cultivation by the Aumeen's Account, is Sa Rs 2588-12-12 to which if added the Amount of the required Excess of Basse Zemem, being agreeable to the Jumma-bundi Rs 210 11 14, the just Demand of the Zamindar agreeable to the Jumma-bundi will be Rs 2748-12-6 exceeding the Demand made for the past Year in the sum of Rs 250-12.

The Zemendar pleads, that the 499 Begahs of land stated by the Aumeen as Putteet, or Waste have been brought into Cultivation, be therefore Demands the revenues of it, as in the Event of Mr. Frushard's not having returned it he should have received the benefits arising from it as a Khool-kast instead of a Pykastu Ryott Mr. Frushard acknowledges his Statement for the Bengal Years 1193-1194, 1195 & 1196 to have brought 444 additional Begahs of Land into Cultivation the difference therefore in the two Accounts, is only 55 Begahs—I meant however observe that the annual Report of the Collector, as stated by Mr. Frushard, for the 444 Begahs, in the B.Y 1196 Exceeds the Amount of the Jumma-bundi the 490 Begahs by the sum of Rs 25-3-12 Allowing therefore, that the 15 Begahs stated is still Waste no Loss occurs to Mr. Frushard.

It however appears that part of Mr. Frushard's Land were in the B.Y 1194 destroyed by sand, from an Inundation, the particulars of which having been ascertained by an Aumeen deputed for that purpose a deduction of Begahs 288-12 was in the B.Y 1195 allowed Mr. Frushard & whether any part of these 288 Begahs has since been recovered & brought into Cultivation is best known to him—On the supposition that no part of it has—I have drawn out & also transmit the Jumma-bundi of the 288 Begahs in the same manner & form as for the Cultivated Lands the Revenues of which as a Pykastu Ryott Amount to Sa Rs 556-1-9 which deducted from the amount Revenue of the Cultivated Land, Ex the sum of Sa. Rs. 2883-5-12 as the Annual sum partly due from Mr. Frushard for his Lands as a Pykastu Ryott—In addition to which Mr. Frushard agreeable to the established Custum of the District, has experience a further Indulgence by the Deduction of 288 Begahs the Native Ryott suffering by Nuddy Shekust, loss of his Land being washed away, or/Bally Choppah/destroyed by sand &c cumulatioln by Inundation, It in the event of Land of equal Quality heavy waste, in the Vicinity of the Village where the Ryott may reside obliged to Cultivate as much Land as he may have lost—should no such Land be laymg Waste, the Deduction of 288 Begahs allowed a Deduction from his rent, in full for the Land so destroyed.

When I advert to these circumstances as also that a Native holding such indefinite Lands would be considered
as a Khoodkaust Ryott & pay the sum of Rs. 4120-6-14 &
that Mr. Frushard this the Indulgence of Government, is
considered as a Pykaust Ryott, & the Zemindar in obedience
therto on demanding for the same Lands the annual sum of
Rs. 2880—must confess myself at a loss to ascertain from
when arises the Grievance complained of.

I am with the Greatest Respect
Gentlemen,
Your Most obedient
Humble Servant
the 13th July 1790.

To
The Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William
Gentlemen,
I have been honored by the Receipt of your letter under
date the 7th Instant directing me, to call on the Zemindarry
Dewan of Beerbhoorn for his proofs of the fact affirmed by
him, that in the month of Chyte 1194. the Ryotts were
Dewan of Beerbhoorn for his proofs of the fact affirmed by
informed by the former's that for the ensuing Year
would engage to make Good their Rents they might—go on
further to call on him to shew in what form this notification
was given, and whether the Ryotts declared their acquiscence.

On Receipt of the above Order, I called upon the Zemin-
darry Dewan of Beerbhoorn to his proofs of the facts affirmed by
him, that in the month of Chyte 1194. the Ryotts were
informed by the former’s that for the ensuing Year 1195
was forming and that if agreeable to it they
would engage to make Good their Rents they might—go on
with their Cultivation, or otherwise quit their lands—and
further to call on him to shew in what form this notification
was given, and whether the Ryotts declared their acquiescence.

I am &c
(Signed) C. Keating
Collr.

To
The Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William
Gentlemen,
I did myself the Honor of addressing You under date the
9th ultimo—& trust that this further address on the sub-
ject of Bishenpoor will not be deemed an intrusion—most of
whom, I am sorry to say had
requiring the Order with an Intent at the same time to prevent any
alterations You may hereafter deem it expedient to make—
The Excess of the Amount proceeds of the Collections, after
discharging the Kists in demand I am of opinion ought to
be held in Deposit until your final Adjustment of the settle-
ment shall take place.

In the Event of this plan meeting with your approbation or
otherwise—I humbly entreat Gentlemen to be favoured
with your speedy Orders for my Guidance. As I purpose
quitting this place for Bishenpoor in the 9th Instant.

I am &c
Fort William
the 3rd August 1790.

To
The Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William
Gentlemen,
I am honored by the receipt of Your letter under date the
28th ultimo, informing Me of Your being of opinion that the
settlement of Rs. 2,800, is a Moderate Rent for the Lands
held by Mr. Frushard—Directing Me to ascertain from the
Zemindarry Manager whether he is willing to accept the
Amount of Rs. 2,900 as the fixed Rate of those Lands during the remainder of the proposed Lease to
Mr. Frushard.

In Obedience to the above Orders, I immediately, by Per-
waranah informed the Zemindarry’s Dewan, as Manager and
have the honor to transmit Enclosed Copy & translate of
his answer thereon.

I am &c
Fort William
the 4th August 1790.

To
The Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William
Gentlemen,
I was only honored by the receipt of your Secretaries Letter Under Date the 6th ultimo, transmitting Extract
Copy of a Letter received from the Right Hon'ble Governor
General in Council Under Date the 29th July last—The second
Paragraph of which is as follows.

We direct that it be adopted as a standing Rule that
the Landholders shall adjust the Instalments of the Rent
receivable by them from the Ryotts, according to the
time of reaping and selling the produce & that the
Collectors enforce obedience to this regulation.―

The Views of Government in the Order are humanitarian
in the interest & Relief of the lower Class of People,
& consequently to the general Welfare of the State-Foiling
this principle, I have endeavoured accurately to ascertain the
Period of reaping, & selling the Produce of Cultivation, &
to adjust the Assessments, agreeable to the liberal Spirit of
the Order with an Intent at the same time to prevent any
alterations between the Farmer & the Ryott, & the Delays
not to my Lomishes that would necessarily be the Result of
such Alteration. The following Instalments I submit to yr.
Consideration as best Calculated for this purpose.
Should this plan meet your approval I shall proceed to carry it into execution immediately

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This Instalment I have Calculated for the Mafussil but I further beg leave to propose that the Seeder Instalment may vary half or Quarter of an Anna from the Mafussill Kistbundy, as it were I trust be the means of preventing Balances appearing at the same time give the Proprietors an opportunity of

To The Hon'ble Charles Stuart President & Members of the Board of Revenue Fort William

Gentlemen, I was duly honored by the receipt of your Order dated the 23rd ultimo Enclosing Copy of a Vitation delivered to your Board by Rajah Chyton authonzing a suspension of the Amount of his Claims on Dumpyar Curru to be from the Balance due from him Account 1195—Until your Board shall have been determined thereon & further to Relieve him from confinement on his engagement within a reasonable time, to period agreed upon—Requiring the same granted to Gomtakahs for Reestablishment of the Kailastah Mehah with the two Receipts for sums Collected as stated by Mr Hesllnge, to be transmitted, together with such enquires into the transaction as may appear necessary to enable you Gentlemen to determine the punishment to be inflicted on the offenders against so recent a Regulation of Government.

Further that you cannot accept Rajah Damoodah Sing's proposal for Resting the whole of the Zemindary of Bishenpoor but directing that he be settled with for his own share of the Beerbhoom

equall in Value to their respective Annual Incomes and possess the same henceforward separately directing me to obtain their answers in writing and transmit the same with any opinion thereon, at the same time to suggest such Measures as may appear advisable to prevent the existing bad Effects attending the double management

Approving the Accounts Current of Rajah Chyton Sing & Rajah Damoodah Sing directing that such part of the Balance of Rs 631-6-4 one Quarter of the form be from may remain unpaid be arrived to his Credit toward the discharge of the 13th balance for 1195

That having fully considered the Documents and Opinions transmitted relative to the District of Bishenpoor, you cannot but be of opinion, that the Jumma of Four Lacs proposed by Mr Hesllnge exclusive of sayer, is an equitable one to be assessed on that District for a Permanent Period, authorizing me to offer the settlement to Rajah Chyton Sing at the Jumma of Rs 4,00,000 per annum exclusive of sayer, the Tithe of Rajah Damoodah Sing's Share of the Beerbhoom entitled to be separated under the Orders of the Right Hon'ble Governor General in Council—that from Mr. Hesllnge's explanation of the Collections made under the Bazaar, the same having been so arranged as to separate the different Chambers of the Receipt of Rents be discontinued, and that the Mehalls now paying their Revenue thro' that Medium should be transferred to the Rent Rolls of the Purgannahs or Turruffs from which they were originally separated and requiring me to enjoin the Zemindars compliance

And should the Bazaar Zurneen from which Collections are now made by the Zemindar under the Head of Soordsarum Mehah be at all liable to assessment they of course must be resumed and assessed for the benefit of Government—and directing me to prohibit the Zemindar from making any further Collections from the lands into the Heads of Deduction in Mr. Hesllnge's abstract account Jumma Waisdul Bankey, composed of suspensions & claims to remissions & result deserving to be informed whether any part of the balance of Rs 1195 deemed pro curable by Mr Hesllnge has been realized

The above instructions I received at Bishenpoor and immediately issued Orders for the return of Rajah Chyton Sing On selling & being made acquainted with the of your Orders relative to the for the 3rd V 1195 He made many objections relative to the profits of Beebairt Lands not being allowed him, & the Debts he had incurred for the of his numerous family during the past year, but on my giving him to understand that these matters made no part of your Orders—he requiism (requesting to be) allowed the period of one month for the discharge of it, this I complied with his having written a written Engagement to that Effect in which it is on failure of payment Beebairt Lands are to be sold to make

No part of the stated Balance of Rajah Chyton Account Current having been paid, he has delivered a Receipt for the conduct, for which he has received Credit in part of his balance for 1195

These points obtained, the terms for the Ten years settlement at the Jumma of Rs 4,00,000 per annum exclusive sayer, with the exception of Rajah Damoodah Sing's Share of the Talooks & Mahurrath authorized to be separated was fully explained offered to Rajah Chyton Sing, and agreeable to his request, twice allowed consideration of he has accepted of the terms, and having delivered the writing under his hand, and seal was accordingly put in possession of the District

Purwanahs have been stated to Rajah Chyton Sing and Rajah Damoodah Sing strictly instructing them immediately to the all Mehalls the Revenues of which are now collected under the head of Bazaar to the Purgannahs & Turruffs from which they were originally separated on no pretext whatever to continue the present mode of making such Collections

The Zemindar has also by Purwanahs been prohibited from making any further Collections from the lands comprised under the head of Soorsarum Mehah

With respect to the given to Gomastha also the two Receipt stated by Mr Hesllnge to have been granted for the reestablishment of the Hulistan Mehah they are not be found in the Records, nor have I been enabled to ascertain from the Officers present to what Gomastha the same was granted, or by whom the Receipts was given—Nene Sing who formerly enjoyed the Mehah has denied any Knowledge of it—all the Officers however sure to be acquainted that there were such Papers, which Mr Hesllnge got possession of and on a reference to Mr Hesllnge's Letter and the Two Receipts stated by Mr Hesllnge's explanatIon of the CollectIOns made under the Head of Bazee to the Purgannahs &c
Rajah Damodah Sing had engaged under his seal & signature in the event of his being bat in full possession of his share of these lands agreeable to the Decree of Government, to pay a Net annual Revenue of Rs. 25,000 exclusive of sayer—which turns on the presumption that the Decree stands confirmed, I have contested to with a proviso that the same is approved of by Government.

Enclosed I beg leave to transmit Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8. being translate abstracts of my proceedings on the balances of the past year. In each of which I have commenced my enquiries on balances as stated in the Jumma Wasull Baxley Account for ... The Balance of the Mehals held kus under Sinzheels are not calculated, the Jumma at which the Mehals stood but on the Actual Receipt for which alone the Officers employed can be deemed answer... I have therefore stated the Amount of the Actual Receipts by the ... from each Mehali Agreeable to the Mutassil Accounts delivered by the ... & Gomastahs, and have given credit for charges serinjamy & all sums into Revenue, not Receipts by the ... from each Mehall Agreeable to the Mehalls exhibiting the claims made for deductions. The general Assertion now held kuss under Sizaweels are not calculated, the Treasury to the present time. The particulars of claims for Account sums invoiced & remitted as Revenue, not been brought to Account fully explained, and ultimately rest on the Board's final decisions Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, & 24, are similar abstracts of Farmed Mehals exhibiting the claims made for deductions. I may however observe that in the farmers cuboaleats there is a clause ... that independent of the Jumma stated, "they engaged to collect ..." good all Resumptions that may be ordered provided they are ... The general Assertion now is that they neither could or did ... Collections on this Account and that at the period of the ... Resumption of the Resume Banners Land and Tyrants ... put upon them, they objected to it, declaring their inability ... The Resumptions were made subsequent to the engagement ... forms being executed by the farmers and no separate ... been entered into by them on the Account how far the Farmers ... on this Account your deliberations gentlemen must finally determine.

The balances of the Kurravy or ... Mehals are caused by an access put on them some years since ... am Sirac when Sainwall, and also never realized have been brought ... on in Account and appear an assett of the Jumma the demand is ... unjist I have however taken security for the Amount until your pleasure ... known.

With respect to the suspensions or Balance appearing due from the Mehals under the Bazes Zummee Duffer—the Atcoun particular & Remarks transmitted by Mr. Hesilrige correspond with the Zemindary Records—but I presume that Mr. Hesilrige preferred stating them as the Jumma of Account, in preference to the Wussooly Jumma, in order that by making the demand, he might be enabled to ascertain their real amount on the Records it appears, that in different Years, salamys and increases have been put on these Mehals by Different Persons; and whether realized or not have been added to the Jumma & brought on in Account further that some of them are also still included in the Jumma & appear to constitute a part of the assets of the village or Turrull from which they were separated. Again Putteet or waste Land Debutter & Bimmerl grants are also included which Cause the stated difference between the Jumma of Account and Wussooly Jumma, the latter of cause ought more properly to have been inserted in the Account settlement, as the Jumma of these Mehals—The sums realized have been brought to Account, and I fear little of the remaining balance is recoverable.—

The suspension of the Balance on the village Shurmishier was authorized, and has since been adjusted by your Board.

The suspension of the Balance on the village Monnpour, was authorized by your Board under date the 13th April last being a Bashee imposed by Gunniham Sirac.—

The suspension of the Balance on the Mocurrury village Bistnabatty, appears to be account the Bashee imposed on the Mokurury Amin Shew Koonkar. The Balances appearing against Mulliarah and Shawjoorah are investigating, & shall be reported on as early as possible. With respect to the Balances stated in the Jumma Wasull Baxley. Under the head of resumed Bearers Lands, & Tyrant Tyrannary, nothing can be done until ... Gentlemen shall have determined on the farmers objections.—

Of the Balances of the past year Rs. 3,530-2-14. have been realized to the present time.—

I am with the greatest Respect Gentlemen, Your most obedient Humble Servant
Beerbloom /signed/ C. Keating the 28th September 1790.

Price Current of Grain &c. in the Districts of Beerbloom and Bishenpoor from the 1st July to the 1st of October 1790.

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To the Hon"ble Charles Stuart President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue Fort William Gentleman.

I was duly honored by the Receipt of your orders under dates the 2nd June and 20th July last, directing that in Consequence of the Right Hon"ble Governor General in Council's determination of disposing of all Lands the immediate property of the Honble Company, to Issue a Proclamation describing all such in these Districts & Notifying that if no claims are preferred within one Month after the date of the advertisement, that they will be disposed of at the Khalish by Public Sale this limited time afterwards extended to the period of three Months.

Independent of the Ground taken up by the Honble Company's House at Indos in Bishenpoor and the Commercial factories in Beerbloom & Bishenpoor, I know of no Lands coming within the description laid down, nor has any claims been presented on this account—it appears that the land on which the Honble Company's House stand, was Putteet or Waste for many year prior to Mr. Dawson's obtaining a Grant for it from the Zemindary ... (torn) 42 Bighas bounds 3 sides of it, the remaining 25 Bighas are on the outside of the Ditch, but not defined waste, & pays no Revenue.—
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at that time to produce their Title Deeds or to offer any and entitle them to Pay their Revenues only to the Collectors, it was reasonable to suppose that the Gautwahls dated by the sale of part of his Jaghire, and no mistake Beerbhoom. The History is enveloped in much Obliquity, and I am by no means satisfied with the Result of My labor. But as far as I have been able to learn, it appears that Sar­haut has a Division of Fergunahh Seare formerly appertain­

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ity of the Zemindar—a compliance to which I have thought it advisable to defer until favored with the sentiments and Orders of Your Board.—

After premising thus much, it may be proposed to consider it in the Light of Expediency and whether it would not be for the Interest of the Gautwahls, the Ryottts, and of Govern­

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tor, unless the Zemindar tho' whom they now pay their Rents for the Project, to such a separation upon the Grounds of their Tenure not being of the Nature & ‘those which are declared to constitute them actual Proprietors of the soil’—" But the Notification of this order produced no Claimants except the two above alluded to, who set up an Hereditary Right. Conceiving nevertheless that the Intentions of Gov­

ernment are to have such Talooks separated as come under the above Description, & knowing that all the existing Gautwahls have succeeded for many Years past by lines Decent I endeavoured to procure an Account how they came into Possession, how long their Families held it, & by what means the Revenues came to be paid tho' the Zemindar of Beerbhoom. The History is enveloped in much Obliquity, and I am by no means satisfied with the Result of My labor. But as far as I have been able to learn, it appears that Sar­haut has a Division of Fergunahh Seare formerly appertain­

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the Zemindars servants when deputed to make the Collectors. This Cause would not affect the Jaggir Lands if they could be justly distinguished, but being subject to Dispute they may be still oppressed Yet in a much less Degree than the Maaligur. When this Distinction was Originally drawn I have pointed out. The only Remedy that offers for this Evil is to consolidate the Lands as you have already recommended and with this addition that they pay their Rents only to the Collector. It may be asked why they did not accept this when recommended the answer is obvious it still left them under the Zemindars authority and took from them the subterfuge the Distinction gave them; an Allowance may be made the Zemindar from his Jumma and it would prove hardly a Loss but would in fact remove Vexation & Trouble which disputed and the Distance and the Jungle would afford an Easy & safe Refuge. There is a President as Major Brown held Sarhaut & Doogura as Part of the Jungleterry District.—

I have Remarked that two have Claimed a separation. Nevertheless in addition to my doubt of their coming under the description of Persons to be separated. Permit me to state it as my opinion that a partial exemption will improve these Talooks at the Expense of the Rest, and the Decline of the Letter will be in proportion to the progressive Improvement of the Former. This among many Reasons may be alleged as a Cause for separation.—

Permit me Gentlemen again to repeat that the comparative statement of the Jumma now submitted is formed from matter which is by no means to be depended upon, excepting the Jumma stated for the B.Y. 1191. which is taken from the original Durskasts Dowls & Cuboodnts intituled from that Year—those Papers recapitulate the Jumma of the B.Y. 1187 to be as stated.—

Should You Gentlemen be pleased to take this matter into consideration and approve the suggestion. I must extract, to be favor'd with Your Orders as to the Jumma which You adopt for my ground work and guidance in the Commencement of this business, and further Your sanction for My deputing a Sezawull to superintend the Collections, until this Year—those Papers recapitulate the Jumma of the B.Y. 1187 to be as stated.—

To the Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,
I was duly honored by the receipt of your Orders under date the 8th of September last, may be applicable to Deogur; and now I go up somewhat earlier than originally intended, in Order to make such unequivocal settlements in the several Gautwaully Tallooks as may meet your Approbation,

Nothing appears to have been paid amount Serinjamy to whom they appear due, and await your decision on what further part you may deem to be demandable from the

To J. H. Harington Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenues.

Fort William

Sir,
I am favored by the receipt of your letter under date the 29th Ultimo, requiring me to explain the reason for Omitting to state the Cause of the detention of Rs. 68,350.8.11. being the Balance in my Treasury for the Month of November last.

In answer permit me to request of you to submit the following explanation to the Gentlemen of the Board, which I trust will prove satisfactory.

On Closing my Treasury Account for Nov. last, the Balance of Cash was Rs. 67,350.8.11. of which sum Rs. 67,350 were dispatched to the General Treasury on the 3rd. Ultimo, which was two days prior to the transmission of my Accounts for that Month, the Money being dispatched, and the Accountant informed of the same. No Remark was made on the Balance stated in my Treasury Account for November.

From the Letter now before me, it appears a Remark is required as requisite to be inserted in my Treasury Account, whether the Balance of Cash has been dispatched or not, of course I have the Notification to know, that I have un-wittingly committed another error, by not making the Remark required, in my accounts, for the Past Month, where the Balance of my Treasury appears Rs. 1,28,885.8.2. which Balance from the Circumstance of my having by statement advised the Accomptant! Agreeable to Order! on the 11th Ultimo of my expecting on this date to Remit to the General Treasury the sum of Rs. 1,50,000 and no Orders having been received requiring an earlier dispatch the Balance was retained for the purpose of completing the sum specified, an expense has therefore been saved, & in...of the sum expected to be remitted. I have the pleasure to inform the Gentlemen of the Board that Rs. 1,2,4,000.—has been this day Dispatched like General Treasury under a..."
To
The Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I am honored by the Receipt of Your letter under date the 14th Instant requiring previous to Your determining on my proposition under date the 11th Instant relative to the lands of the Gaugwals to be informed with whom they have entered into Engagements for the Current Year, and in what manner the Revenue of these Lands are Collected.

On Reference to the Zemindars Officers & Records, I find that Engagements have been Entered into by the Majority of the Gaugwals with the Zemindar for the Revenues of their Manugars lands for the Current year, other informed & some held Khassa under Charge of a Seawul stationed there for the purpose of Receiving & Remitting the Boards Explanations of.

I am &c
/signed/ C Keating
Colv

Beerbhoom
the 18th Jany. 1791.

To
The Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have been honored by the receipt of your letter under date the 5th Inst enclosing Copy of Mr Hesling's letter and account transmitted to your Board in Explanation of the Deficiency of Rs 240-15- in the Bishenpoor Treasury, communicated by me in my letter of the 11th September last, "directing me to transmit" the Account required by Mr Hesling, and furnish you with such remarks in "explanation as may appear necessary".

No regular Accounts having been received from Bishenpoor for June last, in time to be included in my Treasury account for that month, the Accounts of Bishenpoor for June & July were included in my Treasury Account for July, from which cause I mentioned, the balance as appearing by the Bishenpoor Accounts for July, but on a reference to my Treasury account for the Month of July to the accomplisht's Report & the Boards Order for explanation, it will be found that this balance is stated to be in the Month of June last, and not July.

Mr Hesling indirectly charges me with embelishment of his salary for June, that which was paid to Mr George Arbuthnot on his tendering Mr Hesling's Bill Credit was given for the Amount in my Treasury Account, & the Bill transmitted as a Voucher, from which period no demand has been made on this Account, however Permit me Gentlemen to solict that Mr George Arbuthnot may be publically called upon for an explanation of the Recent & Repayment of Mr Hesling's salary for the Month of June last from & to this Treasury, which I trust will prove fully satisfactory to your Board.

Mr Hesling states the exact time of his quitting Bishenpoor & return to this place, & compares the dates with those of the Accounts he delivers to prove that he could have no concern in or be answerable for the expenditure, but he takes no kind of notice of his return to that place, prior to his going to the Presidency, to explain which it becomes necessary for me to inform you, that about a day or two after Mr Hesling arrived at Beerbhoon, he sent me a Letter to perpetuate the accounts he had received from Mr Larkins, it was relative to the Forgeries of Rampsawd Shaw & others who were supposed to be in about Bishenpoor, the Tenor of this Letter being of moment & Mr Hesling informing me that if I could immediately furnish him with Bearers he believed he should be able to seize Rampsawd Shaw, the Bearers were furnished, & Mr Hesling proceeded to Bishenpoor, from (turn)

To
J H Harington Esq
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Sir,

I shall be obliged to report for Deogor by the 20th Instant at farthest, & am consequently in anxious Expectation of the final Orders of the Board Respecting the Gaugwally Taluoks. In their Letter of the 14th ultimo they direct me "to inform them previous to determining on the proposition contained in my case of the 11th ultimo with whom the Gaugwals have entered into Engagements for the Current Year, & in what manner the Revenue of these Lands was Collected". The Information I gave under date the 18th ultimo, but as yet have not been honored with their Determination. The time of my Departing being so near at hand, permit me for you to be honored by the Command of the Board Relative to this subject, as early as possible.

I am &c
/signed/ C Keating
Colv

Beerbhoom
the 10th Febry 1791.

To
The Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I am sorry to inform you that in consequence of the very heavy balance due from the District of Bishenpoor amounting to Rs 27273-8-6 and the avowed Determination of the Zemindar not to pay more than the sum of Rs 20,000 this Month (of which also not one anna has yet been received), I have been under the necessity of enforcing the Orders of Government laid down in the 23rd & 24th Articles of the Revenues Regulations & have accordingly this Day issued a Distrect in the name of the Zemindar Rajah Chyton Sng requiring payment of the whole amount of his Balance within 4 Days from the receipt thereof with Directions in case of failure that he be taken unto Custody & brought up the place to await such further Orders as your Hon'ble Board may deem it expedient to issue in which case I humbly request I may be favored with, without delay as possible.

I am &c
/signed/ C Oldfield

Act of Colv

Beerbhoom
the 25th February 1791

To
The Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have been duly honored with your Letter of the 7th Inst approving of the steps I have taken, with regard to the Zemindar of Bishenpoor, but desiring to know whether I have also complied with the Orders contained in the 24th Article of the Regulations, by investing the Dewan or principal servant of the Zemindar with the management of the Collections, or by the appointment of an accurate for that purpose.

In reply I beg leave to inform you that a Perusannah was issued to that purport was Issued to the Zemindar's Dewan Ramchand Roy at the same time with the Distrect for attaching the person of the Zemindar, which however I am extremely sorry to inform you I have since been again obliged to inform he not only having neglected to pay up the quota of his Balance required in the 23rd Article of the Regulations, but having also fallen short 9,000 Rs in the payment of the amount I informed you in my last he has in a manner engaged for, this sum however I expect shortly to realize as I understand it is to accompany the Zemindar whose arrival I expect daily-

With regard to the remaining Balance of Rs 62,000 I confess I do not see much likelihood of its being realized,
except by the appointment of an Aumeen, which however in a step I do not deem myself authorized to take without your order—

I am &c
[signed] C Oldfield
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To
William Cowper Esq.,
President &c Members of the Board Revenue,
Fort William

Gentlemen,
I have the honor of forwarding you a Price Current of Grain in the Districts of Beerbhoom & Bishenpoor from 1st to 31st August 1792

I am &c
[signed] C Keating
Clerk

Price Current of Grain in the Districts of Beerbhoom and Bishenpoor from 1st to 31st August 1792

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N.B Weight 72 Sicas to the Seer

Bishenpoor,
the 1st. September 1792.

To
William Cowper Esq.,
President &c Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,
I am honored by the receipt of your Orders under date the 23rd or July last, requiring my Report of the extent of Pottahs that may have been delivered to the Ryotts of these Districts in conformity to the General Regulations, and in the event of Objections having been stated by the Landholders and Renters to state them at large. With my without investigation or measurement grant these Pottahs without incurring a Loss in their Revenues that they had attempted to Depute their officers to accomplish this purpose but were opposed by the Ryotts

2nd During my late Circuit, the important point became one of the principal subjects of my enquiries, particularly in Bishenpoor, at which juncture not a single Pottah had been issued or applied for After hearing all the Arguments on both sides for and against the Question, as I passed thro’ the District, I found it to amount on the part of the Ryotts to no more than its not being the /sheribah/ custom, and that the lands were overrated. On the other hand, the Landholders’ objections were, that there was no just Record or statement of the Quantity & Quality of the land possessed by the Ryotts, of course they could not without investigation or measurement grant these Pottahs without incurring a Loss in their Revenues that they had attempted to Depute their officers to accomplish this purpose but were opposed by the Ryotts

3rd The adjusting this Point with and explaining to the inferior Ryotts, the consequent relief and good resulting to them by these Pottahs, became the first object of my attention, and I had the satisfaction to find my endeavours were not thrown away, more particularly as I clearly defined to them, that in addition to farmer abudnaus, there was by the Nerrick bundy now established a further saving to them of Awaubs in the different Pergunnahs, of from five to eight Gundaus of Coursa in the Rupee and further, that by this new system of Tallook they became individually independent, and were no longer liable to the Chebery & fraudulent practices of the Mundus, Kukunoydams and Cowros from them more than the sum stated in their Pottah

4th The landholders and Farmers Objections resting on the erroneous statements of the Quality & Quantity of the lands, I in order to adjust this Point to the satisfaction of all parties, directed, that the Ryotts should respectively deliver in a Dhurrié day account particulars of their lands, agreeable to which, Pottahs of the approved form with an obligation annexed should be drawn out & delivered them the obligation to state, that on its being proved before the Mehall Adawat, that the Ryott holding such Pottah, had not taken it out agreeable to the Quality & Quantity of the Land Bona fide in his possession, but by a false return had attempted to evade the payment of this just Revenue he thereby binds himself to make good & pay for that year in which it should be proved to the landholders or Farmer double the amount thus evaded, to strengthen thus, no objections having been stated by either party I issued a Proclamation to the following effect—that in order to enforce the Regulations of Government as to the issuing of the Pottahs, I had issued an Estrict to the Landholders, Farmers & Ryotts It is ordered, that all Ryotts shall deliver within the space of one month from the date hereof to the Landholders or Persons authorized by them to grant Pottahs agreeable to the confirmed & attested form a /Dhurrié/ statement on the writing of the Quantity & Quality of the lands in their respective possessions agreeable to which Pottahs will be Granted them that in the event of any Ryott omitting by the expiration of the limited (time), to deliver in the stated manner, the hereby conceded, on the Landholders Reporting their Names, such Ryotts would be called upon to answer for their neglect and further, in the event of the landholders refusing to Grant Pottahs on requisition agreeable to the new Form the Ryott so Refused on repudiating and proving the same before the Court will be amply redressed by a reimbursement of their expenses and on enforcement of the Regulations, Further, that in the event of the real Quantity of any Ryott’s land being unknown to him, such Ryott with a Person on the part of the Landholders shall repair to the spot, and having called in two or three principal Ryotts from the adjacent villages shall jointly with them finally adjust & settle the matter, and a Pottah granted accordingly to the Ryott

5th Prior to the issuing of the foregoing Proclamation, I caused it to be read in Full Cutcherry, and on its being transmitted to the public, it was published in the daily newspaper and distributed copies throughout the Pergunnahs, with attested Copies of the /Nerrick bundy/ Rates

6th From Bishenpoor, I came into & Commenced the Circuit of Beerbhoom, & found, that the Circulation of the new Pottahs had not taken place to the great extent, my enquiries into the Cause brought on a renewal of the Ryotts’ representations, who as usual, went over the Old Ground of the unjustness of the Jummabundy, the false return of the quality & quantity of their lands in the Measurement, & the Revenues paid by them in former times being now more than doubled by the Jummbunday, that unless the Zemindar gave them remissions in the Rates they could not take out the new Pottahs ordered Added to these objections on the part of the Ryotts it clearly appeared to me, that the Farmers & their under renters were averse to the new System, and of course had rather to the new System than the Nerrick bundy, so far as was apparent the measure foreseeing /I presume/ that by such Pottahs the Zemindar ascertain to an exactness his real assets

7th Feeling myself perfectly Easy and satisfied on the point started, I personally adjusted & settled the accounts & Jummas of four Ryotts in each Pergunnah as a Precedent for the Remainder & strictly enjoined the immediate distribution of the Pottahs agreeable to the approved Form, annexing thereto, the same obligation as in Bishen poor and in order to strengthen these my former Orders On the commencement of the Current year I issued a further Proclamation that no Complaints account the Revenues of
ascertamed It & accounts he IS unable to ascertam Quality of the lands ill each other
officers mto the Mofussell for the purpose of preparllng of hIS Bulmooktah Pottahs Issued illforms me, that as yet
Tallook Mullearah Jaysmg Eaudefjee Tallookdar 350
Tallook ShawJoorah-Namle Neralll
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the records of my Office
of these lands, and as thelf Ryotts from ItS hitherto not havmg been the
III
which were never measured, have been from length of years
are as follows -
be Repaid and the offenders pUllshed .1greeable to the
Bulmooktah Pottahs had been refused to appear
would be heard or attended to Requmng all Ryotts to whom

10th The Zemmdar of Pergunnahs Barrohazaree &ca m
Part of the Joint Zemmdar
10,456
Tallook Bhaiwah-Nume Neran & Tallookdars
90
Tallook Mullaneah Jayang Eauderhe Tallookdar
350
9th The Tallookdars of Paumah & Pudda as Beebhoom have
not issued any Bulmooktah Pouttahs, & the reason
given by them is, that the Nerric or Rates of their lands
which were never measured, have been from length of years
established at one fixt Rate, without variation, that agree-
able to these Rates the Ryott has ever paid his Lands
that they experience no trouble or alteration in this account
and as their Ryotts from its hiberto not having been the
Custom are averse to taking out Pottahs it has not been
done yet should it be imposed they are Ready to use their
urcation to help them. What then is the
Tallook I must observe, that the Ryotts hold them lands
rather as Moquerreddars than otherwise, & they pay a
Lot bandy or qunt Rent for their lands which have been
cleared up and brought into Cultivation by the present
Possessors and their ancestors, that they are happy & not
oppressed is evident by the records of my Office in which
for the space of time in which I have hold of them will
scarcely be found a complaint Filed account the Revenue-
of these Tallooks the Nerric /or fixt Rates/ of the lands of
these Tallooks have been approved, and Copes distributed,
the necessity of Encouring the Pottahs the Ryott on the
foregoing observatons, rests on the DecisIOn of the Board,
so far as my judgment suggests considermg the Revenues
paid by the Ryottas by a Loibunty or qunt Rent, I do not see
the necessity of
9th The Zemmdar of Beebhoom in his answer to my
Purwannah accompanying his Return of Pottahs, states,
that he as convnscns of the advantages resulting to him
from the assummg of these Pottahs, & hopes by his exertions
shortly to accomplish the complete delivery of them, that
latterho he has met with many impediments from the
Character of the Farmers & Under Recessors who hold that on the accomplishment of it, their profits will be fully
ascertamed and ultimately that their will be little or no
occasion for their interference or services added to this
that such time has elapsed in adjustmg the lands of those Ryotts who have in the Course of the two or three last
years made amicable exchangses of pars of their Lands with
each other
10th The Zemmdar of Purgannahs Barrozaharza &ca in
Beeboor In his answer to my Purwannah for a Return
of his Bulmooktah Pottahs issued informs me, that as yet
no such Pottahs have been issued by him, that he has no
objections to the issumg of them, but that he has not yet
received from the former Zemmdar of his Purchase the
Mofussell accounts particulars of his lands, & without such
accounts he is unable to ascertain Qualty of the lands in
the Possession of each individual Ryott nor has he as yet
ascertamed it On this account the Delivery for Pottahs
has not taken Place That on the Receipt of the Form of
Pottahs and Copes of the orders issued, he deputed his
officers into the Mofussell for the purpose of preparing &
Delivering the, but that the Ryott of Beebhoom &ca did
not Deliver statements of the lands, nor can he bring them
to do it, he therefore send an order may be issued on the
Ryotts of Barrozaharza &ca directing them to attend
his officers & take out their Pottahs agreeable to the Orders
& Form issued
11th This answer has surprised me, & I am totally at
a Loss to account for the neglect & Inattention of the
Zemmdar to the repeated Orders issued on this subject, he
has now been in Possession of his lands for nearly fifteen
months, & has Collected the Revenues from them, for the
past year, he has already done Paper & making a Record of these lands to be found in the former Zem-
dar's Dutter added to which, the attaching Sealwll on put-
ting the Zemmdar in Possession made over the Purwannahs & Other Mofussell Officers with their Records, Had the
Zemmdar conformed to the Tenter of the orders & Proclama-
tions issued, Copes of which were publicly transmitted, and
received by him, as appears by his Receipt on Record,
there would not have been any necessity for the present
application, which clearly appears to me merely an Excuse
as the Ryott publicly declared On the Reading of the
Orders issued, that they were Ready & Wllling to deliver in their /Dhurr Fardes/ Respective statements on Oath I
am however led to believe, that the real cause of this neglect is the Zemmdar's not having paid any attention to his Pur-
chase, but has by repeatedly reversing the Farm of it to the
highest Bidder kept his lands at a Rack Rent & his
Farmers has evaded issuing the Pottahs in order to prevent
the real assets being ascertamed as also by the infulence
& association entered into with the Mooky Preysahls / Persons answering the Description of Mundulls as Beebhoom/ by the
Farmers & Under Recessors the inferior Ryotts have been prevented from making any Representations, I shall however in the event of Your Board seeing no improprity in
the order under which the Ryotts are ready to use their
application, which clearly appears to me merely an Excuse
of it in all future investigations & Decisions on Causes that
may be brought before me, on the fullest Conviction of it's
efficacy & Effect
12th The Zemmdar of Curruusondah in Bheebhoor,
Douthab Churr Packerasay, resides as Calcutta, has lands
under the Charge of a Naub & Other Officers, who in
answer to my Purwannah requiring return of the Bulmooktah Pottahs issued by the Zemmdar, state, that on the
Receipt of the former Order their officers were Deputed
to ascertain the Particulars of the lands, that it is now
accomplished & the issuing of the new form of Pottah will
probably be made in the Course of a few Days a Return of the Pottahs issued shall be made, & the names of those
Ryotts who may not have taken them up represented to the Court
13th I must in answer to this, observe, that this Des-
vion of Bheebhoor excepting only One small Hooldah has been
hold Kass by the Zemmdar from the period of his
Purchase, of course after the expiration of the Past year
there could not possibly be any plausible cause for his
neglect in not assuing the Pottahs Ordered, at least during the
course of the past four months The observations made by
Curruusondah as I really believe not applicable to the /Mooky Preysahls/ Mundulls & Zemmdars' Aumlah in
Curruusondah & I am free to say, that I have reason
to suppose that a former mode of doing was to prepare the
Government of these Zemmdars to enforce their immediate
obedience to the Orders issued, as also that they in conse-
quence of their neglect be positively enjoined to make a
Monthly Return of the names & Residence of the Persons
to whom Pottahs are issued particularly stating the number
of the Pottah until they shall be distributed to every Ryott
in their respective Zemmdarz
14th The Proprietors of Tallooks Shawpyonah & Mullaneah
gave as a Reason for no greater number of Pottah having
been issued in their Respective Tallooks the objections
of the Ryotts to the receiving of them until the issuing of
the last Proclamation on that subject from which period
the Delivery of them has commenced, & they expect will
be completed in the Course of a few Days The Tallook-
dars do not state in Yet I have reason to suppose that
their Ryotts have delayed taking out their Pottahs until the
Zemmdary Ryotts should set the Example, I am however
of opinion that a monthly return will expedite the completion of the Delivery in these Tallooks &
I am with the greatest Respect
Gentlemen,
Year 20mt obelent
Humble Servants
Beebhoom
the 4th September 1792
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To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have been honored by the Receipt of your Letter under Date the 8th Instant requiring me to transmit an abstract account of all Charges in these Districts of every Description which were heretofore paid by the Zemindars & Partners, and which by the late Regulations for the Decennial settlement are brought on the Sudder Jumma and are now Disburseable by Government; requiring also an abstract account of all authorized Charges for Tehsildars who may be employed in these Districts at this Juncture with their Establishments & Contingencies.

2nd. In answer I beg leave to inform you, there are no charges of the nature stated to have been brought on the Sudder Jumma of these Districts now disbursable by Government nor are there any Charges incurred for Tehsildars.

I am &c.

Collector.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I am honored by the receipt of your Orders under Date the 10th Instant, requiring an immediate Report of the Amount of the Collection Realized by me in consequence of the Poonah having been held.

2nd. In answer I beg leave to inform you, the Amount receipts into the Treasury to the Date are as follows:—

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I am &c.

Collector.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I am honored by the Receipt of your Secretary's letter under Date the 8th Instant, transmitting me Copy of a letter from the Deputy Adjutant-General, and Extract Enclosure & requiring me immediately to furnish your Board with the information therein required.

2nd. In answering the Point in Question, I must beg leave first to premise that under Date the 31st of March 1791 I was honored by a letter from your Board and a similar application for the Reduction of the Detachment of Native infantry stationed in this Division to this letter I had the pleasure to submit my answer under Date the 6th of April 1791 and in consequence the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council was pleased to determine under date the 25th of the same Month that the strength of the Detachment of Native Infantry at this station should not be reduced as recommended by the Commanding Officer. On reducing the war to a Peace Establishment the strength of the Detachments at the outstations have been reduced in consequence & the number of non-Commissioned Officers & Privates on Command in Detachments in this & the Bishenpoor Districts is four Havildars four Naicks & seventy five privates. The Guard over the Nizamut Jail, in which there are now upwards of Two Hundred Convicts consists of a Havildar & Sixteen Privates & the Guard over the Treasury consists of one Havildar & Eight Privates. Making in all six Havildars, five Naicks, & Ninety nine Privates on Duty. Added to which there is a Detachment on Command with the Balance of Treasure from this Place to the Collector of Moorshidabad and a similar Detachment will now be required Monthly until the Close of the Collections.

3rd. Having thus stated the number of Men actually employed for the Protection of these Districts, I must beg leave to observe that so far as my judgment & experience leads the reduction or withdrawing of either of the Detachments would be linked at this Critical Juncture when the Reaping & Selling of the Crops is commencing with the worst of consequence.

4th. The last years scarcity, or some other Cause have increased the Number of Robberies & the Desires in Despite of the Vigilance of the Guards have been extremely troublesome & Daring. The presence of the Military nevertheless serves at once to impress Terror to the Banditti, & Courage to the Villagers; & tho' useful at all seasons, is more necessary at this time than ever. Without great apprehensions therefore of subjecting the Inhabitants of Beerbhoom & Bishenpoor to Constant anxiety & Danger, I am &ca in my own mind consent to the Reduction of the Military Force more especially at this Critical Juncture.

I am &c.

Collector.

Price Current of Grain in the Districts of Beerbhoom and Bishenpoor from 1st to 31st October 1792

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I am &c.

Collector.
To

William Cowper Esqr,

President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen,

I was duly honored by the Receipt of your letter of the 15th of August last transmitting me Copy of a Letter to your Board from the web Secretary to the Governor General in Council, with an Extract from the Board of Trade containing certain Questions relative to the sugars of these Districts.

2nd. The answers required could have been furnished in the Course of a few Days as far as they Respect Beerbhoom, where my Information is complete & accurate but more so correct as I could have wished to have made them.

3rd. In Beerbhoom the Malguzzary lands appropriated to this purpose amount to 11,000 Begahs. 400 of Nunkar, and Lackenre lands may be added making 11,400 Begahs. In Bishenpoor the return state 2447 Begahs but on these Returns I have no Balance, as local observation induces me to suppose that the Cultivation of Sugar Cane is carried to a much greater extent than the quantity specified, & I presume that the Proprietors of the soil instead of making any actual enquires on their own parts, have simply returned the abstract of their Mofussal Annals, & Renters on this subject. I am clearly of opinion that one third more of the number of Begahs stated, may be safely added, & in consequence of this estimation, I shall state the Quantity in this Division to be 2823 Begahs, making in both Districts 14,663 Begahs of Eighty square Cuvids to the Begah.

Second. "the quantity of sugar annually produced in these Districts, the quantity annually consumed within the Districts & the quantity exported & whether exported"

4th. Land appropriated to the Cultivation of sugar Cane are of various Qualities distinguished into first, second & third according to the Quantity & Quality they produce. One Begah of the first land in Beerbhoom will yield 4 Maunds, 26 Seers & 11 Chuttacks of Soft Sugar, one of the second Sort will give 3 maunds 10 seer & one of the third sort 2 Maunds. 12 Seers 5 Chuttacks, making the produce of the three Begahs 10 Maunds & 10 Seers or average one Begah 3 Maunds 16 Seers & 11 Chuttacks. In Bishenpoor the Quantity from one Begah of the best Land agreeable to the Weight of that District will be 3 Maunds 35 Seers, 9 Chuttacks, from the second Denomination one Maund, 28 Seers, 1 Chuttack, from the third Denomination, one Maund, 37 Seers 10 Chuttacks or average of one Begah 2 Maunds 33 Seers. 12 Chuttacks From this computation the average Product from 14663 Begahs will be 42525 Maunds 38 Seers calculated on the standard Weight of these Districts which are for Bishenpoor 72 Seca Weight to the Seer, & for Beerbhoom 60 Seca Weight to the Seer, which brought to the standard of eighty Seca Weight reduces the Product to Factory Maunds 37596-33-15

5th. The foregoing statement is calculated on the presumption that the whole of the Product in Goa is converted to the purpose of making Sugar this however is not the case. A large proportion is consumed by the Inhabitants and the Remainder appropriated to the purpose of making Sugar. From the best Information I have been able to obtain, the proportions may be calculated as follows viz:-

Goorn Exported ... 4/16
Do Home Consumption ... 4/16
Do Manufactured ... 8/16

Making the Estimate Product of sugar in these Districts Factory Maunds 18,796-16-15 of which on Estimation 4/16 or Factory Maunds 4699-24-4 are retained for Home Consumption, & the Remainder exported to all the surrounding Districts, but chiefly to those situated near navigable Rivers. The Sugars of Bajhpur in Bishenpoor esteemed the best by the natives, and boars a superior Price. But since the Demand for sugar has been so high, and that the Beerbhoom sugar in particular is so much estimated, the Exportation has been almost entirely to Calcutta, & the same cause still existing all the Exports will be in that Channel, and as a necessary consequence the Consumption in the District will Diminish, and more Goorn be manufactured into sugar.

Third. "To state whether the Collector would suggest any mode for extending the Cultivation of sugar, or whether he would leave it to itself gradually to the actual Demand".

6th. I am decidedly of opinion that the Cultivation ought to be left to itself. Any interference of Government creates jealousy in the minds of the natives & will rather retard than extend the manufacture. Even now an Idea had arisen merely from the Enquiries into the Quantity of Lands so applied, that a monopoly would be the consequence & which was one of the reasons to Delay my Returns from Bishenpoor. Government have done every thing in the District that it should do. The Bulmoowlath Potter has secured to the Ryott the just Produce of his labor and as long as the Causes exist that create the Demand for sugar, his assiduity will be permanent, and as the Sugar, of the District, is superior to that produced in any other Part of the World. I expect to see the Cultivation much extended. Some Damage occasioned to the Crops from the Want of Water in the Beginning of June, as the Tanks were dry from the Proceeding Years Drought, but at present the Cane is in the most flourishing state & promises to be very productive.

Fourth. "To point out any existing causes which may "tend to Discourage the Cultivation of sugar."

I am happy to say, that I know of none in these Districts.

I am &c.,

/signe/ C. Keating

Coll.

Beerbhoom

the 11th November 1792

To

William Cowper Esqr.,

President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have been honored by the Receipt of your Letter under Date the 10th Ultimo, transmitting me an Extract account Receipts & Disbursements received from your accountant and requiring me to report if the officers on the part of the said Canongees stationed in this Division have regularly received the sums stated to have been paid account their allowances in the Extract transmitted.

2nd. In obedience to the above Orders, I immediately issued Perwannahs to the Naib Canongees, requiring Particulars under their hands & seals which having been delivered, I have now the honor to submit in abstract, drawn out an English from which it will appear that neither the Establishment or Salaries are Correct & that agreeable to the Returns made the Mofussal officers are in Balance.

I am &c.,

/signe/ C. Keating

Coll.

Beerbhoom

17th Novr 1792
Translate Abstract Return of Receipts and Balances of Salary of She Aurora Mojindar Acting Naib Canongoe of Pergunnah Bishenpoor and his Establishment in the part of Soorgineram Roy Canongoe for the Past year's 1196, 1197 and 1198 Bengal State.

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Beerbhoom, 16th November 1792.

 Translate Abstract Return of Receipts and Balances of Salary of Bisshoona Mojindar Acting Naib Canongoe of Pergunnah Bishenpoor and his Establishment, on the part of Collenyart Roy Canongoe for the Years 1196, 1197 and 1198 B.S.

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Beerbhoom, the 16th November 1792.

To William Cowper Esqr.,

President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen,

By this month’s accounts you will have the pleasure of observing, that I have nearly realised the Demand for Kartick, together with Ten thousand Rupees, in part payment of the forty thousand Rupees Remissions granted to the Zemindar of Beerbhoom on account of the Drought of last year. This punctuality on the part of the Zemindar or rather of his Dewan, on whose activity every thing depended would seem to indicate his future Regularity, and that at the Close of the Year the Revenues would be Completely liquidated—But Contrary to every principle of good Policy, The Zemindar has thought Proper to Dismiss this Dewan (in whom he might have relied) and to appoint in his (place) Room Rancheram Roy a man of indifferent Character of no property and very unpopular. Any Change at this Critical Juncture when the Heavy Kists are coming in Demnad is very ill Jugged, but the present appointment is more so as it gives great Disatisfaction to the Farmers many of whom have publicly expressed a Wish to resign their Farms.—I pointed out to the Zemindar the Impropriety of His Conduct & the ill Effects that would most likely ensue. But he has paid no attention to my advice and the Dissenchantment of their District & the Ruin of his family will be the probable consequence for he himself/ since having been declared of age/ is quite inactive, indulges in the grossest sensuality, & leaves the management of his Zemindary entirely to his Dewan.—Altho I am not authorized by the Regulations passed for the Deenomal settlement to interfere in the appointment of the Zemindary servants, yet thinking as I do, I could not avoid representing to the Rajah who is undoubtedly much too young to be entrusted with the management of District of such magnitude the absurdity of his Conduct & the natural consequences which may be expected to follow the changing of a servant of such responsibility as a Dewan at so Critical a period as the present especially in favor of a man whose Character is so little Calculated to gain the confidence & Respect of those he is placed over. Yet having so far deviated from the general line laid down for my Conduct, I have thought it my Duty to inform you of it, that should you deem it necessary I may receive your Orders on the subject.

I am &ca.

Beerbhoom, the 30th Novr. 1792. (signed) C. Keating Collr.

To William Cowper Esqr.,

President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I am honored by the Receipt of your Letter under date the 14th Instant, transmitting Copy of a Letter from Mr. Robert Heaven, requiring me to Report if there be any and what objections to a Compliance with Mr. Heaven’s request.

2nd. Mr. Heaven solicits permission to be allowed to Farm lands in Bishenpoor for the Cultivation of the Indigo Plant, to this I can see no objection, provided it meet the wishes of the Zemindars—who as proprietors of the soil, have the option of compliance or otherwise to the wishes of Mr. Heaven. I should presume the Zemindars can however have no objections as the introduction of new Cultures & manufactures must eventually tend to the general good and Prosperity of their Estates.—

3rd. Should the Board therefore grant Mr. Heaven permission to settle in Bishenpoor, it will be necessary for me to be authorized to inform the Zemindars of Bishenpoor that in the Event of their Compliance with Mr. Heaven’s
wishes, he has the permission of Government to settle in that District.—

Beerbhoom, the 20th December 1792.

To

John Rawlins Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the Receipt of your favor of the 26th Ultimo—and beg leave to inform you, for the Information of the Board—that on my receiving over Charge of the District from my Head Assistant Mr. C. Oldfield the Balance in the Treasury amounted to Rupees 58.235-8-1. 2nd. I have also to request, that you will have the goodness to inform the Board, that I shall pay strict obedience to their Orders in all future Instances of a similar nature.

Beerbhoom, 3rd January 1793.

To

William Cowper Esq.,
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

Para I. By my Hall Towjee for Poose, you will have the Regret to observe, that the Balance due on Closing the accounts for the month of January is Sa. Rs. 77.048-17-. The Board I trust will do me the Justice to believe, that I am fully sensible of the mortification of being obliged to submit such an account, more especially when the season has been favourable to the Cultivator & no Calamity to be pleaded in Excuse for such heavy Defalcation. Whatever Reasons have been urged on this Head by the Landholders merits no attention: they are in my own mind inadmissible and I cannot therefore submit them to your consideration.

2nd. In Beerbhoom/as I have every Reason to believe/ the Balance will be realized in the course of a few Days which time I have ventured to give to the Zemindar before any coercive measures are enforced.

Statement of the Jummas of the Mehalls appertaining of Bishenpoor for the Bengal Year 1199

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To

William Cowper Esqr.,

President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue,

Fort William.

Gentlemen,

Agreed to the Information of my Intentions conveyed to the Board I arrived at Bishenpoor on the 9th Ultimo. I found the Collections generally at a stand, the Ryots withholding their Reents, and the Landholders complaining of the Oppressions for ColHon held out by the Constraining Regu-
lations. They alleged, that where they have exerted the Power Authorizing distress, they have usually found an empty House with it, or no Property; Good care having been previ-
ously taken if there was any to remove the whole where it would remain secure from the landlords/and that in such Cases all the answers they can get to their just Demands were an Inability to Discharge the Reents, and a Recommendation to attack the Property. Those are the Excuses usually held out, and with (sic) my own Knowledge they are not un-
found. All Innovations and established Customs are at first attended with some disadvantages; & however Ultimate-
ly propitious the one alluded to may be to the Prosperity of the Country, the Board will probably have foreseen the in-
convenience stated. It was my Business immediately to correct this abuse; and since my arrival small sums of money are daily coming in, and the only possible chance of recovering the whole is to remain on the spot.

Bishenpoor Proper—

2nd. The Jumma of this Mehal formed by the Manager for the Current Year is Rs. 2,00,485.4.1.2. of which the Re-
etts to this date appear to be Rs. 1,59,695.8—the Remain-
ing Balance is Rs. 40,789.12.1.2. from which there are Claims for Deductions suspended for Investigation of about 12,000 Rupees, & he has a Just Balance due from the Mofuss-
sell of Rs. 28,798.12.1.2. 3rd. By his Jumma Krottoh account d., exact up to the same period, his payments of Revenue for the Current Year is Sa.Rs. 1,38,970.12.16.2. The Zemindars have received for the Just Demands of Government.

Amount of their Malickannah

is Rs. 23,653. On my arrival, have again commenced & are paid as received in liquidation of the Balance. The People do not appear conversant in the Business they are employed in, but if Time is given them, on which head it was my Intention to address the Board/I have no doubt of the Balance being completely realized, which to the Close of the Year amounts to Rs. 3,181.7.1.1. Tooblook Shawjoorah

7th. The Balance account the Revenue of this Mehal for the Current Year is Rs. 21.1.2.2. which I expect to realize in the course of a Day or two.—

Tooblook Mulahsah—

8th. The Revenues of this Mehal have been liquidated in full.


I am with the greatest Respect,

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Bishenpoor

March 1st 1793.

C. Keating

Colr.

To

William Cowper Esqr.,

President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William.

SIR,

Accompanying I have the honor to transmit for the Consid-
eration of the Board a Petition from the Zemindar of Beer-
bhoom which I received the 26th Instant.

2nd. The Delay in his Receipts which he asserts to have arisen from the distraining Regulations would seem to receive Confirmation from his having filed suits in the Mehal Adawlut for an amount heavier than the balance due from him, and it is reasonable to Conclude his demands are just as I have already decided several Causes in his favor. I shall dedicate as much Time as possible to the Business both with a view to Justice & to prevent as much as possible the Colusive advantages taken by the Basleleys.—

3rd. As the time required by the Zemindar for the Lique-
dation of the present Years Revenue is very little Beyond the Period allowed for Payment as his Remissions to his Renters on account of the Drought of last year are not Realized, and as he has bona Fide no assets but such as results from his Zemindar, I am induced by such Consid-
erations to recommend that the Prayer of his Petition be granted. I beg to be early favoured with your Commands on this subject, that no Delays may be incurred in enforcing the Regulations should it Ultimately prove Necessary.

I am &ca.

C. Keating

Colr.

March 26th 1793.

Pergunnah Barheshararw &c. the Zemindary of Rajah Tejai Chand.

5th. The Sudder Jumma of this Mehal is Rs. 1,91,272.6. 1.4.3. The Zemindars Payments account the Current Year amounts to Rs. 1,65,833.—leaving a Balance in Demand to this date of Rs. 25,433. On my arrival the Zemindar Naib attended with an abstract of his Mofussell Jumma Wassool Hawley drawn up to the Day exhibiting his Mofussell Balances to be upwards 50,000 Rs. he urged the Plea before Stated

the whole is to remain on the spot.
To

William Cowper Esqr.,

President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Orders conveyed to me in Your Acting Secretary's Letter of the 4th February last, also enclosing for my Information & guidance Copy of a Letter and Envelope received from the Sub Secretary to the Governor General in Council—"desiring that I "will deliver over Charge of the Mahal therein mentioned to the Collectors of Nuddeah at the End of the Year agreeably to the Orders of the Governor General in Council—further desiring that at the time of my giving "Charge of the Mahal to the Collector of Nuddeah, that I will "deliver over with it all separate Records relative thereto, and a "Jumma Wessell Baukey made up to the day of delivery.

Para 2nd. This Division of Bethee forms a part of the Zemindary of Beemboon, so as to its Revenues under the Management of the Zemindar & is included in the Amount of his Decennial settlement—of course there are no separate accounts or statements of its Jumma-Receipts & Balances in the Records of this Office.

3rd. The Zemindar on being called upon for these accounts will of Course furnish them. But Considering the proprietary right in the soil is not done away by the separation of its Jurisdiction, I beg leave to submit that the Zemindar be called upon to deliver in a statement of its Jumma—and that he be allowed a Deduction of the amount from his annual Revenue demandable here and directed in lieu thereof to execute a Kistbundee for that amount to the Collector of Beemboon / signd / C. Keating

To

William Cowper Esqr.,

President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to inform you that from a failure in the realiza-

tion of the expected receipts of this Treasury owing to the

domestic and foreign demands the Commercial agent of Gonatia for Ca.Rs. 14,043-8-3. as per Letter of advice from Accountant to the Board of Revenue under date the 5th April 1793 payable in order of Preference.—

"That the Vakeel of the Zemindar of Barrohazaree be furnished with a "copy of the account particular of the Chaukeran—termed Gram Seringamy, Digwars &c. which he had delivered up as appertaining to the Zemindary. Thirdly that after enjoying the Punchuckey / a part of his Jumma/ for the first year of his purchase he has this year been by me deprived of it. Fourthly that a Nazir & ten Chopproces with a Dustuck was sent by me to make him pay the sum of 28,000 Rs. not justify due from him. These four points with a general declaration and charge against me of injustice towards him appear to me to be the whole purport of the Rajah's Petition.—

3rd. In answer to the first point, I can only state that the Lands sold to him Comprised the Jummas of Matullah Mahal of Khalsa Jumma, being 983-15 Villages of which he the Rajah was put in possession of in full possession and can have no further claim on that account, unless he means to ground it on the Sanaud or Bill of sale granted him from the Khalsa by the Wording of which he obtains upwards of Two thousand Villages more than was Boudifice sold—as explained in my letter to your Board under date the 2nd of August 1791.

4th. In answer to the second point—On a Reference to the Records of my Office, I find that the alternation between the Zemindar of Barrohazaree &c. and the Manager on the part of the Joint Zemindars of Bishenpoor relative to this claim of Chaukeran, was brought to a hearing on the 4th of July 1792 at which time the Manager delivered in an ac-

count particulars of the Chaukeran—mentioned above and transmitted to the Court will be duly Investigate'd. "It was fur-

the Lands Sold.—On the part of the Zemindar of Barrohazaree &c. an abstract only of the Chaukeran claimed by him was produced from which no particulars could be understood. In consequence and as the Barrohazaree &c. Valued could not say, that he had not been put in possession of the Chaukeran as Stated in particular detail & delivered in by the Manager an order of Court passed to the following Effect —"That the "Vakeel of the Zemindar of Barrohazaree be furnished with a "copy of the account particular of the Chaukeran delivered in by the Manager on the part of the Joint Zemindars—and after Investigation in the Mofussil— he the Zemindar of Barrohazaree "should find, that he is justly entitled to further claims account "the Chaukeran. He do draw out a List in detail thereon in favor & manner as the Copy now given him, "which on being sub-

mitted to the Court will be duly Investigated. "It was fur-

ther ordered that a Pwannah be written "to the full Effect of the order of the Court, and transmitted to the Zemindar of Pergunnah Barrohazaree &c. The which "Pwannah as appears by the Records was issued on the 8th July 1792 "by being delivered into the hands of a person whose name "Rahulkunt Sirzar, from that period the 8th July 1792 "to the present time. Nothing further has been added to the "Court on this account by the Zemindar of Pergunnah Barrohazaree.
Statement of the Balance due from the Zemindar of Purgunnah Barrohazaree &ca. Rajah Teaji Chund for the Bengal Year 1199

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Beerbhoom, the 25th April 1783.

(signed) C. Keating, Colr.
To William Cowper Esqr.,
President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

1st. Doorgachurn Puckarassey Zemindar of Pergunnah Currusoondah in Bishenpoor having failed in fulfilling his engagement entered into in consequence of the Indulgence of time granted to him by your Board, under date the 6th of March last, I have now the honor to submit a Statement of part of his Lands to be sold for the purpose of Liquidating the Amount Balance due, being as exhibited under the aforesaid Statement Sa. Rs. 1,509-9-19-1.

2nd. The Jumma of the Lands are taken from the Zamin­dar's Billabundee or Settlement Exclusive of all Mofussell Charges and exhibits the Nett Revenue receivable by the Proprietor of the soil.

Beerbhoom the 25th April 1793.

C. Keating,
Collr.

Statement of Lands submitted to be sold for the Liquidation of the Balance of Revenue due from Durgachurn Puckarassey Zemindar of Pergunnah Currusoondah in the District of Bishenpoor according to the Bengal Year 1199 English State 1792-3

Nett Jumma as per Zemindar's settlement for the B. Y. 1199

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Total Sicca Rupees 1,509 9 19 1

C. Keating, Collector,

Beerbhoom, the 25th April 1793.

To G. H. Barlow Esquire,
Sub Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department,
Fort William.

Sir,

I was duly honored with your Letter of 29th Ultimo on the 10th instant informing me that the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council had been pleased to appoint me Collector of Zillah Beerbhoom at the monthly salary of Rs. 1,500- to take place from 1st May 1793 on which date or as soon after as practicable Mr. Keating will deliver over charge to me and directing me to repair to the Presidency for the purpose of taking the Oath prescribed by act of Parliament.

2nd. On the 23rd Inst. I was again favored with your second Letter under date 19th Inst. acquainting me that the Governor General in Council had been pleased to revoke his order of 29th Ultimo on which order of the 1st May 1793 on which date or as soon after as practicable Mr. Keating will deliver over charge to me and directing me to repair to the Presidency for the purpose of taking the Oath prescribed by act of Parliament.

3rd. In reply I have the honor to inform you that the usual Revenue Oath was administered to me by the judge of the Dewanny Adawlut of Beerbhoom for that purpose,—

delay as possible whether it be the intention of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that I shall continue to act in the capacity of Regr. to the judge of the Dewanny Adawlut and assist to the magtce, as hitherto—after the above date, or not.

I have the honor to be,

Your very Obedt. humble Servant

C. Oldfield,

To William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I am honored by the receipt of your letter under date the 17th Instant expressing your Concern on finding by the Tawjee of this Division for Phaulgun that Independent of the suspension of 30,000 Rs. allowed by order of the Governor General in Council in the Instalments of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom, there still remains so considerable a Balance—Further requiring to be informed from what Persons respectively the arrears exclusive of the suspensions above alluded to be due, as also what measures have been adopted for the Recovery of them I obey as follows:—

Beerbhoom
Balance account the Current year .... 40,451 12 19 1
Balance of suspensions for 1198 .... 30,000 0 0 0

70,451 12 19 1
veyed in your Letter of 28th Ultimo—The first is due in
shall be immediately transmitted in Obedience to the orders
fails in his agreements. a Statement of his Lands for sale
made acquainted was prolonged
all the Current Bengal Month Bysack.
Bishenpoor Proper-
must have known were necessary to their Defence—Except
be occasioned by References to papers and Documents at
Bishenpoor from whence it is several days before they can
Destraint. no other prospects remain of liquidating the
Place the average Receipts were about 300 Rs. per Divn.—
by the Dependants. and which
a sale of Part of the Zemindaree.
Business of this Court
Evidence produced without waiting for accounts which they
the Parties—that as they know the Cause for which they
impossible to state what may be the amount

Pargannah Barrohazaree &c. in Bishenpoor—
Balance due account the Current Year Sa. Rs. 6,786-6-14-3.
Pargannah Curroussoondah in Bishenpoor
Balance due account the Current year Sa. Rs. 1,509-9-19-1.
3rd. On the subject of these Mahls under date the 25th
Balance in 3011 Bysack. an Indulgence which the Goodness

I beg leave to inform you. that Doorgachurn Puckarassey
request you will be so good as to send to my attornies
Mr. Robert Campbell.
Sir,
be

To

President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen.

Para 1st. I am using all the Diligence in my power to
get Ready the Detailed List of Records directed by the Governor
General in Council, & expect in the Course of three or four
days at furthest to be able to deliver over Complete Charge
to Mr. Oldfield: But in the mean time, the Zemindar has
failed in his agreement to pay forty thousand Rupees of his
Balance in all Bysack, an Indulgence which the Goodness of
Government had Granted him, & in the mean time sent notifications in Bengal
in to Mr. Old£eld: But in the mean time. the Zemindar has
sold for the Liquidation of the Amount Sa. Rs. 40,000.
I am &c.

William Cowper Esq.,
12th May 1793.
Actg. as Collector.

To

William Cowper Esq.,
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,
Rajah Mahmud Zumaun Khan the Zemindar of the Dis­
tribut to the permission of the Governor General in Council con­

2nd. These Balances are payable by Instalments agreeable
to the permission of the Governor General in Council con­
voyed in your Letter of 28th Ultimo—The first is due in
the Current Bengal Month Bysack. If the Zemindar
fails in his agreements, a Statement of his Lands for sale
shall be immediately transmitted in Obedience to the orders
contained in the abovementioned Letter.

Bishenpoor Proper—
Balance account the Current Year ...
Balance account suspensions ...
43,623 15 11 0
My Residence at Indus with which the Board have been
made acquainted was prolonged as far as the Multifarious
occupations in which I am engaged would allow. During
my Stay I collected Rs. 16,507-14-18 and when I left the
Place the average Receipts were about 300 Rs. per Divn.—
Since that time the Manager informs me that all further
payments are withheld; and as there are no assets for

To

William Cowper Esq.,
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen.

I beg leave to inform you, that Doorgachurn Puckarassey
Zemindar of Pargannah Curroussoondah in Bishenpoor has this
day paid the sum of Sa. Rs. 309. In part of the Balance
due from him account his Revenues for the B.Y. 1199.

William Cowper Esq.,
the 30th April 1793.
Collector.

To

Mr. Robert Campbell,
Gentlemen. Fort William.

Sir,
be

To

William Cowper Esq.,
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen.

I am &c.

William Cowper Esq.,
17th April 1793.
Collector.

To

William Cowper Esq.,
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen.

I am &c.

William Cowper Esq.,
12th May 1793.
Actg. as Collector.

To

William Cowper Esq.,
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen.

I am &c.

William Cowper Esq.,
14th May 1793.
Actg. as Collector.
To
A. Spottiswoode Esquire,
Collector of
Nuddeah.

Sir,
In conformity to the orders of the Governor General in Council—I have the pleasure to transmit you, the Jumma-
Wassil Bauky Account for the past or Bengal Year 1199—of Rajah Mahmud Zemaun Khan Zemindar of Beerbhoom for his Ten anna division of Bettle situated in your Division together with such records & Documents of the Mahal Court of this District as appertain to the aforesaid Ten annas Division of Bettle. As also an English Detailed List of the same, for which I have to request your receipts in order to its being transmitted to the Board of Revenue.

I am &ca.
Myth 18th 1793.

To
William Cowper Esquire,
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,
I have the honor to inform you that Mr. C. Keating this day delivered over Charge of the Mahal Department of this District to me with the several Records and Papers appertaining thereto, and the Balance in the Treasury amounting to Sa. Rs. 6,786-6-14-3 arrived here yesterday to avoid a sale of his lands and at the particular request of his Vakeel, being arrived into this Treasury in deposit until the Board's Orders are known to whom, I have the honor to be
Your very Obedient humble Servant,
C. Oldfield
Acting as Collector.

To
Mr. C. Keating Esquire,
Acting as Collector of
Burdwan.

Sir,
I have the pleasure to transmit you an Extract of a Letter received from the Board of Revenue, so far as relates to the District of Bishenpore annexed to Zillah Burdwan agreeable to the orders of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council of 11th Jany. last—I also beg to inform you that the amount Balance due from Rajah Taej Chand account Pergunnah Baranagode Sa. Rs. 6,786-6-14-3 arrived here yesterday to avoid a sale of his lands and at the particular request of his Vakeel, being arrived into this Treasury in deposit until the Board's Orders are known to whom, I have this day written on the subject.

I am Sir
Beerbhoom Your Obdt. Humble Servant,
Myth 25th 1793.

To
Christopher Keating Esquire,
Acting as Collector of
Burdwan.

Sir,
I have the pleasure to transmit you an Extract of a Letter received from the Board of Revenue, so far as relates to the District of Bishenpore annexed to Zillah Burdwan agreeable to the orders of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council of 11th Jany. last—I also beg to inform you that the amount Balance due from Rajah Taej Chand account Pergunnah Baranagode Sa. Rs. 6,786-6-14-3 arrived here yesterday to avoid a sale of his lands and at the particular request of his Vakeel, being arrived into this Treasury in deposit until the Board's Orders are known to whom, I have the honor to be
Your very Obedient humble Servant,
C. Oldfield
Acting as Collector.

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Mr. C. Keating Esquire,
Acting as Collector of
Burdwan.

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Your very Obedient humble Servant,
C. Oldfield
Acting as Collector.
but also that of the Month of Jiete the after your orders of the 5th Ult. It would be—presumption in me to recommend it—

Beerbhoom,
25th May 1793.

To
William Cowper Esquire
President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

Accompanying I have the honor to submit to you a Comparative statement of the Total annual amount receivable by the adoption of my Predecessor proposition for doubling the amount of the present Tax on the Manufacturers & Vendors of spirituous Liquors in this District, which might be produced by Taxing the stills or shops at the lowest rate authorized by the Regulations as required in your Letter of 21st Nov. last, which from the multifarious business the late Collector has been engaged in, I find has not hitherto been transmitted to you.

In the abovementioned statement you will observe the Tax is not calculated upon stills but upon the number of shops or Pottahs taken out last year or 1199 B.S. for the Consumption of spirituous Liquors produced by Distillation, is so very trifling in this District, that were stills only to be taxed, this branch of Revenue would scarce produce anything; the Liquor most in demand & on the sale of which the Vendors principally depend, being that pointed out by my Predecessor in his Letter of 16 August 1792 or Pitchwye, so Cheap that the poorest natives can afford to purchase it, and at the same time so weak that I believe I may safely assert there is scarce a Man in this Village of Hydrabad, who does not drink 3 Quarts of it per diem & that too at the small Expense of about 6 Goudhah, or 1 Pn 4 Goudhahs of Cowries.

The other Liquors manufactured in this District are only two Vizt. Ful Mud and Rajsye Mud. The first of which is produced from Jaggery by Distillation & the second from Rice & which sells at about 1 annas per seer—of these however very little is consumed except of the second kind, & of that too, the Sale is so trifling, from the poorer class of people not being able to purchase it, owing to its enhanced price, that, if it be calculated at the rate of 1 seer to 15 of Pitchwye, it is as much if not more than the real proportion between them. The latter consequently is the only liquor on which any dependence can be placed for the realization of the Tax & that again is so very cheap, being no more than Goudhahs of Cowries per seer that the present average amount sales in each shop in the principal Towns cannot well be estimated at more than 6 annas per Diem or Rs. 13.6–14 per annum & in those of the Mofussil at about half that amount.

Agreable to this Calculation therefore, it clearly appears that should the Board determine on fixing the assessment on each Shop or still at even the lowest rate authorized by the regulations, it must not as a total prohibition as even supposing the Soories were men of such Property, as to enable them to speculate on the probable rise in the Price or Value of the article equal to the Increase in the amount Tax which are not the idea of paying near 7 times the amount they now do would itself deter them from entering into Engagements and consequently they must relinquish the business & endeavor to gain a livelihood in some other way for the above reasons. I therefore, humbly beg leave to recommend that the late Collectors proposition be adopted in preference, as not only being best adapted to this District but also from a conviction that it is at present as much as the manufacturers & Vendors can afford to pay, & even then to leave them a reasonable profit for their trouble & support, it will be necessary that the number of shops should be decreased & this I expect the doubling of the Tax will itself occasion & I have accordingly only stated the amount expected. Receipts at 3/4ths of the Total amount Tax. In further elucidation of the above I beg leave to submit to you a statement of the profits arising to the Vendors supposing the Tax to be fixed at the rate of Rs. 40 & 20 per annum as proposed by Mr. Keating No. 2.

In the meantime I have issued the necessary Proclamations prohibiting the further sale of spirituous Liquors until new pattahs are issued & your orders are received which as 2 months of the Current year are already elapsed I request I may be favored with as soon as convenient.

I have the Honor to be Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Hble Servt.
Beerbhoom
4th June, 1793.

No. 1. Comparative Statement shewing the annual amount receivable by the adoption of Mr. C. Keating (the late Collector of Beerbhum) Proposition for doubling the amount of the present Tax on the manufacturers and venders of spirituous Liquors in Zillah Beerbhum, and the sum which might be produced by Taxing the stills or Shops at the lowest rate authorized by the Regulations.

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<th>No. of Shops or Shops for which Pottahs were taken out &amp; 6 as. per Diem or Rs. 16–14 per annum on each shop in principal Towns &amp; 3 as. per Diem or 66–7 as per annum on those in small Towns</th>
<th>Amount receivable in 1199 B.S. at the rate of Rs. 40 per annum on each Shop in the principal Towns &amp; 20 Rs. per annum on those in small Towns being 2/3rds of the total amount. Tax</th>
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Beerbhoom,
4th June, 1793.

(signed) C. Oldfield.
Collector.
No. 2. Estimate of the Probable sales, Disbursements and profits arising to the Manufacturers and Vendors of spirituous Liqueurs in Zillah Beerboombo, supposing the Tax per shop be fixed at Rs. 40/- per annum in the Principal Towns and at Rs. 20/- per annum on those in the inferior or Mofussil Towns.

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<th>No. of shops</th>
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<th>Value of Grain required to produce the same at the rate of 1 ml. 20 srs. of rice per rupee &amp; 6 s of rice to 1 ml. of Liquor</th>
<th>Amount Tax as proposed by Mr. C. Keating</th>
<th>Total Disbursement</th>
<th>Remaining Profit to the Vendors per annum including Rotwood &amp;c.</th>
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To William Cowper Esqr., President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have been favoured with your Secretary’s Letter of 27th Ultto, communicating the Order of the Governor General in Council for the sale of Pergunnah Surroop Sing, on account of the Balance due from the Zemindar of Beerboombo, & desiring I will inform you whether the Jumma inserted in the Statement transmitted by the late Collector on the 14th of the proclamation lately transmitted to him; also directing the Honourable the Governor General in Council’s Orders of 22 Feby. last in the said Pergunnah; to which he had any objections to publish the rate of the Lands in question on the Spot in the sale of the original settlements it appears expired & that agreeable thereto, (in case they be not sold) another statement, for which these lands have been let in farm is not yet called upon the Dewan of the Zemindar to declare whether Rs. 40 Vizt. the Jumma stated by the late Collector, as also to produce your orders &c. &c.

I have accordingly taken the liberty of informing you whether the Jumma at which they are to be Sold.

2nd. Immediately on the Receipt of the above orders I called upon the Dewan of the Zemindar to declare whether he had any & what objections to the Lands being sold at the Jumma stated by the late Collector, as also to produce the original Dowl or settlement made with the Farmers of which they are to be Sold. & at the Head Cutcherry to take place as the Presidency Governor General in Council’s Orders of 22 Feby. last in the said Pergunnah; to which he had any objections to publish the rate of the Lands in question on the Spot.

I am &c. &c.

To William Cowper Esqr., President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen,

1st. I have the honor to inform you of my having this day received from Zemindar of Zillah Beerboombo the sum of Sicca Rs. 9,000 in part of the Balances of Revenue due from him on account the Bengal Year 1198 & 1199.

2nd. I have further the pleasure to inform the Board of the Zemindar having given me assurances, that the payment of the remaining Balance in Demand from him shall be Liquidated as fast as the current Month.

I am &c. &c.

Zillah Beerboombo, the 21st June 1793.

To William Cowper Esqr., President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you of my having this day received from the Zemindar of Zillah Beerboombo—a further Payment of Sicca Rupees Five thousand Eight hundred & fifty three One anna and four Gundahs (Sa. Rs. 5,853-1-4) in part of the Balances due, from him on account the Bengal Year 1198 & 1199.

I am &c. &c.

Zillah Beerboombo, the 24th June 1793.

To William Cowper Esqr., President & Member of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen,

1st. I have the pleasure to advise you that the Zemindar of Beerboombo has this day paid into this Treasury the sum of Sa. Rs. 10,451.12-16 in further part of the Balance due from him account the Bengal Years 1198 & 1199 which completes the liquidation of the Demand against him of Sa. Rs. 40,000 for the Discharge of which amount Pergunnah SUPPROMPT was attached and advertised to be sold.

To William Cowper Esqr., President & Member of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen,

1st. I have the pleasure to advise you that the Zemindar of Beerboombo has this day paid into this Treasury the sum of Sa. Rs. 4,890-14-16 in further part of the Balance due from him account the Bengal Years 1198 & 1199 which completes the liquidation of the Demand against him of Sa. Rs. 40,000 for the Discharge of which amount Pergunnah SUPPROMPT was attached and advertised to be sold.

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To William Cowper Esqr., President & Member of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen,
Statement of Lands situated in and appertaining to the District of Beerbhoom proposed to be sold for the Liquidation of the Balances of Revenue due from Rajah Mahmtud Zamaun Khan, Zamindar of Beerbhoom, on account the Bengal years 1198 and 1199—

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<th>Add Resud or increase for 1200 B.S. agreeable, to the Farmers Dowit Bundobust or settlement clear of all charges</th>
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Statement of the Demand of Government—
as per Zamindars Engagement—
Accot. the Revn. of Bengal year 1199–19,991 0 0 0
Accot. suspensions of all B.Y. 1198–10,000 0 0 0
Total Sicca Rupees 20,991 0 0 0

Errors Expectorated (signed) C. Oldfield, Collector.

Beerbhoom
6th June 1793.
Rs. 40,000 having been liquidated. and having no cause to
doubt the Demand for Jaysti being paid up in full as pro­
mised by the Zemindar—and considering tilat in the event
of failure in the full discharge of this Demand of Rs. 10,451-
25th June 1793.

To William Cowper Esqr.,

I am &ca. 
署名 C. Keating,
Offg. as Collector.

Statement of the Zemindars Demands Receipts and Balances accounts Gonatea in Beerbhoom

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<th>Bengali Years</th>
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Total Sa. Rs. 13,400 12 6 0 | 1,492 3 15 0 | 11,908 8 11 0 | 2,350 0 0 0 | 9,548 8 11 0

N.B. The Remission stated was authorized by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council under Date the 15th July 1791.

To William Cowper Esqr.,

President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen,

During the period in which I have had the honor to hold the Office of Collector of this District, my hours of reces from Public Business were appropriated to an enquiry into the actual resources of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom, and having fully ascertained the Quantity and Quality of the Malguzary Lands actually in Cultivation to the Commencement of the past year together with the Periods of sowing and Reaping and Selling of the Respective Products in each Pergunnah or Division. I am enabled with satisfaction to myself to submit to the consideration of the Board, a matter which has long been urged by the Zemindar. "That the Fussilbundey being Established his Kistbundey or Sudder Instalments were Errorneous the demand in same Kists. Fussilbundey being Established his Kistbundey or Sudder Instalments might be Calculated on the Fussilbundey that might be Enforced. To which I have added a fourth Column being a Proposed Sudder Instalment or Kistbundey for the Zemindar, the which I humbly beg leave to submit to the Consideration of the Board, and as far as I may be allowed to urge the Business to recommend it being adopted in line of the Existing One, the more do as in addition to its being a just one on the Principles of the Fussilbundee, it also gives the Zemindar time to realize his Mofussell Demands, no Kist of which is ever Completely realized in the required month, & further allows him an opportunity of granting indulgencies to such of his Ryotts who may really from unforeseen Causes Stand in need of it.

I am &ca. 
署名 C. Keating,
Offg. as Colr.

Zillah Beerbhoom

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<th>Months</th>
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Zillah Beerbhoom

the 1st July 1793.

署名 C. Keating,
Offg. as Colr.
To

William Cowper Esqr.,

President &a. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Fort William.

Gentlemen,

1st. The accompanying Petition was delivered me on the 18th Instant, by the Zemindar of Beerbhoom. The subject appearing to require the interference of the Board, I beg leave to submit it, accompanied by a Statement Illustrating the Zemindar’s Demands.

Zillah Beebhoom,

18th July, 1793.


Offr. as Collr.

Translate Copy of an Arree from the Zemindar of Beerbhoom Rajah Mohomud Zummam Khan.

Since the promulgation of the Disturbing Regulations, considerable balances have accrued in the Mowtswell and are justly due to me, wined (sic) by Decrees passed in my favor and the Renters accounts, and altho’ I had assets, yet for my Balances I have been confined and my lands advertised for sale, and had I failed in paying up those Balances my Lands would have been sold. From these Circumstances, I have suffered much distress and have been necessitated to take up Loans for the purpose of discharging my Balance, excepting only the 30,000 Rs. of the 40,000 Rs. suspension account the Drought, for which agreeable to my requisition I have been allowed an indulgence of a further suspension of the Demand until the ensuing month of Aswin, It is due from & must be paid by me.

Further Mr. Frushard holds Hooalah Ganates which appertain to my Zemindary. I have repeatedly made representations for the Revenues of it, and you Sir, have as repeatedly wrote Letters on the subject, but to no effect, no part having been paid. By a Pervannah you informed me, that agreeable to the orders of the Sudder of the Hooalah the Hooalah aforesaid the sum of Rupees 1,180-4-2 would be allowed me as a Remission in my Revenues to Governme, and the remaining part of it Jumma being Rupees 1,500.

I was to receive annually from the aforesaid Gentle.-men. To the orders of the Sudder your Servant could only be obedient. For one year I have received the Remission but independant of that, nothing more—nor do I receive any Remissions on this account it stands as a Suspended demand against me, my Revenues are taken in full from me, from which I am at a loss to ascertain whether the Hooalah aforesaid is still a part of my Zemindary or has been separated and made independant of me, as also whether the Regulations published, apply only to my Zemindary independant of that Hooalah, or as in Effect upon the whole of it. If the Regulations equally Effect all, I am hopeful that agreeable thereto the Balances of Revenue due, will be demanded from that Gentelman and paid me, or otherwise that you will allow me a Remission of the amount, and that in the ensuing year, I may be allowed to recover my Revenues from the aforesaid Gentleman, agreeable to the Regulation, or otherwise that this my Requisition may be sent in trandlate to the sudder, that the Rulers of the country may pass such orders in the Case, as I may appear to them to be justly intituled to.

Seal of :

: Rajah Mahomud :

: Zummam Khan :


Offr. as Collr.

To

William Cowper Esqr.,

President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I beg to inform you that in compliance with your Orders of date the 20th July I applied to Mr. Frushard Agents at his Factory in the Zillah for the amount of the Balance due to the Zemindar on account of land held by Mr. Frushard the Amnati Jumna of which having been formerly fixed at Rupees One thousand five hundred by Orders of the Governor General in Council according to which Jumna I made the Demand.

Para 2nd. His agents returned for answer that they had referred the account to their Master in Calcutta.

3rd. I received a letter from Mr. Frushard enclosing a Bengal Statement particularizing the account contained in his letter of which I have the honor to transmit a Copy for your consideration together with a Translate of the above mentioned Statement.

4th. The claim of Government on the Zemindar being ultimately blended with the adjustment, of the Zemindar’s claim on Mr. Frushard I cannot avoid soliciting Your Orders on the following Observation which naturally suggests itself on the review of the Accounts.

5th. The Zemindars demand on Mr. Frushard is from the Bengal Year 1793 to 98 inclusive and the Jummas on which you are of opinion this claim should be adjusted is at the rate of 1500 Rupees per annum but as Mr. Frushard in the 2 years 1193, 1194 whilst the District was held Khaus and I believe previous to the assessment being fixed/paid into the Government Treasury the sum 1940 in each of those years the Zemindar has therefore in the general adjustment of accounts a claim on Mr. Frushard for these sums as the revenue arising from the land in those years must allow Mr. Frushard to take Credit for the surplus difference between the payments and the present fixed Jumma of his Land/amounting to Rupees 880 as an advance of Rent, admitting at the same time a proportionable deduction in their settlement of accounts with the Zemindar, and as the Board are of opinion—that the intention of Government in fixing Mr. Frushard Jumna at 1500 Rs. carries with it a Retrospective operation, this latter mode of adjustment appears to me equitable and my only reason for now calling it to your attention arises from my desire to obviate future reference when the adjustment is made between Government and the Zemindar who without this explanation might be subjected to the loss of Rupees 880 already received by Government on advance from Mr. Frushard.

6th. With respect to your Orders for measuring the Lands I beg leave to inform you that I have found it advisable to defer sending the Ameen out for the present as the crops on the Ground are now quite in their infant state and are liable to much Damage by people walking through and among them which they must do to make an exact measurement.

7th. In consideration of the above reasons I have ventured to delay inforing that part of Your Order and hope Gentlemen you will deem them admissible.

I am &ca.

Zillah Beebhoom

September 5th 1793.

[signed] F. Fitzroy.

Collr.

To

William Cowper Esqr.,

President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

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According to your Orders contained in the 3rd Paragraph of your letter for submitting to you a list of Bales to be assessed on stills I have the honor to transmit to you a Copy and beg to observe however that it will be necessary to keep a larger Establishment than the present one for the purpose of Collecting the proposed assessment.

Translation of a Petition which I received from Rajah Mahamud Zumma Khan in reply to my Purrowannah demanding the Payment to Twenty thousand Rupees Balance of Revenue due on account of the Bengali Year /1198/ which according to his agreement was to have been liquidated at the end of Assam 1200 B.S. authorized by the Governor General in Council under date the 5th April, 1793.

2nd. I request to be favored with your Orders on the above as also whether it is your Pleasure that I should deduct this Balance from a deposit now in this Treasury amounting to Rupees thirty thousand three hundred and sixty seven which has been made by the Rajah over and above the Kyst of Cautic to produce with ease the Revenue for the present year & of last year's balance for the present year's which has been made by the Rajah over and above the Kyst of Cautic to produce the Revenue according to his agreement was to have been liquidated at the end of the year 1200 a balance due of 20,000 Rupees.

The Country is not in such a good state of Cultivation as it was last year, the Ryots and Farmers to withhold the Revenue due on account of the Bengali Year /1198/ which has been made by the Rajah over and above the Kyst of Cautic to produce the Revenue according to his agreement was to have been liquidated at the end of the year 1200 a balance due of 20,000 Rupees. It is very true that the period for paying this balance of Revenue according to my agreement has elapsed but were I authorized to collect my Revenues according to the old customs of the Country I should be able to pay up all the Balance of Revenue due—The publishing of the 34th Regulation has occasioned Ryots and Farmers to withhold the last year's balance.

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Translation of the Petition of Rajah Mahamud Zumma Khan—

I have received your Purrowannah relative to my agreement for paying last year's Balance of Revenue informing me that the period has elapsed and ordering me to pay the money immediately.

I beg leave to present that according to the Orders of the Hon'ble Huzoor I was not to pay the Balance of Revenue due for the Bengali Year 1198 amounting to 40,000 Rupees until the ensuing years. Therefore I did not collect from the different Farmers. I only collected in year 1198 20,000 Rupees, of last year's balance which I paid to the Huzoor leaving in the year 1200 a balance due of 20,000 Rupees.

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The Country is not in such a good state of Cultivation as to produce with ease the Revenue for the present year & you deduct the last year's Balance for the present year's Revenue the Collection will become very difficult and must fall greatly in balance which will occasion me great trouble and Distress at the end of the year, I am therefore hopeful that you will endeavour to procure the enforcement of my Decrees for balance of Revenue due to me in the Mofussil as also what is due without Decrees. And what can be thus collected I will pay to the Huzoor in this manner I shall be able to pay both last year's balance & the present year's Revenue otherwise it will prove too difficult. My Lands will be sold and I shall be ruined, you are the Malik and if you will properly investigate into my affairs and take the necessary measures all will be right otherwise I am hoping that you will transmit this Petition to the Board for their orders.

Rajah

[Seal]

A true Translate

[Signature]

(Rajah Mohomud Zumma Khan)

(Rajah Behadur)

Assistant Collector.
To
The Hon’ble F. Fitzroy,
Collector of Behrboom.

Sir,

On the 11th of this month I wrote to you to request you would procure me leave of the Board to go down to Calcutta, and not having been honored with their answer, I conclude they have no objection to comply with my request. As I am under the necessity of appearing the 22nd of this Month at the Supreme Court, and have only given bail till that time, what will be the consequence if I do not attend? I shall most certainly be arrested; therefore, I am extremely sorry that I shall be obliged to leave Behrboom this Day and request you will signify to the Board my having done so, and likewise I beg leave to assure them that I do not mean any Disregard to their orders in not waiting for their answer, and hope they will see that my present situation obliged me thus to act.

I am Sir
Your Most Obdient humble Servant

Zillah Beerbhum
the 19th October 1793.

A true copy
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

To
Mr. John Battye.

Sir,

I have received your Letter of this day informing me of your intention to proceed to Calcutta, and requesting that I will signify to the Board, for bidding me to grant you Leave without previous obtaining this sanction you will excuse me if I observe that by proceeding thus precipitately you run the risk of encuring their most serious displeasure.

I am Sir
Your Most Obdient Servant

Zillah Beerbhum
the 19th October 1793.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

As I understand that Mr. Battye proceeded yesterday evening to Calcutta I have the honor to enclose Copy of my correspondence previous to his departure.

I am with the Greatest Respect

Zillah Beerbhum
the 20th October 1793.

/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

To
G. H. Barlow Esqr.,
Sub Secretary to the Government in the Revenue Department.

Fort William.

Sir,

I am this Day favored with your Letter containing the Order of the Governor General in Council desiring me to acquaint my assist Mr. Battye that he does not think proper to grant him permission to proceed to Calcutta and I am sorry to inform you that Mr. Battye left this station previous to my receiving your Letter of which circumstance I informed the Board of Revenue immediately.

I am Sir
Your Most Obdient Servant

Zillah Beerbhum
the 27th October 1793.

/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President &a. Member of the Board of Revenue.

Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you that in conformity to your orders under dates the 20th of August and 20th of September.

I have assayed the Potchowry Three annas Paise throughout the District and the stills in which Pot Med &c. Med mentionned in Your Letter of the 20th September and all otherspirituous liquors are Manufactured at Six annas Paise. On the 20th September and Twelve annas in the village of Soory in which being the Suido Village in the district and the station of the Cutcherry too in fact it is at best but a small village I considered it proper for many reasons to make the distinction particularly as this appears to correspond with the mode adopted by the late Collector of Behar so much approved by Government and which, the Collectors have been furnished with Extracts of accompanying the Orders of Your Board under the 3rd of August 1792.

Many days elapsed before I got any proposals for licences after the People heard of the intended increase a body of them came to my house and declared that they would go to Government to support their former Licences in conformity to your orders and which the Collectors have been furnished with Extracts of accompanying the Orders of Your Board under the.

The following Paragraph is a transcript from Your Secretaries Letter of date 20th September containing Your Orders in reply to my Letter of the 11th of that month in the 2nd paragraph of which I had observed “that it would be necessary to keep a larger Establishment than the present one for the purpose of collecting the proposed assessment.”

Extract

“The Board further direct me to inform you” “that they cannot on any Account admit of any Establishment beyond” “10 per cent on the Amount of the Abkarry Collections and that in many Districts the Establishments employed amount to less but that if you should ultimately consider an additional establishment necessary they expect that You will explain to them at large the grounds” “on which you consider it so.”

I beg leave to submit that my reason for making the observation was because the Establishment for Collecting the Abkarry duties at that time did not exceed thereby Rupees Fifty thousand the footing on which this Collection then stood in this District not requiring moreover one or two Persons to manage it and as such an establishment is totally inadequate to the expense of collecting the new assessment. I thought it proper to observe the same to the Board, before I made any alteration in my accounts which had hitherto only exhibited the above charge without the least view of obtaining a Large Establishment that allowed by the Regulation which from the expected increase will be fully sufficient.”

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Zillah Beerboom
the 14th November 1793.

Errors Excepted

[signed] F. Fitzroy,
Colletor.
I shall have the pleasure of submitting to you the Prescribed List as soon as it is completed together with the Establishment that may then appear—require mean time I request to be favored with your approbation of the above assessment for which I feel particularly interested as the Establishing of it has been attended with much difficulty & vexation to me owing the extreme litigiousness of the People with whom I have had to cope, naturally of the most Profligate cast in the Country, at all time ready in expediency to evade the orders of Government and oppose the vigilance of their officers which they have in every instance attempted on this occasion.

I am with Greatest Respect
Gentlemen
Your Most Obdient Humble Servant
Zillah Beerbhoom
the 2nd November 1793.

To
John Rawlins Esqr.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th Ultto, desiring me to inform the Board "if the charges on "account of the Moshaerah & Establishment of Bessenpore Zemindar mentioned "by the Civil Auditor was inserted in the accounts of my District until Bessenpore "was annexed to Burdwan and if not that I will state them the cause of "their being discontinued to the Charged.

I beg you will inform the Board that upon a review of the accounts it appears that this allowance was made to the Zemindar of Bessenpore in the year 1806 B.S. at which Period his Lands were held Khauss and as no such charge appears to have been made since that year I presume that it was in consequence of his Lands not being under his own management that Government as is customary in such cases made him this allowance in leave of Maleckana.

With respect to the 2nd Paragraph of your Letter about the Poolbundee, I have inform you that I made every enquiry respecting it also and can find no Document by which it would appear that this charge was on account of Beerbhoom as the Civil Auditor’s Letter to the Board seems to state but it evidently was charged in the same year 1806 B.S. on account of Bessenpore and not since.

I am Sir,
Your Most Obdient Servant
Zillah Beerbhoom
the 4th November 1793.

Statement of Lands situated in and appertaining to the District of Zillah Beerbhoom proposed to be sold for the liquidation of the Balances of Revenue due from Rajah Mahomed Zamaun Khaun Zemindar for 1198 and 1199 B.S.

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Errors Excepted
(signed) F. Fitzroy, Collector.

To
William Cowper Esqr. President dca. Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen,
I have the pleasure to submit to you an abstract statement* of the new assessment on the Abkarry Mehauls of this Zillah for the remainder of the Current Bengal Year 1200 which I have made agreeably to your order under dates the 30th of August & 20th of September last exhibiting the amount accruing to Government beyond the former Jumna in consequence of the increased assessment.

I am with the Greatest respect Gentlemen,
Your Most Obdient Humble Servant
Zillah Beerbhoom
the 15th November 1793.

To
William Cowper Esqr., President dca. Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen,
I have been duly favored with your Orders of the 29th Ultimo, in reply to my letter of the 17th October respecting the Balance due from the Rajah on account of the suspension authorized by the Governor General in Council under date the 5th of April last, of which the following Paragraph is an Extract.

We cannot comply with the application of the Rajah to be allowed a further period for the payment of the suspension authorized by the Governor General in Council on the 5th of April last, and we desire that in the event of his neglecting immediately to discharge the amount that you will submit to us a statement of such of his Lands as you would recommend to be sold for this purpose.

In compliance to the above Order I now have the honor to submit to you the required statement.

I am with the Greatest respect Gentlemen
Your Most Obdient Servant
Zillah Beerbhoom
the 16th November 1793.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President dca. Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen.
I have this day (?) been favor with your Letter of the 12th Instant containing your approbation of the assessment on the Abkarry Mehauls of this Zellah in the following Terms.
Vurt We approve the assessment fixed by you on the Patchoye and on the spirituous Liquors manufactured in your District we deem it necessary however to deign that you will inform us if you have assessed the rate fixed by you for the former article on the shops in which it is sold or on the persons by whom it is manufactured and that you will furnish us with the opinion required of you in the Letter of the 30th August last.

2nd Para. In my Letter addressed to your Board on the 11th September last I had the pleasure of submitting my opinion as above required stating that I conceived the Tax should be levied on both the shops and "Manufacturers of Patchoye" but as it might appear by this mode that the same article became twice fixed which I conceived to be evidently the object of your Board to prevent (Judging from the Question requiring my opinion) of course I gave particular attention and consideration to the subject before I ventured to hazard one that might at first view appear hasty and erroneous. The fact is that from every enquiry I made I found it advisable not to make any distinctions between the Vendors & manufacturers of Patchoye in my advertisement of the new assessment for, had I declared that the shops only should be taxed it would have furnished them with an evasion which I found them ready immediately to avail themselves of. Vurt They would have all declared themselves simply manufacturers and none would have avowed except the shop the thus artifices would only have served as a temporary evasion which I found that it could have lasted long enough to occasion much delay in establishing the new assessment and consequently considemably diminish the expected increase. On the other hand by taxing manufacturers only I should have furnished them with the certain means of evading the Tax as the Patchoye is a liquor which They can make in the most secret parts of their houses without risk of suspension or of being detected unless betrayed by their own relations or Persons of the concern. I therefore deemed it most expedient to fix at once an assessment on all vendors of Patchoye generally without discriminating between the shops in which it must be sold and appeared to me it might be manufactured which was the best way I could devise, having previously ascertained that no one manufactures it without also keeping a shop, and no one keeps a shop who does not manufacture it. either avowedly or clandestinely the process being so simple and cheap so that tho' the detailed Last specifies shops or manufacturers the Tax is virtually or the liquor itself.

3rd At first I had many doubts in what mode to fix the Tax on Patchoye fearing that it would too partially affect poorer sort of Abkars who really made their daily maintenance from the sale of this article but I was soon from my uncertainty by being assured the sale of Patchoye is so certain that the Tax would fall only on those who have the pleasure by reducing the Quanitity and increasimg the price without even for a day preventing the poorest manufacturer from continuing his Trade, and reaping ample profit for his maintenance.

Accompanying I have the Pleasure to submit for your approbation the detailed statement specifying the Paraganas villages and number of shops in which Liquor is to be sold together with an account particulars of the Establishment required for the future management of this Mehaul and the same disburse in Establishing the Tax.

I cannot help before I conclude my Letter remarking to your Board that as this assessment established in the middle of the year affords a clear increase of Jummah to Government of Rupees 6,715-13 it is reasonable to expect that the next year settlement of the Abkary will produce nearly double the present Revenue deriving conclusions from my own observations and the confirmation furnished me by some of the oldest abkars, I have every right to suppose that my expectations are not too sanguine.

I am with the Greatest Respect
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
Zillaub Berbhoon
the 18th November 1793
Collector.

Account Particulars of Aubkarry Charges extraordinary and fixed Establishment for the whole of the Current year 1200 B.S.

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Checking the sale of Liquor without new Pottahs | 212

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Errors Excepted
Zillaub Berbhoon
the 18th November 1793
Collector.

To John Rawlins Esqr.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Fort William

Sir,

In reply to Your Letter of the first instant desiring me to furnish the report regarding Military Detachments employed in my District as required of me on the 16th August last I have the pleasure to inform you that there are two Companies of Sepoys fixed at this station from which I am furnished with a guard for the Treasury consisting of one Howaldar and eight Sepoys and there are no Detachments in the District.

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant,
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Zillah Beerbhook, the 21st November 1793.

Errors Excepted (signed) F. Fitzroy, Coll.
To William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have this day received your Secretary’s Letter communicating the refusal of your Board to authorize my visiting Calcutta for the present which board that my absence from the first to the 20th day of December cannot at all abstract or be in the least detrimental to the business of the Collections and I would promise to return before that period.

2nd para The whole of the Kist on account of November having been paid in and disbursed I have no Ballance to leave in my Treasury and the Kist for December cannot be expected much before that period without appointing some other person to act in my stead not being of the most serious consequence to me I am obliged to be thus importunate. I hope therefore Gentlemen that you will consider the urgency of my request and if you do not deem it expedient to allow me to quit my station for the short period without appointing some other person to act in my absence I entreat the favor of you to lay my Letter before the Governor General in Council supporting my requisition by your recommendation and suggesting such measure on the occasion as may ensure his acquiescence.

I am with the Greatest Respect,
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant,

Zillah Beerbhoom
November 27th 1793.

To

William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,

Gentlemen,

I have been favored with your Secretary’s Letter under date the 6th instant in reply to my address to your Board of the 2nd respecting the Abkar by name Kertaram now in confinement for illegally selling Liquor requiring me to inform you what the amount would be of the fine levied on him for this offence if calculated at 3 times the amount of the Tax payable by him according to the rate of the nearest station in Question is capable of paying the amount of the fine calculated in the above mode “I had the honor of submitting my opinion on this in my Letter of the 2nd stating “that I had” “reason to believe he had not” “taking the whole of his property equal “to half the amount and I would therefore recommend that a remission be” “granted as far as might receive your approbation requesting at the same time” “to be favored with your orders respecting that other mode of punishment you” “would deem expedient to be inflicted in the event of any Remission being” “granted”.

2nd para In the 2nd Paragraph of your Secretary’s Letter of the same date he desires that I will inform you if the Abkar in Question is capable of paying the amount of the fine calculated in the above mode “I had the honor of submitting my opinion on this in my Letter of the 2nd stating “that I had” “reason to believe he had not” “taking the whole of his property equal “to half the amount and I would therefore recommend that a remission be” “granted as far as might receive your approbation requesting at the same time” “to be favored with your orders respecting that other mode of punishment you” “would deem expedient to be inflicted in the event of any Remission being” “granted”.

3rd para I beg leave to suggest that two Months longer imprisonment and half the fine according to the above calcula-
Zemindars invested with the management of their own Estates it appears to me proper to communicate to you what I have every reason to suppose will be prejudicial to the public Revenue. I have this day received positive intelligence that the Rajah of Beerbhum has removed Caulesehoy a nephew of Lallah Ramnauth the late Dewan & a man of credit & respectability in this District from the Office of Dewan & appointed a person by name Bauncharam to the Office of Tehsildar foreseeing I presume that he should again incur what he before experienced on a similar occasion, the displeasure of your Board by appointing Bauncharam his Dewan, he has now virtually made him so but to avoid giving umbrage, withheld the title.

Having every reason to suppose from the concurrent testimony of the natives that this man's character is very justly delineated in Mr. Keating's letters of 25th October 1790 & 30th November 1792 it is needless to expatiate on the ill effects that will probably result from so injudicious & impolitick a chain in an appointment of so much importance.

I am &ca. 

T. H. Ernst, 
Actg. Collector.

Zillah Beerbhum the 10th February 1794.

Statement of lands proposed to be sold for the liquidation of the Balance of Revenue due from the Zemindar of Beerbhum on account of 1200 B.S.—

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Accompanying this statement I transmit the following records relative to the lands lately delivered over to me.

I am Your most obedient servant 

T. H. Ernst, 
Actg. Coltr.

Zillah Beerbhum the 29th March 1794.
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Statement of Kistbundy for 1200 of the above mentioned Mehals in Persian...

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Zillah Beerbhoom...

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Zillah Beerbhoom

the 21 Apr. 1794,
To
William Cowper Esqr,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I had in vain endeavored to ascertain the actual produce of the Zemindary of Beerbhoom and of the lands that I recommended in my letter of the 29th March last to be sold for the discharge of the arrears due from him on account of the past year, in order to enable me to allot the Jumma in the mode prescribed in Regulation 1st when on the 22nd ultimo I receive the modified Regulations regarding the Decennial Settlement containing instructions how this information is to be obtained.

I am sorry to acquaint you that there are no Putwarnas in this district, & that in answer to a Purwannah I issued to the Rajah directing him immediately to appoint them every village in his estate, he objects to it on account of the expense, & requests that the Kutikabards may be allowed to discharge the duties required from the Putwarnes Kutikabards will disclose their profits by discovering the real produce of the farms. His request will doubtless meet your demand of the 12th ultimo Settlement containing instructions how this information is to be obtained every village in his estate, he objects to it on account of the expense, & requests that the Kutikabards may be allowed to discharge the duties required from the Putwarnes Kutikabards will disclose their profits by discovering the real produce of the farms. His request will doubtless meet your demand of the 12th ultimo Settlement containing instructions how this information is to be obtained.

I am Gentlemen
Zilah Beerbhoom
the 8th May 1794

To
William Cowper Esqr,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your orders of the 21st instant to charge the Rajah of Beerbhoom with interest on the arrears due from him, and to report, that he had no actual resources sufficient to discharge them, but merely meant to recommend any unreasonably high rate of interest towards him, in communicating to you my apprehensions of not being able to realise them, I hoped to induce you to have recourse to the immediate sale of his lands for the recovery of them.

As in the present state & prospect of his affairs large portions of his estate mortgaged & consequently abandoned by men of credit & character who will not accept the management of a demesned estate I see little probability of recovering the arrears due from him but by the sale of his lands I have the honors of submitting to you a statement of such of them as that submitted by Mr. Keating on the 14th May last as I would recommend to be sold in liquidation of the arrears due from him as under specified I would beg you to consider the expediency of some effectual measures being adopted to prevent this injurious mode of traffic which most completely defeating the intention of Government of rendering the gold coin current at its estimated value, & serve to keep up the high Bhattah exacted in its exchange into Silver to the great destitution of the muddling rank of people.

I would beg of you likewise to summon the expedients of sending up small gold coin by which its general circulation will be attended with considerable advantage & in its consequence may in time counterbalance the combination of Podars who now so arbitrarily affix the amount of the exchange.

I am Gentlemen
Zilah Beerbhoom
the 29th May 1794

To
William Cowper Esqr,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure of informing you that in consequence of my having in conjunction with the orders contained in your Acting Secretary’s letter of the 9th instants, issued advertisement throughout my district notifying that the Purgunnah of Sambhoom would be sold by public auction at the office of the Secretary to the Board of Revenue on the 28th of July next, in liquidation of arrears due from the Rajah of Beerbhoom, he has this day paid into my Treasury the sum of Rs 21,235 13, It may be proper to advise you what did not before occur to me that the Purgunnah of Sambhoom is at present held in farm by Golbooka whose engagements will expire at the end of the Bengal Year 1202.

The arrear now in demand from the Rajah are as follows—

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and on the 11 of the ensuing month the further sum of Rs 17,000 will be due on account of the Kist of Assar.

I am Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble servant,
Zilah Beerbhoom
the 11th June 1794

To
William Cowper Esqr,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I am honored with the receipt of your letter of the 9th ultimo, in which you state that you are aware of the difficulty & delay that must arise under the circumstances stated in my letter in procuring the accounts & papers necessary to enable me to allot the Jumma in the manner prescribed by the Regulations either from the Rajah or any of the Zemindary dependants & that you conserve the
1st. After the strictest search I find that there are no accounts in my office of any Hustood made by Mr Keating, & that all the Original Jummabundy accounts formed by Mr Shebunye were delivered over to the Zemmdar by Mr. Keating & that no copies of them were preserved in my office.

2nd. These accounts formed the groundwork of Mr Keating's statement which I had the honor of submitting to you on the 29th March but such alterations were made in the Jumma therein specified as the increased or diminished proportion to their actual produce as the fixed assessment. But I cannot presume to say that it (beats) the same proportion to their actual produce as the fixed assessment on the whole of the Rajah's lands bears to their actual produce.

3rd. The only way of ascertaining with accuracy the actual produce of this Zemmdary, is I conceive by the appointment of Putwanes or the deputation of assessors, for the resources of this District having fluctuated since the period of the Jumbamundy, appeared to him, on examination of the Zemmdary accounts & Papers, and from the result to believe that the Jumma proposed by Mr Keating is far & equitable, but I cannot presume to say that it (beats) the same proportion to their actual produce as the fixed assessment on the whole of the Rajah's lands bears to their actual produce.

4th. I cannot conclude without observing that the statement I have submitted to you was formed by Mr Keating after having diligently examined and compared every Zemmdary record that could throw any light on the assets of the Paper, and from the result to believe that there are no difficulties that can after all be placed on them will doubtless render you sure of such a measure.

To

H. Ernst Esq
Commissioner in charge of the Zemmdary of Beerbhoom

Sir,

The accompanying is a statement of the portions which I intended to appropriate the allowance made by the Board of Revenue to the Rajah Family—

The Board disapproved my proposal to allow them a monthly allowance together with a small portion of Land & fixed the allowance to one thousand Rupees per month, which was an increase on my proposal on the amount of two hundred & twenty Rupees only without anything more in lieu of Land. If the accompanying portions meet your pleasure you may take (sic) accordingly if not will do as you please—

Zillah Beerbhoom
August 11th 1795

I am your obedient humble Servant,

T. H. Ernst

Proposed Establishment of the Families of Rajah Mehommud Zumman Khan

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Extract from Correspondence for 1795-1796 Beerbhoom

To

Ltut D Lyons, Commanding the Detachment of N I, Beerbhoon

Sir,

I have to request you will furnish me with an Escort from the Native Infantry under your Command for the purpose of protecting the sum of Sera Rupees 23,000 being at remittance from the Treasury to the Collector of Moorshehabad the money will be ready to leave this place on the 11th Instant.

I will also thank you to inform me of the name of the officer who is to Command the Party, with its strength.

I am Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

F. Fitzroy
Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 9th Sept 1795
To
William Cowper Esqr.
President & Member of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have received your Secretary’s letter of the 15th ultimo accompanying Extract of a letter from the Governor General in Council under date the 11th March.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement of the Sudder Establishment of this Collectorship and beg leave to solicit an addition of such a number of English writers as may appear to your Board requisite for keeping my English records in the mode prescribed by the Regulations of Government.

There is not any Tahsildary Establishment Entertained in this District.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble servant
(Signed) C. Tryer
Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 19th April 1796.

Sudder Establishment Entertained in the Collectorship of Zillah Beerbhoom

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Total = 75

Sicca Rupees 752

Errors Excepted
(Signed) C. Tryer
Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 19th April 1796

To
William Cowper Esqr.
President & Member of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen

I have received your Secretary’s letter of the 28th Instant and have the honor to transmit herewith the statement therein required.

You will observe Gentlemen that I have reduced the salary of the Darogah to Rupees 40 and have added three Peons to the Establishment at Rupees 10 per month as I find an Establishment of these Officers absolutely necessary which I hope will meet with the sanction of your Board.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble servant
(Signed) C. Tryer
Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 23rd April 1796

Establishment of Officers necessary to be entertained for the Abkharry Mehaul

1 Darogah         = 40
2 Mohurers        = 18
3 Peons           = 10
Paper, Pen, Ink &ca. = 7

Total = 75

Sicca Rupees = 752

Errors Excepted
(Signed) C. Tryer
Collector

To
William Cowper Esqr.
President & Member of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen

Police. The Zemindar of Beerbhoom having declined to enter into Engagements with Government for the payment of the Revenue of his resumed Tannahdarree lands for the current year 1203 B.S. I advertised for proposals for farming the lands but no Offers have been made.

As the Deputation of Sequoos on the part of Government to Collect the Produce of the Lands in question from their disjointed situation (small portions being scattered through several Purgunahs) would nearly consume all the Profits arising from them, I beg leave to recommend that the Zemindars be compelled to furnish me with the names of the Farmers of the several Purgunahs in which the lands are situated and that such Farmers be required to execute separate Engagement to the Government for the Quantity of Tannahdarree lands situated within the respective Farms.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble servant
(Signed) C. Tryer
Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 28th April 1796

To
William Cowper Esqr.
President & Member of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen

I have received your Secretary’s letter of the 26th Instant covering an Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council and shall commence the Enquiry in Question on the 5th next month as directed in the first paragraph of the Orders of Government. At the same time I take the liberty of repeating the 5th requisition contained in the last paragraph of my address of the 10th Instant “that I may be furnished with the original Papers containing the several charges as it will not I conceive be practicable to proceed for in the Enquiry without these Documents—
Having attentively perused the Regulations of Government I confess myself at a loss in what shape or form to bring forward a Prosecution against Harcharn Das. The case appears to me to be under considerable difficulty, which are of a nature I trust to plead an Excuse for the second reference. My Instructions are to enter a suit in the Dewany Court. If I do this the man will urge payment, and the cause will be dismissed and the Charges unnecessarily incurred for that the money as in debt will apprehend never be admitted as a legal distinction. It has been paid and received in Court of Law so further demand can be made for the Original sum but the suit may be Entered for interest or damages and the award of the Court will probably be in favour of Government, but then when this is done the case will be dismissed when another the zamindars of Beerbhoom his Vakail Mohummeed Jummeel and his late Dewan Shaum Chuckurborty to attend at my residence on the 5th Instant when another the Zamindars of Beerbhoom or Mr Fitroz having been in attendance I thought it proper not to proceed in the enquiry and therefore postponed it all the following days. The Zamindar of Beerbhoom being then present copies of the Petitions stated to have been written by him containing the Charges against Mr. Ernst were read and he was asked whether they were authentick, and in what manner he meant to substantiate the charges. In reply he said that he could not recollect nor give any answer without seeing the Originals and consulting his servants and being then desired to state whether or not he had written any petitions to that effect he returned the same answer. I have therefore to request that you will furnish me with the Original Petitions stated to have been written by the Zamindar of Beerbhoom and as I have every reason to believe that the several persons who delivered Petitions in support of the Charges have resources I take the liberty of recommending that you will furnish me with the Original Petitions relating to the Business now under investigation.

I have the honor to be
Zulah Beerbhoom
the 5th May 1796

To
William Cowper Esqr.
President & Member of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,
I beg leave to inform you that the only armed Establishments retained in this Collectorship under my department are the Guards over my Treasury and Cutcherry the former consisting of a Havildar and Eight Sepoys and the latter of a Naik and 4 Sepoys which are supplied from the regular Troops stationed at this place and which cannot I conceive be withdrawn until the Sebunds are fully qualified to take the Dates. The arms and accoutrements for the Sebundy Corps have not yet been received and a farther delay must unavoidably occur after the arrival of the arms to instruct them in the use thereof previous to their being entrusted with so important a charge as the Hon'ble Company's Treasury.

Under these circumstances I trust I shall stand justified in not immediately discharging the armed Establishments as directed in the 2nd Paragraph of the orders of Government

I have the honor to be
Zulah Beerbhoom
the 26th May 1796

To
William Cowper Esqr.
President & Member of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,
I have received Secretary's Letter of the 26th Instant Accompanying Copy of a letter from the Subsecretary to the Governor General in Council and directing me to furnish the information required by Government.

I beg leave to inform you that the only armed Establishments retained in this Collectorship under my department are the Guards over my Treasury and Cutcherry the former consisting of a Havildar and Eight Sepoys and the latter of a Naik and 4 Sepoys which are supplied from the regular Troops stationed at this place and which cannot I conceive be withdrawn until the Sebunds are fully qualified to take the Dates.

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Zulah Beerbhoom
the 5th May 1796

To
William Cowper Esqr.
President & Member of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,
I have received Secretary's Letter of the 13th Instant and must confess myself at a loss to suggest any other mode for Collecting the Revenues of the Tamadduri Mahalns than the deposition of Sezawells on the part of Government and as his majesty would consume nearly the whole of the Revenues arising therefrom I take the liberty of recommending that the proposals submitted in my Address of the 13th Instant for farming the Lands in Question be accepted particularly as the terms offered after deducting the authorized Remissions will be found nearly equal to the remaining assessment.

I have the honor to be
Zulah Beerbhoom
the 21st May 1796

To
William Cowper Esqr.
President & Member of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,
I have the honor to be
Your most obedient humble servant

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I have the honor to be
Your most obedient humble servant

Zulah Beerbhoom
the 21st May 1796
To William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Member of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,
I have received your acting Subsecretary's Letter of the 10th Instant accompanying an Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council.

I beg leave to acquaint you that the Sebundy Crops attached to my Department consists only of One Havildar sickness will be scarcely sufficient to guard my Treasury.

One Naik and 24 Sepoys which admitting of Casualties and

subundies should be Employed as Escorts for Treasury and

1Oth Instant accompanying an Extract of a Letter from the

on all other occasions

your Board adeq ua te to occasional Duties and a guard for

my Cutcherry.

the 2nd of June 1796

Account of this Collectorship Ending with Chiyt 1202 B.S.

Gentlemen,
To
Zillah Beerbhoom
the 2nd of June 1796

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
signed C. Tryer.
Collector.

To William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Member of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,
I am concerned to inform you that the Police Fowjee account of this Collectorship Ending with Chiyt 1202 B.S. Exhibits a heavy Balance of Rs. 3,537.5.15 since the trans­

mission of that account the sum of Rs. 1,431-1-3 has been recovered and a further of Rs. 215.2.6.2 will I expect be realized in the course of next Month and with regard to the remaining arrears being Rs. 1,891.5.2.2 I have but little prospect of recovering any part thereof it being stated by the Tehsildaar to be due in part from Persons who have left the District and from others who have not the means of discharging their arrears.

I beg leave however to observe that a sum adequate to the Expend of the Police Establishments the Commission of the Tehsildaars and all other Extra Charges incurred in the past year 1202 B.S. will I hope be realized.

In order to ascertain the truth or fallacy of the accounts of the Tehsildaars I deemed it Expedient . . . . no more available . . . .

(Presumably from Collector)

To William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Member of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,
I received your Acting Subsecretary's Letter of the 17th Instant and have now the Honor to subjoin the Information therein required.

Wholesale Dealers engaged in Merchandise of Every description residents in this Zillah.

Tenders . . . . This denomination includes all Merchants not residing but Trading in this District through agents in Grain Cloths &ca.

Shopkeepers . . . Under this denomination are included all retail Dealers of Grain and all other Articles of Commerce, Manufacturers of Iron, Brass, Copper and Tin.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble servant
signed C. Tryer.
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 4th June 1796

To William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Member of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,
I have received your Secretary's Letter of the 20th Ultimo and agreeably to the Instructions communicated in the 2nd Paragraph I have this day taken the necessary engagements from the securities tendered by Mohammed Zuman Khan Zamindar of Beerbhoom in the Enclosure submitted in my address of the 16th Instant for the discharge of the dues of Government account the year 1201 B.S. amounting agreeably to the corrected statement prepared under the order contained in your Secretary's letter of the 9th April '96 and transmitted in my address of the 27th of the said month to Rupees 13,635.4.8 and released Hoodah Shawpore in Purgunnah Jumoo Jaul from attachment.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble servant
signed C. Tryer.
Collector.

To William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Member of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,
I have the honor to transmit Copy of a draft presented to me by a Person in the part of Mr. Frushard and have to request your Order for the discharge thereof from this Treasury.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 5th June 1796

(Copy)

To C. Tryer Esqr., Collector of Beerbhoom.
Sir,
At sight Please to Pay to my Order the sum of sicca Rupees five hundred and seventy six annas being for the pay of my sebundies from the month of November to the end of April Inclusive viz., six months at the Rate of sent.

Rupees 97 per month.

Batta
2½ Cent.

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570.6.0

To William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Member of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,
I have received your Secretary's letter of the 13th Instant and beg leave to inform you that the lands stated to be held by Rajah's Servants do not appear to come under the description of Lands resumble under Clause the fourth section of 8 Regulation, 1793.

Tender's . . . . This denomination includes all Merchants not residing but Trading in this District through agents in Grain Cloths &ca.

Shopkeepers . . . Under this denomination are included all retail Dealers of Grain and all other Articles of Commerce, Manufacturers of Iron, Brass, Copper and Tin.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble servant
signed C. Tryer.
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 4th June 1796

To William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Member of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,
The Lands in question have never been appropriated to the purposes of keeping up Tannah's Police Establishments but originally found a part of the resources of the Zamindarry have been invariably consigned to the support of a number of old servants of the Family of the late-Zamindar who have no other means of providing a subsis­

tence for themselves and Families.

Under these circumstances should your Board be pleased to resolve on demanding the estimated Produce of the Lands alluded to being Rupees 121.5.17 it must be recovered for the
several Persons in possession who appear to be more objects of Charity than Taxation.

I have the honor to be

Gentleman
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 25th June 1796

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Member of the Board of Revenue.

Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have received your Secretary's letter of the 1st Instant Accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Subsecretary to the Government and for the information required in the 2nd Paragraph of the Orders of Government on the subject of the Lands resumed for the support of the Police in Bhadunglepore I beg leave to refer you to the late Commissioner's Letter under Date the 26th December 1795 & the 5th February 1796 by which it will appear that out of the 1260 Bs. 13 Ct. in the year 1201 BS. and included in the Tannahdarry resources of this Zillah, the further Quantity of 230 Begas on the 8th July 1796. (Signed) C. Tryer.

To
The Hon'ble F. Fitzroy
Sooorool.

Sir,

I beg leave to transmit Copy of a Letter and Enclosures received from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue and have to request you will be pleased furnish me with any Interrogatories you may think proper to propose to Rajahram the late Dewan of this Zillah and Mehbulally to be pleased to resolve on reinstating the Gawtwals I take the liberty of offering it as my opinion in consequence of the question appeared to form a part of the Maal resources and Liberty of offering it as my opinion in consequence of the inquiry which I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract statement of the abkarry Assessment of the Collectorship of the Current year 1203 B.S.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Member of the Board of Revenue.

Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the statement relating to the examination of the above-mentioned persons and that I may hereafter find it necessary to propose can arise solely out of their answers to the interrogatories of the Judge of Behar or of Mr. Fitzroy.

As it is probable there will be considerable delay before the investigation can be brought to a conclusion and there cannot now I conceive be any necessity for my attendance there, it is my intention to leave this place to day in order to return to my office in Calcutta where during the absence of Mr. Deane there must be ample employment for me, I shall of course be ready to return should it be deemed necessary wherever the examination of Rajahram and Mehbulally may be transmitted to you.

To
Corinnais Tryer Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I am favored by your letter of the 23rd Instant and in obedience to the Orders of the Governor General in Council therein enclosed I have the pleasure to send you the amount in demand against me being Sicca Rupees 465 for which I beg leave to request your Official Receipts.

In reply to the other part of your letter which regards the late Dewan Rajah Ram and Mehbulally I can only say that I have no interrogatories whatever trouble you I can only say that I have no interrogatories whatever trouble you I can only say that I have no interrogatories whatever trouble you I can only say that I have no interrogatories whatever trouble you I can only say that I have no interrogatories whatever trouble you I can only say that I have no interrogatories whatever trouble you.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
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Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract statement of the abkarry Assessment of the Collectorship of the Current year 1203 B.S.

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Zillah Beerbhoom
the 29th July 1796.

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I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract statement of the abkarry Assessment of the Collectorship of the Current year 1203 B.S.
Statement of the Names of Pergunnahs in the Zillah of Beerbhoom the amount assessed upon each Pergunnah for Defraying the Expense of Police for the year 1203 B.S. and Names and Descriptions of the Collector of the Assessment

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| Presumed Lands          | 11,686 4 14              |                                                               |                                       |                   |
|                        | 2,343 15 2               |                                                               |                                       |                   |
| **TOTAL Saks.**         | **14,030 3 16**          |                                                               | **11,112**                            |                   |

Zillah Beerbhoom  
the 1st of August 1796  
Earned Excepted  
(Signed) C. Tyer,  
Collector.
To

William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William,

Gentlemen,

I have received your Secretary's Letter of the 23rd August and as neither Colly Cawn or any authorized Agent on his part yet attended for the purpose of receiving possession of Lot Mohnespore purchased by him at public sale on the 10th June last I have in conformity with the Orders communicated in your Secretary's Letter above alluded to committed the management of the Land's to a Sezawul and have furnished him with a copy of the settlement of the past year for his guidance in the collecting the Revenue for the Current year.

In order however to enforce the attendance of Colly Cawn or an authorized Agent on his part I take the Liberty of suggesting the propriety of a Portion of the Lands adequate advertised for Sale as Colly Cawn can have no good motive in absenting himself.

I have the Honor to transmit a Copy the Establishment Entertained for the purpose aforementioned.

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble servant

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 10th September 1796

(Signed) C. Tryer
Acting Collector

Establishment of Officers necessary to be Entertained for the purpose of collecting the Revenues of the Lot Mohnespore

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Total Rs. 63 0 0

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 10th September 1796

(Signed) C. Tryer
Collector

To

William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William,

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to submit for your consultation Copy of a Receipt received from the Zillah Court with a copy of my account of charges defrayed by me on this duty.

Agreedly to the Orders communicated in your Secretary's Letter of the 20th Instant I have the Honor to transmit the Proceedings held by me on the charges brought forward by Mr. Fitzroy against Mr. T. H. Ernst together with the several documents specified in the accompanying List.

I beg leave to inform you that I have not received any reply from Mr. Seton on the subject of my address of the 28th Ultimo relating to the fourth charge.

I take the Liberty of submitting for your sanction the actual quantity of Land in the possession of the several Occupants, and as there are no Records in this Office by which the malguzarry Lands can be ascertained from the reputed Jagheer and as the Ghatwaals will no doubt represent the Cultivated Lands as Jagheer and the Putteet as Malguzarry I beg leave to recommend that the Lands be consolidated and the public Jumma apportioned upon the whole, leaving the Ghatwaals to Establish their Jagheer tenures by a regular process of law and in cases where Judgment may be passed in their favor that such a Portion as your Board in consideration of their claims may seem equitable and a remission from their Jumma granted accordingly.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble servant

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 11th September 1796

(Signed) C. Tryer
Acting Collector

To

William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William,

Gentlemen,

I am sorry to inform you that the Boat Employed on the occasion was by some accident overset near Cuma and the greater part of the Ammunition from having been some hours under water will I apprehend be found totally un- serviceable. The incessant heavy rain which has prevailed at this place for some day past has prevented my having the Ammunition surveyed.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble servant

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 24th September 1796

(Signed) C. Tryer
Acting Collector

To

William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William,

Gentlemen,

Agreedly to the Orders communicated in your Secretary's Letter of the 26th September 1796 I have the Honor to transmit the Proceedings held by me on the charges brought forward by Mr. Fitzroy against Mr. T. H. Ernst together with the several documents specified in the accompanying List.

I beg leave to inform you that I have not received any reply from Mr. Seton on the subject of my address of the 26th Ultimo relating to the fourth charge.

I take the Liberty of submitting for your sanction an account of charges defrayed by me on this duty.

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble servant

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 26th September 1796

(Signed) C. Tryer
Acting Collector
List of Documents appertaining to the enquiry held under the Orders of the Governor General in Council of the 18th March 1790

No. 1 Copy of a Perwannah from Mr. Fitzroy to Rajah Mohun Zeman Khan Zemindaar of Beerbhoom
2 Original Petition of the Zemindaar of Beerbhoom addressed to Mr. Fitzroy
3 Copy of a Perwannah from Mr. Fitzroy to the Zemindaar of Beerbhoom
4 Original Petition of the Zemindaar of Beerbhoom addressed to Mr. Fitzroy
5 Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto
6 Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto
7 Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto
8 Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto
9 Original Petition of Shaum Churn Chuckerbutty said to have been transmitted by him to the Zemindaar of Beerbhoom
10 Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto
11 Original Petition of Mohumud Jummal said to have been transmitted by him to the Zemindaar of Beerbhoom
12 Original Petition of Mohunpershaud addressed to Fitzroy
13 A Letter said to have been transmitted by Mr. Ernst to the Zemindaar of Beerbhoom
14 Original Deposition of Shaum Churn Chakterbutty
15 Original Deposition of Mohunpershaud
16 Ditto Ditto of Bhowany Sunkar
17 Ditto Ditto of Bhowany Sunkar
18 Ditto Ditto of Mohumud Zeman Khan
19 Ditto Ditto of Mirzah Lal Beg

Signed C. Tryer
Acting Collector.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William

Gentlemen,

Police. I have received your Secretary's Letter of the 30th ultimo and have now the honor to transmit herewith a statement of the Police Tax for the past year 1202 B.S., the amount expenditure including all Extra charges incurred in the said year, and the amount collections from the 1st May 1796 to the end of September 1796.

On a perusal of the accompanying statement your Board will be pleased to observe that the receipts to the end of September fall short of the expenditures in the sum of RsRs 47.6.9, but that in the event of the amount RsRs 209.6.15.2 awarded to Government against the Tehsildars being realized, the Receipts will exceed the Expenditures of the past year in the sum of RsRs 242.6.2 and the Balance of the past year in the sum of RsRs 1,654.10.5.2 for the reasons communicated in your Secretary's Letter being for the present

The Court having adjourned in consequence of the Hindoo Festival of the Dcorgah Poojah, precludes the Orders com­­plete a copy a letter from the Governor General in Council dated the 14th of the same month accompanied with fifteen Persian Receipts mentioned in the 1st Paragraph of that Letter, and desiring me to make the Entry to hold on the 6th paragraph of the orders of Government Mr. T. H. Ernst at the same time when I should be unprepared to com­­ence the enquiry in order that they might attend during the progress of it should be deemed his personal presence necessary for this justification.

2nd. Mr. Ernst's letter dated the 25th October No. 1 which I received the day after your Orders reached me, rendered any Intimation to that Gentleman respecting the appoint­­ed day to commence the Investigation unnecessary.

3rd. In conformity to the 6th Paragraph of the Orders of Government I summoned Mohun Pursaud who was the* Continued to page clxxvi.
Statement Exhibiting the assessment of the Police Tax for the past year 1202 B.S., the amount Expenditures and the amount Collections from the 1st May to the end of September 1795-6

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<th>Contributors &amp;ca.</th>
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<th>Amount required by the Magistrate</th>
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<th>Amount required for discharging the Tezildars (Commissions)</th>
<th>Total expenditure in the year 1202 B.S.</th>
<th>Collections from the 1st May 1795 to the end of September 1795</th>
<th>Amount short of actual expenditure at the end of court but not realised</th>
<th>Balance of the assessment of 1202 B.S.</th>
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Of this Balance—Rs. 10,541-10-2 is reported by the Tezildars to be due in part from persons who have left the District and others who have not the means of discharging their respective Balance—

Zilah Beorbhoom
the 15th October 1795

Errors Excepted
(Signed) George Purling
Collector.
Native Treasurer during the period Mr. Ernst officiated as acting Collector of Beerbboom to answer to several Interrogatories I deemed necessary to put to him, pur . . . . to the spirit of my Instructions respecting the actual payment of the sums specified in the Persian Receipts to the Dewan Rajah Ram, and at the same time to State such particulars as he might have a knowledge of that could tend in any shape to refute, or substantiate the charge of a Misappropriated of the Dewan's monthly allowance; his Evidence with translate form the Enclosure No. 2.

4th. I also summoned Collesunkur Roy who was at that period employed under the Treasury who wrote and took the daily Cash Amounts, after asking him two or three questions and finding him very ununiformed, it certainly could not assist the enquiry to go into any further examination of this Witness; I have to add that Collesunkur Roy acknowledges his having made the several entries specified in the Bengal Taool Kusteh accounts delivered in to me these accounts commence from the month of January 1794 and conclude on the 30th March 1795; on an inspection of these accounts your Board will perceive that the Aumlah Establishment was regularly paid;................., Collesunkur’s Evidence and a Copy of the Bengal Kusteh accounts with Translates form the Enclosures Nos. 3 and 4.

5th. Both these Witnesses Mohun Parsnband and Collesunkur Roy have been duly sworn to the truth of their respective Depositions before the Zilla Judge.

6th. I have further to observe that Mohun Parsnband and Collesunkur Roy are the only Persons now residing at Beerbboom who were acting in official Capacities in the Treasury Department during the period Mr. Ernst was in charge of the Revenues of the District.

7th. An advertizement to the effect directed in the 4th Paragraph of the Hon'ble the Governor General's Letter to your Board regarding Ally Neiowaz Khan I have published in the English, Persian and Bengal Languages throughout the district.

I have the honor to be

Your Most Obedient humble Servant

Geo Purling

Collector.

Zillah Beerbloom
the 21st November 1796.

To

George Dowdeswell Esqr.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Sir,

There is an Error in the last Column of the Account Sale of Lands transmitted in your letter of the 11th Instant.

Amount present Sale ... ... 32,250 0 0
Deduct charges for adverts ... 163 2 0

32,146 14 0

This sum you observe is the Nett amount whereas in the amount you have sent the Nett amount is Sicca Rupees 32,147-14- I have not thought it necessary to return the amount but will thank you just to examine the original account Sale of Lands and to inform me which seem ought to be inserted as the Nett amount if the latter sum is right there is some mistake in the body of the account, and it must be returned to you if the former sum is right. I can easily rectify the mistake without troubling you with the account. I am

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

Zillah Beerbloom
the 24th November 1796.

(Signed) G. Purling

Collector.

To

William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

Miscellaneous. Agreeable to the 19th Section of the 25th Regulation 1793 I have the honor to forward you an Abstract* Statement of the Division of Talook Paunrah as delivered in by the Aumeen who was deputed by the late Collector to make the Division of the abovementioned Estate. The several shares have been furnished with a Copy of this Statement and a translation of their remarks is annexed to it.

I am

Gentlemen

Your Most obedient humble Servant

Zillah Beerbloom
the 13th February 1797
Collector.

*(Signed) Geo Purling

*Next page.
# Abstract Statement of the Division of Talook Pauniah

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Zulah Beerbloom
the 13th February 1797
To Mr C. Keating, Collector of Beerbhoom & Bessenpoor,

Sir,

Observing that you have inserted a sum on the Credit side of your Treasury Account, for December, as a Deposit to be paid to the Commercial Resident at Soonamookoy amounting to Sixa. Rupees 87,500— I request that you will draw out, and transmit to the Office, as early as possible, another Treasury Account in English and Persian for December, entirely omitting the Entry alluded to, it being for a sum not disbursed from your Treasury.

By this omission, a sum equal in amount will appear as a Balance of Cash in your hands at the end of the month, of which it will be necessary to give explanation, by stating that it has been .................................................................

22 December in favor of the Commercial Resident at Soonamookoy.

I beg leave to add, that it should be observed as a General Rule, that no sum whatever should appear charged in your Treasury Accounts, for which an adequate voucher is not transmitted accompanying the account wherein the advance or Disbursement appears inserted, as in every Instance of Deviation from the Rule, the Collectors by the standing orders of Government are directed to be personally debited for the amount so Charged. And of course where no Payment took place, as in the Instance of the Entry, alluded to, no Voucher from the Person to whom the advance was directed to be made, could be furnished.

Remarking likewise that you have inserted the Payment of Bills drawn upon you from the Presidency for sums paid into the General Treasury, under the separate Distinction of Bills of Exchange, I beg to leave to inform you, that these together with your remittance in Specie, should be Classed under the Head of Fort William Presidency and request you will make the necessary correction in your Treasury Account now required for December, of the Bills that have been so Charged in the Treasury Account for December already transacted.

I am
Fort William
Secy. Genl. Office
Dr. Signed/ I. E. Harington
the 21. January
1789.

To C. Keating, Esqr., Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Ultimo, and to acquaint you that the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to direct that in future you depute a capable person on your own part to attend the Officer commanding troops passing through your district, with directions to see that your order to the Zemindars for furnishing the necessary supplies of grains and provisions are punctually Complied with.

I am further directed to desire that you will lay a fine of one Hundred Rupees on Rajah Chyton Sing for his inattention of the 21, January 1789.

2. B. E.

To Mr C. Keating, Esqr., Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

The Board of Revenue having taken into Consideration the Plans proposed by your Predecessor, under date the 19th of February 1788, for the assessment of the Lands held by Mr. Frushard in Birbhum; I have their directions to inform you that he is to be considered, in this respect as a Raiyat, and his Lands taxed accordingly.

I am
Fort William
Secy. Genl. Office
Dr. Signed/ I. E. Harington
the 21. January
1789.

To Mr Christopher Keating, Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

We have received your letter of the 4th Ultimo, and have in reply, to inform you, that the Governor General in Council has required to accept from Mr Sherburne the estimated Value of the Buildings at Beerbhum at the time of Mr Foley took possession of them, and that Mr Foley has been accordingly directed to give in an estimate, we have at the same time, to acquaint you, that if in Preference to purchasing the Buildings from Mr Sherburne, you may choose to Build Separately for your own use, we agree to allow you to purchase and occupy with the consent of the Proprietors, the Quantity of Land applied for by you.

We are Sir
Your most obedient servants
Calcutta
11th February 1789.

To Mr C. Keating, Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

This serves to advise you that a Draft No. 231 has been this day drawn upon you in favor of Mr Frushard Commercial Agent of Ganadza for current Rupees 25,000.

I am
Fort William
Accomp. Genl. Office
Dr. Signed/ I. E. Harington
the 12th February 1789.

To Christopher Keating, Esqr., Magistrate, Beerbhoom.

Sir,

Jeesua a notorious Dekoit having made his Escape from this same Night ago, and it being not improbable what he may have taken refuge in some part of your District, I request you will issue Orders to the several Zemindars to Make after and apprehend him, at the same time. I beg you will make it known to them that I will pay a Reward of five hundred Rupees to the Person or Persons who may seize and deliver Jeesua over to Your Custody or mine.

I am &c.,

Burdwan
February 7th 1789.

To C. Keating, Esqr., Collector of Birbhum.

Sir,

We have received your letter of the 4th Ultimo, and have in reply, to inform you, that the Governor General in Council has required to accept from Mr Sherburne the estimated Value of the Buildings at Beerbhum at the time of Mr Foley took possession of them, and that Mr Foley has been accordingly directed to give in an estimate, we have at the same time, to acquaint you, that if in preference to purchasing the Buildings from Mr Sherburne, you may choose to Build Separately for your own use, we agree to allow you to purchase and occupy with the consent of the Proprietors, the Quantity of Land applied for by you.

We are Sir
Your most obedient servants
Calcutta
11th February 1789.

To Mr Christopher Keating, Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

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We are Sir
Your most obedient servants
Calcutta
11th February 1789.

Notes:

- For the assessment of the Lands held by Mr. Frushard in Birbhum.
- The Board of Revenue directed Mr. Frushard to estimate the value of the buildings.
- Mr. Frushard was to be considered as a Raiyat.
- Draft No. 231 was issued for current Rupees 25,000.
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- A reward of five hundred Rupees was offered for his capture.

Sd/- G. C. Meyer

Sd/- T. Mackenzie

Sd/- John Mackenzie
To

Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I have been favoured with your Letter of the 8 Instant and in Answer beg leave to inform You that having now procured some necessary Information respecting the Dekoys who have for a long time past been committing Depredations on the western Borders of this District, it is my Intention immediately to detach such a Force of Sepoys & Burcanlosses as can be spared from this into the Pargannahs of Sherghur, Sinopaharee and Silmepore for the purpose of Apprehending them.

I now do myself the honor to enclose you a List of those who I have got Information against and request you will so good as to issue the necessary Orders to your People to afford mine their assistance in seizing and bringing to Justice as can be spared from this into the Pergunnah of Sheorpar, Balaye two of the Persons accused at Court of Robbery. I have been unable to secure the Person of Netaye Byragy. I have now the Pleasure to inform you that I have got Information against and request you will be so good as to issue the necessary Orders to your People to afford mine their assistance in seizing and bringing to Justice them.

I am &c.,

Burdwan
the 24th February 1789.

Signed/ Law. Mercer

To

Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

In compliance with your requisition of the Ultimo I have caused to be apprehended & herewith forward Bistaunaut Sinpaharee and Silempore for the purpose of Apprehending them.

We have directed our accomptant to give you information respecting the Dekoys therein named as I shall order my People to assist yours to the utmost of their Power I have also requested the same assistance from the Magistrate of Patchete and have great Hopes that our different Parties will constitute a Force sufficiently respectable with proper exertions to put a stop to all future Depredations at least in the Quarter.

I am &c.,

Moradbang

the 14th February 1789.

Signed/ Michl. Atkinson

Acting Magistrate

of Rajahye

To

Mr C. Keating,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

We have received your letters of the 1st and 5th Instant the former transmitting a Jumma Wazil Bakes, in English and Persian the Districts under your Charge, and have a satisfaction in observing that Revenues will be completely realized for the Current Year.

We have directed our accountant to give you Information required in your letter of the 5th Instant.

We are

Calcutta
the 17th February 1789.

Signed/ Thos. Graham

John Mackenzie

To

Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I have been favored with your enclosing a Purwanah to the Tannadars of your District requiring them to assist in the Apprehension of the Dekoys and I have now the Pleasure to transmit you a Similar One to the Tannadars of, Burdwan.

The Party is now ready and will leave this tomorrow Morning.

I am &c.,

Burdwan

the 17th February, 1789.

Signed/ Law. Mercer

To

Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

We have received your letters of the 1st and 5th Instant and esteem myself much obliged by the Intelligence they contain, which has been forwarded to the Party now in search of Jeebna and the other Dekoys by whom those Districts are at present so much infested, and I have great Hopes will be essential Service to them in directing their future Motions against those Robbers.

I am Sir,

To

Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate, Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I have this Day been favored with your Letter of the 7th Instant with the Prisons Buddah Harry & Rudeah Harry apprehended by you in compliance with the Requisition from this, under Date the 22nd December last.

I am &c.,

Burdwan

the 25th February 1789.

Signed/ J. Mercer

To

Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

The Board of Revenue having submitted copies of letters and enclosures of the 15th Ultimo, relative to the seditious conduct of as to the Governor General in Council, I have their orders to transmit you, for your information and guidance, the enclosed extract of a letter from his Lordship in Council in reply thereto.

I am Sir,

Assistant Secy.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER from the Governor General in Council dated the 25th of February 1789—

We desire you will acquaint the Collector of Beerbhoom, that he is to proceed in the completion of the Jummbundy in conformity to the instructions transmitted to the late Collector, and in the event of the Mundus and Ryots assembling in a tumultuous and seditious manner to approve the execution of the orders of Government, that he is to proceed against them in the mode pointed out in our orders of the 21st May last, you will at the same time, direct the Collector to enquire into any specific complaints which the Mundus or Ryots individually may appear to have committed, and the former in cases where their . . . may appear to be unjust and ill founded in the made . . .

By a steady adherence to this line of Conduct we . . . that the Collector will shortly be enabled to discriminate, whether the complaints preferred against Ramnaut are to be attributed to his misconduct, or to the intrigues of the Mundus to effect his removal from his office and by invariably punishing the party offending, that tranquility will soon be re-established throughout the district.

Revenue Board

A true extract

Signed/ John Fombelle

Assist. Secy.
To
Mr C. Keating,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,
We are instructed by the Governor General in Council to communicate to you, for your information and guidance, a resolution passed by him in the Public Department on the 4th Instant, precluding all Collectors of Revenue and Customs, from concern in Commercial transactions, or in the management of any Banking House or House of Agency, from and after the first day of May next.

We are
Your most obedient servants
John MacKenzie
Calcutta.
The 6th March 1789.

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate,
Beerbhoom.

Sir,
I have been favored with your letter of the 14th Instant with its inclosures, and have given orders for apprehending the Son of Sham Roy, you will therefore please to forward to me the necessary documents for their prosecution.

As I observe in the papers you sent me an indirect charge against Narain Tappadar, I request you will send me such depositions as you may have taken respecting him, in order that he may if guilty, be brought to condign punishment.

I am
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
Maddoo Chowdry
13th March 1789.

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate,
Beerbhoom.

Sir,
I have been favored with your letter of the 14th Instant with its inclosures, and in answer beg leave to inform you that having some Days ago received a Letter to the same Effect from Dinaram Subadar, I immediately wrote to Maddoo Choudry reprimanding him for his Conduct and now assure you that should he in future in any Degree impede the Publick Service by his Disputes with your People he shall be instantly recalled.

Having lately sent a reinforcement to join the party at Sheérghur &c. from which I have great Hopes that some thing effectual may be done against the Dekoys in that Quarter, I request you will be pleased to allow those on your part to remain there some time longer, that no Means in our Power may be left untried for bringing those Disturbances of the Publick Peace to Justice.

I have the honor to enclose you copy of a Letter from Maddoo Chowdry from which you will see that he has also his Complaints to make; at the same time I beg leave to repeat to you my Resolution to recall him in Case of only further Disputes happening to impede the Service the Parties are jointly engaged in.

I am
Your most obedient humble Servt.
Thos. Graham
17th March 1789.

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate,
Beerbhoom.

Sir,
In answer to yours of yesterday Date I beg to inform you that Maddoo Chowdry has been recalled which I hope will effectually put a stop to all Disputes between the Parties respectively, sent out by us for the Purpose of apprehending the Dekoys.

Post Wlliam,
Your Most Obedient humble Servant.
Signed/ Law. Mercer
Magistrate.

To
Mr C. Keating,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,
I am authorized by the Board of Revenue to request you will advance on the 1st April next, to Mr Frushard, Commercial Agent, at Gona, the sum of Current Rupees Twenty five Thousand, on account the Investment of Raw Silk to be provided by him for the Year 1789.

I am
Sir
Your obedient servant.
Thos. Graham
Fort William.

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,
Having submitted copy of your letter of the 21st Ultimo to the Governor General in Council, he has informed us in reply, that the necessary Orders have been issued to you as Magistrate on the subject of the representation contained therein, and has directed us to acquaint you, that on all matter relating to the peace of the District under your Charge you are to correspond with the Governor General, agreeable to the Regulations prescribed for the Magistrates.

We are
Your obedient servants.
C. Keating, Esqr., Collector and Magistrate at Beerbhoom.

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Collector and Magistrate at Beerbhoom.

Sir,
The Governor General in Council having thought proper to substitute the Services of the Invalid Sepoys in the Phauzdarrv, Revenue and Commercial Departments and by discharging the Pyles, Burgundosses &c. now allowed for to save the Expend of those Establishments, I am directed to acquaint You that a Distribution has been Ordered of the Invalid Sepoys, which is expected will be completed by the end of April and that 1 Havildar 1 Naack and 20 Sepoys will proceed from Monghyr to do the Duty of the 30 Burgundosses kept up for the Phauzdarrv at Beerbhoom. You are particularly directed to discharging your Establishment of Burgundosses as soon as the Sepoys arrive at your Station. No Promotions are on any Account to be made, nor any Vacancies filled up by You among the Sepoys, but the Casualties that may occur are to be immediately reported to the Officer Commanding. Detachment is sent and he will have Instruction to replace them. You are to draw for the Pay of your Detachment Monthly according to a form which will be sent to you by the Military Auditor General.

I am &c.,
Sey. to the Govt.

Fort William.

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate at Beerbhoom.

Sir,
I have been favored with your Letter of the 27th Instant, and agreeable to your Desire shall call upon Maddoo Chowdry for his Charges against Ajeeet Loll whenever he arrives here, which shall be immediately transmitted to you.

I am &c.,
31 March 1789.

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate at Beerbhoom.

Sir,
I have been favored with your Letter of the 21st Instant, and have been favored with your Letter of the 27th Instant, and have the honor to enclose you copy of a Letter from
Magistrate at Beerbhoom.

I am &c.,
27th March 1789.
To
Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate, 
Beebhoom.

Sir,
I have the honor to transmit you the Charge given in to me by Mattoo Chowdry against Ajost Lolli, and beg leave to submit to you if it would not be advisable that Ajost Lolli should be sent to take his Trial at this Place, as it appears the Robberies of which he is accused have been committed within the Limits of the Burdwan District.

I am, 
Signed/ L. Mercer
Magistrate
Burdwan
April 9th 1789.

the whole country around attaching Villages in open day . . . . Inhabitants levying contributions on all, and murders among those who dared . . . . against this Invader in the absence of the Collector in the Month of June last an armed force was sent from hence and with Assistance from the Magistrate of Pachete he was after the most obstinate struggle, secured but not till many lives had been sacrificed, and till his gang had forsaken him, and dispersed, from this circumstance, (and from the effectual redress arising from my Interference, unless the gang heads of his deposition, which your Lordship Will

Sir,

To
Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate at Beebhoom.

Sir,
In answer to your Letter of the 9th Instant I beg leave to inform you that I have repeatedly written to the Magistrate of Pachete on the Subject of the Parties now in search of the Dekoyts on the Borders of the Forest, and have received from him every Assurance of support and assistance in apprehending them. I have transmitted him the Intelligence received by me of the Opposition made by his People to ours when in search of the Dekoyts on the Borders of the Pachete District and wish much that you would at the same time acquaint him of the Information you may have obtained from that Quarter.

Beebhoom
11th April 1789.

Signed/ L. Mercer
Magistrate

Sums which may be due from the Pyekasht Ryots resident in their several Districts, . . . . agreeable to the Jamnabundy established . . . . of the Governor General in Council.

Calcutta, 
April 17th 1789.

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council Dated the 10th April 1789—

As repeated Instances have occurred of Advance having been made by the Collectors for which they have not transmitted the Vouchers required by the Standing regulations of the Service. We have thought proper in Order Effectually to prevent Difference Subsisting between the General Books & the Books of the other Department which are Subsidiary to them to make it a rule that no Collector shall receive the Commission due to him on his Collection unless he shall have furnished your Accounts with the Vouchers prescribed by the Standing regulations for every sum Charged as Disbursed from his Treasury, you are directed to inform the Collectors accordingly.

Rev. Board
A true Extract
Signed/ J. H. Harington
Secy.

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council Dated the 10th April 1789—

To
John Shore Esqr.,
President Members of the Committee of Revenue. Gentlemen,
On the 4th February 1789 I took the Liberty of addressing you a Letter setting forth the particular Predicament in which it appeared to me I stood before you respecting a Grant of Lands promised to the Late Mr Bregarety and confirmed by you to Mr Edward Hey his Administrator and again on the 6th June '87, expressive of my extreme anxiety whilst ignorant of the manner in which this Business would be finally settled, suffer me again to solicit the favor of your attention to my case which becomes daily more and more hard to become so much so That I am at length driven to the Resolution of selling my Filature which this Business would be finally settled, suffer me again to solicit the favor of your attention to my case which becomes daily more and more hard to be
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To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beebhoom.

Sir,
The Board of Revenue having submitted to the Governor General in Council Copies of the several letters received from you previous to the 3rd Instant, relative to the Pyekasht Ryots, he has been pleased to pass the enclosed Resolution thereon which I am directed to transmit for your Information and guidance.

They have been communicated also to the Collectors of Burdwan, Rajshahy as well as to the acting Collector of Moorshedabad, with directions to assist you in recovering the

(by J. Frushard)
and if so, the duties would amount to 229 Rupees, I repre-
sented Mr. Foley that I thought it would be very hard to be
made pay the full Rent for Lands so long deserted as sterile,
but before I obtained his reply Mr Sherburne was appointed.
The Board then refer the matter to him, observing that they
think a reasonable assessment should be made on all Lands
capable of Cultivated in consequence of which, Mr Sherburne
requires of me the whole of these 229 Rupees for this deserted
Ground, so that I paid him this year 1500 Rupees which
was 169 more than I could collect. The second year I was
again called on by Mr Sherburne for the same sum which
pro8'd only 129 Rupees more than collected. But this year
my Ground has sustained a Loss of 288 Bigas of Good Ground
by the late Inundations bringing them under the Lands, and
I beg to assure you that this admeasurement is in exact con-
formity with the one taken by Mr Sherburne's Aumeen sent
to examine into the fact, of course I cannot collect for this
Ground which last year paid 456. 13. 13. I trust therefore
you will do me the Justice to see me righted in this particular
with Lalla Ram Naat.

To this I have not been favored with a reply, but
Mr Keating ... Ultimo writes again to order me to pay to
already paid 1500 Rupees to the 30th August, 300 Rupee
then, is now required of me whilst originally I could never
collect more than 2000 and whilst I suffer a Loss this year of
456. 13. 13. I shall be glad to have you to know that it was
under the especial Promise of Mr Secretary Hay that he
would obtain the Execution of this Grant, that I made the
Purchase of him. That I have long since paid him for it
(2000) in England and that 6 month after the Purchase a food
in one Day swept away as much of the works as cost 15,000
Rupees in erecting, that in consequence I was put to the
further Expenditure of near 6000 Rupees in Embankments
without which I am persuaded the whole of my Grounds which
from an Island between two Branches of the More River would
have been carried 2 or 3 feet under sand like the 288 Bigas
above mentioned.

I will not presume to be a Judge in my own Cause but
when I reflect that besides this, I have greatly benefited the
District by giving occasion to a deal of Steril Ground being
broken up for the planting of Mulberry beyond my limits,
which Last year paid 456. 13. 13. I trust therefore
you will do me the Justice to see me righted in this particular
with Lalla Ram Naat.

Sir, To the Board of Revenue have received your letter of
the 26th Instant.

The Board of Revenue have received your letter of
the 26th Instant.

It appearing the loss of 2883—2C by inundation has been
allowed for in the assessment, and as you consider the Boards
Resolution of the 3rd February last to tax Mr. Frushard as
a Pyekasht Ryot/the medium of the Jummabundy rates for
Neet Gong, Pyekasht, & Bergid Ryots/as an indulgent
assessment. The Board cannot admit any abatement from the
sum of Rs. 2688 of 2 assessed on his Lands, and have
acquainted him accordingly.

I am for,
Calcutta
The 30 April 1789

To Collectors of Beerbhoom.

Sir, I have been favored with your Letter of the 15th Ultimo,
and having agreed to your Desire caused Murdun Sing to
be apprehended, he is now sent to answer to the Charges
against him, Guluck Podar and Toyjoo Bhooya have not yet
been seized, when they are, they shall also be sent you.

Inclosed Copy of Murdun Sing, Examination before me, and
that of Dokul Sing, from both of which it clearly appears that
the former has been guilty of great violence in your District.

I am Sir
Yours Most obedient
Burdwan
2nd May 1789

To Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir, I have received your Letters of the 15th April and 27th
March and desire your attention to the following Orders:

As it is possible that these Robbers may endeavour to make
their escape through the District under your charge. I re-
quest, You will take such measure as You may deem expedient
for intercepting them and that You will be pleased to issue
at the several Cutcheries, a Copy of the enclosed Advertisement
offering a reward of 1000 Rupees for the apprehension
of any of the persons concerned and 1500 Rupees for that
of the Ringleader as also the same reward together with a free
pardon to any of the Gang except the Ringleader, for the
discovery of the others.

I am Sir
C. Keating, Esq.
Collector of Beerbhoom.

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Collector of Beerbhoom.
In obedience to the Board's Orders of the 30th Ultimo I have inspected the Beemboon Sunnuds and now report on them,

Land to dig a Tank upon which he proposes to cultivate the same quantity of and pay the Revenue of wasila Zemseen

When cultivated Land is annexed to a Tank, the Land made over in exchange should be assessed at the rate of

Tank Land The annual Revenue of which is by the Custom of the District Rupees 16 Coutes, to which is to be added all abwaubs, the ascertainment of which depends on the mofussal accounts

The second Sunnud is to Rajchun Ghose for 5 Begas of Bunjur Land on the Terms of a Khooshbash Ryot, & also for a small Tank belonging to Khalsa Land which he proposes to stock with fish & enjoy the profits of

When Bunjur Land is granted to Khooshbash Ryot for his Habitation and maintenance it by Custom pays no Revenue The Dimensions of the Tank land are not specified in the Sunnud nor does it appear whether this has been kept amongst the Khalsa Lands for the benefit of the Ryots, or whether it is awatre Tank, which has retained the name of Khalsa. When such particulars are known the standard of the Revenue may be determined

The 3rd Sunnud is to Speich Lall &c 5 Ryotes for five Begas of Bunjur Land for their Habitation & a small Tank which has no Proprietor

For 3 Years no Revenue is levied from Bunjur Land fourth Year, the Land appropriate the Habitation is of its being Bunjur Land brought into Cultivation, when the Demensions of the Tank are ascertainment Revenue may be fixed, they are not exhibited in the Sunnud

The 4 Sunnud is to Ram Surrun Kar Raje for 5 Begas of Bunjur Land in Jaspour, where he Proposes to cultivate a Garden & enjoy the Profits Bunjur Lands pays no Revenue for 3 years as is set forth in the last article This land being applied for establishment and Cultivation of a Garden it follows that the Proprietor must be a person of property and he should therefore be assessed at the Rate of the Khansa Land of a Khooshbash Ryot Viz, one half of the established Revenue in the 4th Year it pays full Revenue

5th Sunnud of Praz Burraye for a Tank which has no proprietor The assessment of Tank Land as that District is 1 Rupee 16 Coutes annual, besides abwaubs (as specified in the 1st article) The Assesments of the Tank are not specified in the Sunnud to me necessary conditions are also omitted in it Viz, that if in a season of drought it has been customary to supply the harvest lands with water from that Tank, that he do not oppose it, that he do not stop up the mouth of the Tank or not or whether these are the Demensions of the Tank Land as been before stated

The rate of assessment of Tank land has been before stated of the land to be appropriated to this Tank it is not specified what quantity of Bunjur & what of Wasila Ryottes Land shall be annexed to the Tank to Propose to bring 25 Begas of Bunjur Land in cultivation & Pay the Revenue of Wasila & also & also for 5 Begas 6 cottahs of the same Land for a Garden

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The 8th Sunnud is to Cear Shako Mansul for 5 Begas 15 cottahs of Khrane Bunjur Puttee land to Dys a Tank upon & in line of such Wasila Ryottes Land as shall be annexed to the Tank to Propose to bring 25 Begas of Bunjur Land in Cultivation & Pay the Revenue of Wasila & also & also for 5 Begas 6 cottahs of the same Land for a Garden

Signed G D Dandridge Rev Board A true Copy

May 7th 1789

Harington

Signed J H Harlington
To  
Mr. C. Keating,  
Magistrate of Beerbhoom.

Sir, 
Enclosed I send you the Copy of a Letter addressed to me by the Post Master General. The necessity of taking immediate & effectual Measures for removing the Obstructions to the Passage of the Dakas Hircarrah, has induced me to write to you without an attention to the usual official form, which could not be observed without delay. I shall endeavour to obtain more accurate Information on the facts stated by the Post Master General, relating to the Murder of the Daks Hircarrah and as this is Supposed to have happened within the Limits of your Jurisdiction I have to request that You will adopt without loss of time such Measures as you may deem best calculated, for apprehending the Offenders & for the protection of the Dakas Hircarrah.

Calcutta May 25th 1789.  
Signed/John Shore  
P. R. R.

To  
John Shore Esqr.,  
President of the Board of Revenue.

Sir, 
The Dakas from the Westward having this Morning brought me two Arzees from the Uddedars at Bumipsenpore & Bubhorah the first representing that on the 19th Hircarrah who was carrying the Dak was challenged by Dacoits on the road & threatened with punishment—if he did not desist from carrying the Dak by that route that on the 22nd the Dak Hircarrah was again attacked by the same people who then carried their threats into execution by wounding the Hircarrah in so desperate manner that he died the following day.
The second arzee communicated the alarm which the outrage & murder has occasioned to such a degree that the Hircarrah at the other Stations say they shall be obliged to quit their duty & resign their employ unless guarded & protected by Government. The Name of the Zamindar in whose Division the murder happened, I understand to be Chyton Singh in the District under Mr Keating at Beerbhoom Bumipsenpore is about 35 Coss west of Calcutta & as the regular conveyance of the daily Dakas will be materially impeded by this accident I take the liberty of interesting your immediate attention to this Representation so that the least possible Evil may be allowed to result from this Accident.

I have the Honor to be  
Your very Obedient Servant  
G. P. O.  
May 25th 1789  
A true Copy.  
P. M. G.

To  
Mr C. Keating,  
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir, 
The Board of Revenue having forwarded for the Orders of the Governor General in Council the question in your Letter of 27th April respecting the tender made by Dekoits on the Road and threatened with punishment—if He did not desist from carrying the Dakas by that Route that on the 22nd the Hircarrah was again attacked by the same people who then carried their Threats into Execution by wounding the Hircarrah in so desperate a manner that He died the following Day—the 2nd Arzee communicates the Alarm which this outrage and Murder has Occasioned to such Degree that the Hircarrah's at the other Stations, say they shall be obliged to quit their Duty and resign their employ unless guarded & protected by Government. The name of the Zamindar in whose Division the murder happened, I understand to be Chyton Singh in the District under Mr Keating at Beerbhoom.

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I am &c.,  
Signed/ John White  
R.C.C.

To  
Mr. C. Keating,  
Collector & Magistrate of Beerbhoom.

Sir, 
The Governor General in Council having taken into his Serious Consideration the Practise which has subsisted for several Years. Notwithstanding the prohibiting Regulations of Government of exporting Natives from this Country to be Sold as Slaves in other Parts of India has determined as far as lies in his Power to prevent the continuance of the abuse and to that End the Accompanying Proclamation has been made in the usual Manner in the English and Native Languages in Calcutta and Copies of it all forward to the different Collectors throughout the Company's Provinces, in Order that it may be generally promulgated and understood.

I am &c.,  
Signed/ John White  
R.C.C.
The Governor General particularly directed that you will cause the Proclamation to be made in the usual mode throughout your jurisdiction and that you will circulate Copies of it at ten copies being sent to you for that purpose to all the Cacheries and places of general resort within the limits of your authority in order that they may be hung up for public inspection and information.

Council Chamber
the 22nd July 1789.

Exd. Wm. Sadbir.

To
Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom.

Sir,
I am directed to acquaint you that the Governor General has this day authorized the Sentences of perpetual imprisonment passed by the Naib Nazim of which the enclosed are copies to be enforced upon the persons Murdur Sing & Ojoet Lol.

I am further directed to acquaint you that the Naib Nazim has been particularly instructed to give positive orders to his Acting Magistrate to adopt other measures regarding them & that his Lordship requests you will from time to time make Enquiries & satisfy yourself that they remain in confinement so that all attempts to evade the Sentences may be frustrated.

Foul九江y Dept.
29th August 1789.

To
Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom.

Sir,
In consequence of a robbery being committed at the Commercial Factory at Haasheepoor—Juggendhoo Ray Tannahdar of Pergunnah Sain, paharry was ordered to make every enquiry into the circumstances & if possible to apprehend the perpetrators from his report it appears that the Dekoits came from Mullia and were 17 in number of whom 4 have been seized and from their confessions it is evident that they have been protected by Lal baboo the uncle of Jysing baboo Tannahdar of Mullia. I have therefore the pleasure to enclose you a copy of the several depositions & will be obliged by your causing the apprehension of Lal baboo & the remaining 13 dekoots of this Gang who are in Mullia.

Burdwan Foulbuary
12 October 1789.

To
John White, Esqr.,
Remembrancer to the Criminal Courts.

Sir,
I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 29th Instant with its enclosure and to desire you will inform the Magistrate of Beerbhoom that the Commander in chief has been requested to detach a Company of Sepoys to act under his orders & which he will station at the gasts which the Dekoits generally make their inroads into the low Country as specified in his letter. You will further inform him that the Board approve of the measures which he has taken for the protection his District.

Council Chamber
the 21st October 1789.

I am &c.,

Signed/ John White
Actg. Magistrate.

Translation of three Petitions presented to the Magistrate of Beerbhoom complaining of the Depredations committed by the Dekoits infesting the Western Borders of this District Petition of Burtitchund Budjoo Bassey—States That the Brother of Jeena Dekoit named Besy together with Bewanny & Odet LOL having assembled together 400 Dekoits. In the evening of the 16th of Assin came to the house, and plundered me in money & goods to the amount of Rupees 5,555, murdered three of my Reysats, & pillaged the...of all their property, to the amount of 2,907 Rupees in all took to the Value of 7,062 Rupees. I have been informed all these men were furnished with provisions by Sozamun Munchil & others. Inhabitants of Bag tullas. Purgannah Goughbhoorn these Men must therefore be connected with and I pray redress, for when informed the Tannahdar required his assistance he told me it was not his power and to refer my Complaint to you.

Darkhazat of Laila Rammun Dewan of the Zeminar of Beerbhoom States.

That from the several Petitions preferred by the Izardars, and Tannahdars of the Purgannahs of Sain Bhoom, Shaw Alampoor, Jynoppal, Soony Barrah, Soozur, and other Purgannahs we are informed of the great & alarming increase of Robberies committed at those places.

The Dekoits who commit these depredations come from the Village of Scoopallah, etc. in the Pergannah Sain Paharry in Burdwan, headed by Boooba (son to Gunga Harry) and by Sohna Harry assisted by Goury Harry—and other Sirdars, and likewise from the Pergannah Messiah Misena & Tillahudah in Pachete, headed by Sham Roy (Sam Roy's son) Bowanny and others, these men conceal themselves in the Jungle of Sain Paharry where they assemble together all the Dekoits—and plunder the adjacent Villages of Beerbhoon at pleasure and have murdered Day Curwak, & other Villagers, so that the Ryots are afraid to continue longer in their habitations.

Petition of Bollymaat Chatta Padda of the Village of Ooj Day Pergannah Sain Paharry. In the morning of the 14th of Assin—Besy, Bewanny, & Odet Lol Dekoits, with 3 or 4000 Companions, came to my Village, murdered the 4 Pykes, & plundered me of all I possessed, they likewise murdered a merchant named .... Kurad & robbed him of 400 Rupees they further plundered the whole of the Reysats of the Village to the amount at least of 8 or 7000 Rupees—I therefore pray for instance.

Signed/ T. Brooke
Actg. Magst.
A true Copy
Sd/ John White
R.C.C.
from him charge of the Tannahs and on paying 100 Rupees to Sochum Roy, the Servant of Cantoo Baboo, I received charge of the 275 Villages of his Talook, and when apprehension of being seized by your people, I fled for shelter to Jungly Salamy and become his Servants.

Mangy, Chnmoo, Hurrah.

reside at the Village of Tellundah in Pachete Bowanny. robbed with 50 followers. and told him I would give him 200 Rupees in Sautgong. and at Jummana likewise robbed the House of Guddadnr Sircar in Sheergur, and committed like­

wise the robberies at the Villages of Bullubpoor. and Bughoor Baddy Bagdy. and Paunchoo Lohas ... of Nehal Roy. com­

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40 pieces of Cloth of different kinds 2 Puttoos. 2 Shauls, and Odeet 1011 aud the others Persons suspected of having been

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Sir,

To

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With respect to the Balance due from Mr. Frushard you will hereafter receive our Orders on this Subject when we shall have been furnished with the information required of you, under date the 22nd February last.

Should Mr. Fuzjphar hesitate to comply with the requisition you inform us you have made to him for the payment of his Balance, we desire you will transmit to us the answer you may receive from him.

We are

Sir,

Your most Obedient humble servant

Calcutta

18th March 1790.

Chas. Chapman

/signed/

From

To

C. Keating Esqr., Collector & Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I have Orders from Government to acquaint You, that if any of the sepoys who have deserted or may desert, from the Detachment proceeding to the southward under the Command of Lt. Col. Cockerell, should be found in your District, you are to apprehend them, and send them down to the Presidency.

I am

Sir

Council Chamber

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Ex. G. Morris.

(signed) J. Fombelle

Sub-Secretary

To

Mr. C. Keating

Collector of Beerbhoom.

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Sir,
I was this day favored with the Receipt of your letter, under date the 15th Instant, enclosing an Arrear from the Zemindary Dewan of Beerbhoom, and herewith do myself the pleasure to forward for your Perusal a translation of an Arrear dated the 5th Chote received from Mahmud Ummah, the Aumeen deputed by me to Realize the Balance of 1195, and the Revenues of the Current Year 1196. stated by the Letter lately received, from the Board of Revenue upon this favoured with their speedy Instructions for my Guidance, at the same time to investigate the same, and report to me if any Objections, or Difficulties occurred to prevent or impede the Realization thereof, and in consequence of a Letter lately received, from the Board of Revenue upon this subject, I have judged it advisable to transmit a Copy thereof, for the Board's Information requesting to be favoured with their speedy Instructions for my Guidance, as I feel myself much at a loss, what measures to adopt for the Realization thereof, that should compellative Measures thereof, for your information.—

I am
Sir
Moondhang
Your most Obedient humble servant
24th March 1790

/signed/ Tilman Hendcck
Coll. of Rajashye

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,
I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter & Enclosure of the 19th Instant, & to inform you they approve your Proceedings for the recovery of the arrears due from the Zemindar of Bishenpore for 1195.—

I am
Sir
Mr. C. Keating
Your most Obedient Servant
the 25th March 1790

/signed/ J. H. Harington
Secretary.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,
The Preparer of Reports has laid before us his corres­pondence with you on the Complaints of Lal Mohan and others Inhabitants of Baleatore.
We are of opinion that the exaction from the Holders of the free land is at all Events improper, as their Sunnuds, & that wherever it shall appear to be such, you will communicate to us the particulars of the tenor, time. and place thereof.

We are
Sir
Calcutta
Your most Obedient Servants
the 25th March 1790

/signed/ William Cowper
Thos. Graham
Chas. Chapman

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,
The Governor General in Council having thought proper to direct that the Collection of the Amilnamah Fee from the Zemindar & tenants, be in future, discontinued, We desire you will issue public Notification thereof in your District,

We further desire you will in every Pergannah ascertain, whether this Fee has become on additional Assessment in the ryotts, & that wherever it shall appear to be such, you will cause the same to be forthwith abolished.

We are
Sir
Calcutta
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Ex. J. D.
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Sir,
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We approve the proposed deductions from the Mosbara of Rafates Chyton Sing & Damoodah Sing for the Balances due from them.
We desire you will call on your assistant to explain particularly on what grounds he suggests Rafate Chyton Sing's being credited for 360 Roupas realized account the Villages &c not held by Sunnad.

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Sir,
We transmit you Copies of two letters and enclosures from the Collectors of Rajishahy and Moonishabdab, relative to the claims of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom on the Pykasht Ryots, for 1195 & 1196.
We desire you will acquaint us whether any publick notification was made in the year 1195, that the Pykasht Ryots would be required to pay rent for the Land cultivated by them in that year, according to an intended Jummabundy, or whether as asserted by some of the Ryots, the first notice they received of their former rent being enhanced was after the formation of the Jummabundy, at the end of the Year, should any such Notification have been made you will communicate to us the particulars of the tenor, time, and place thereof.

We further desire you will acquaint us whether any inquiry has been made by You into the alligation of part of the Ryots that Receipts in full for 1195 were granted by the Zemindary pamph ; and also that you will inform us, whether the Pykasht Ryots who now object to paying their Rents for 1196 according to the Jummabundy were informed of the rents payable by them according thereto, to previous to commencing the Cultivation for the Current Year.—

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
(signed) William Cowper
Calcutta
the 6th April 1790
Ex. J. D.
Thos. Graham
Thomas Law
Chas. Chapman
To

Christopher Keating Esq.,
Magistrate,
Beeurboom.

Sir,

In consequence of two robberies & a murder having been committed in January last in the town of Burdwan and the Gutwaul having represented to me that the same had been committed by a party of Dekoits from Bishenpoor, at his request I gave him a letter to Mr. Hasilgir soliciting his assistance in having the perpetrators of these atrocious murders apprehended and brought to justice.—On the 13th February some of the Party were seized. and in consequence of their making a full confession of their guilt before the Acting Magistrate of Burdwan he again sent the Gutwaul with Sirdar Cawn Jannad into Bishenpoor with second application to the same Gentleman soliciting him to afford his assistance in having the charges of a very Capital nature were exhibited by some Dekoits who had been apprehended, and as these charges were corroborated by representations from others at this station, it was thought advisable to oblige Jummaul Chowdry of Shumshur, to enter bail for his appearance until the further investigation of the charges upon the whole of the Dekoits being made, & which you will attend to the consideration that, in and near principal towns where the vend of liquors is most extensive the stalls may be more heavily taxed in Villages remote from towns.—

We further desire you will propose such Regulations respecting the licensed houses as you may think advisable as well for preventing the sale liquor except by licensed persons as for other purpose and also such Rules for Collecting the tax as you may think likely to render it most productive, your report on which subjects you will recompense with a form of the licences to be granted and a list of the several stills, and places of vend for spirituous liquors now existing within the Pergunnah under your charge.—

We shall hereafter transmit the necessary instructions for the guidance of your assistant in defending the Company against claims for compensations, as directed by the orders of the Governor General in Council.——

You have already been instructed to take Charge of the Gunges, Bazars, and Hauts in the lands paying Revenue to Government, and agreeably to the Resolutions now communicated, you will immediately take Charge also of the Gunges, Bazars, and Hauts in the Jaghier Attumgha, and other Lakarj lands of every description, and Collect the duties thereon on the part of Government, informing the Inhabitants, as directed by your Lordship in Council, that they will be allowed such a compensation as they may appear entitled to upon an examination of the Amount which they may appear to have realized from these duties: and for this purpose, you will as soon as possible, transmit a statement of what appertains to the annual produce of each Gunge, Bazar, and Hant respectively distinguishing therein any Collections which may have been Raddhares or other duties prohibited by Government should such in any instances be found to have existed.

You will also lose no time in furnishing the same information on the several articles of Collections in these Gunges, Bazars, and Hauts, as has been required respecting those on Maligrosuppoo lands and when your experience shall have enabled you to furnish the Reports required for the future Regulation of these duties you will transmit us a general list of the several Gunges, Bazars, and Hauts under your Charge with an Estimate of their annual produce if regulated in the mode proposed by you.

We need not point out to you the great importance of a due regulation of these duties to the General prosperity of the Country, and trust the evident consequence thereof will induce you to give the most unremitting attention to this subject, as well as to transmit for our consideration the most particular Reports of the existing Collections, with specific proposals for the future Administration of them.

You will immediately take Charge of all the Abkarry indiscriminately, and collect according to the Existing rates until the final Regulation thereof shall have been determined, and to furnish grounds for this determination you will, as soon as possible, report to us your opinion whether it will be advisable to levy a tax upon every licence granted for the sale of spirituous liquors, or upon the still, or both, and will propose the rates of the tax to be levied, in doing which you will attend to the consideration that, in and near principal towns where the vend of liquors is most extensive the stalls may be more heavily taxed in Villages remote from towns.—

We shall hereafter transmit the necessary instructions for

To

Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beeurboom

Sir,

We enclose for your information Copy of Resolutions passed by the Governor General in Council, on the future regulation of the Abkarry or Tax levied upon spirituous liquors, the reform of the ayear duties now collected, and the extension of the Orders already passed respecting the Gunges, Bazars, and Hauts in the lands paying Revenue to Government, to the Gunges, Bazars and Hauts in the Jaghier Attumgha, and other free Lands of whatever description.—

As the Publication on the first article ordered, cannot be made until the mode of granting licenses shall have been determined on, we direct you for that purpose to circulate the enclosed English, Persian and Bengali advertisement, which you will make as publicly known as possible throughout your District, Translating it also into any other dialects current therein.

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Signed

Law. Mercer
Magistrate.

To

Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beeurboom

Sir,

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
Signed

William Cowper
Thom. Graham
Chapman

Extract from the Resolutions of the Governor General in Council in the Revenue Department under date the 12th April 1790—

The Board advertiseing to their Orders of the 18th September and 16th February last, respecting the Collection of the Internal Duties now proceed to take into Consideration the Regulation of the Abkarry, or tax upon spirituous Liquors.
The Collection of the internal duties having hitherto been made by the Zemindars & Farmers little attention has been paid to the Regulation of the sale of spirituous Liquors either with . . . . . . . increase the public Resources or to the promoted Establishment of a more perfect Police, numerous shops for the sale of Liquors have in consequence been established in all the principal Cities Towns & Villages, and the Vendors of the Liquors have only been subjected to a telling and partial Tax, the Amount realized from which has hitherto been trivial—no accurate Calculation can at present be made of the quantity of Liquor consumed but it is well known to be considerable, and as from the low price which it bears a large-quantity may be procured at a small Expense, the Vice of Drunkenness has long been prevalent amongst many of the lower Class of the People, to the detriment of the Peace and good Order of society.—It is also notorious that the Houses of the Vendors of these Liquors are the Places of resort of Robbers and other disorderly people, and that the Vendors themselves are frequently privy to, or Partners in their Crimes—

The Board will not at present attempt to estimate the immediate addition to the public Resources which will arise from taxing spirituous Liquors, and regulating the sale of there, altho' some Conjecture might be formed from a Companies on of the amount arising from this source of Revenue in England, and in Europe, which this realized from which has become an object of the particular attention of Government—

It is further to be observed in favor of this Arrangement, that whilst the funds for the supply of the Public Exigencies will be greatly increased thereby, and the Peace and good order of society promoted Industry will not be checked, nor Commerce impeded. Resolved accordingly—That the Board of Revenue be directed to issue a publication throughout the Provinces prohibiting all Persons to make or Vend spirituous Liquors without a Licence from the Collector of the District, & Tax to be levied. That the Board of Revenue be directed to issue a publication throughout the Provinces prohibiting all Persons to make or Vend spirituous Liquors without a Licence from the Collector of the District, and that no Tax shall be levied on the making or vending of spirituous liquors, except on the part of Government, public Notice is hereby given that the first part of this Regulation, will be inforced as soon as the form of Licence and necessary Regulations relative thereto, shall have been determined on/of which further notification will be hereafter issued and that in the meantime the latter part of the above Regulation prohibiting the levy of any tax on the making or vending of spirituous liquors, except on the part of Government, is to be considered in immediate force.—The Collectors of the Several Districts have been instructed to take Charge of this Collections and the rates of Duty now levied are to be paid to them, until the final Regulation thereof shall have been determined on—

All persons who may think themselves aggrieved by this arrangement are Authorized to prefer a Claim for a Compensation to the Collector of the District, who will investigate the same, and pass a decision thereon, subject to an Appeal to the Board of Revenue under the 42nd Article of the Revenue Regulations of the 8th June 1787—

That all Claims so preferred shall be defended by the head Assistant, to whom the necessary Instructions are to be sent for that purpose—

Resolved further, that the Board of Revenue be directed, after having received the Reports of the several Collectors upon the execution of the Orders issued to them for the separation of the Collection of the Internal Duties from the Land Revenues, to report as soon as possible their Opinion on the several Articles of Collection, pointing out such as they would recommend to be Continued or struck off with any alteration in the rates of the Duties and the mode of Collecting them, as may appear to them best Calculated for the relief of Commerce, and for rendering the Internal Duties as productive as possible to Government, upon the Receipt of their Report the Governor General in Council will adopt such rules for the regulation and Collection of the internal duties as may appear to him expedient—

Resolved further that the Regulations of the 10th September and 12th February last relative to the fixing the Rates, Prizes, and Hauls, in the Lands paying Revenue to Government, be extended to the Ganges, Bazar and Hauls, in the jaghats, Attamunga and all rent free Lands of whatever description throughout the Provinces, and that the Collectors be ordered to take Charge of the same, and to collect the Duties, and that they inform the Holders of such Lands, that they will be allowed such a Compensation as they may appear entitled to upon an examination of the Amount, which they may appear to have realized from these Duties—

Resolved that a Copy of the above Resolutions be transmitted to the Board of Revenue for their Information and Guidance.—

Revenue Department
A True Extract
signed J. H. Barlow
Sub-Secretary

Revenue Board
A True Copy
Ex. J. Hampton.
Secretary

Advertisement

It having been resolved by the Governor General in Council that no persons within the Company's Provinces, Shall in future make or vend spirituous liquors, without a License from the Collector of the District, and that no tax shall be levied on the making or vending of spirituous liquors, except on the part of Government, Public Notice is hereby given that the first part of this Regulation, will be inforced as soon as the form of Licence and necessary Regulations relative thereto, shall have been determined on/of which further notification will be hereafter issued and that in the meantime the latter part of the above Regulation prohibiting the levy of any tax on the making or vending of spirituous liquors, except on the part of Government, is to be considered in immediate force.—The Collectors of the Several Districts have been instructed to take Charge of this Collections and the rates of Duty now levied are to be paid to them, until the final Regulation thereof shall have been determined on—

All persons who may think themselves aggrieved by this arrangement are Authorized to prefer a Claim for a Compensation to the Collector of the District, who will investigate the same, and pass a decision thereon, subject to an Appeal to the Board of Revenue, of preferred within one month after the passing of the Collectors Decree, and subject also to a further ultimate appeal to the Governor General in Council, if preferred within One month from the passing of the Decision of the Board of Revenue—

Revenue Board
A True Copy
signed J. H. Harrington
Secretary

Ex. J. Durham.

To Mr. C. Kestin
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

We have received your letter and enclosures of the 5th Instant.

After a full consideration of all the Documents in our possession Respecting the assets of Beerbhoom together with the information furnished by the late Collector, we adhere to our Resolution already communicated to You for fixing the Jumma of the District at Sa. Rs. C. 50,000 subject only to such deduction as may be necessary account the saving ordered to be separated. We are by no means convinced by the arguments of the Zemindar that justice should induce us to admit of a diminution of this Amount, neither can we subscribe to your opinion that a RUDDU settlement is necessary to secure the Realization of it. We therefore desire that immediately upon receipt of the Letter you will notify our final determination to the Zemindar, and should decline to enter into Engagements conformably to it you will proceed in the mode prescribed by the 13th article of the Regulations of 10th February last.
Previous to determining on the future settlement of Bishenpoor we desire you will call on Your assistant to transmit, with the least possible Delay, a Jamuna Wazul Balskey for the Year 1190, with the fullest Explanations of the Balances outstanding, stating accurately whether any and what part of those Balances remains unrealized from the Country, and whether they are attributable to a deficiency of assets or other Causes.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants (Signed) William Cowper
Thos. Graham
Thom Law
Chas. Chapman
Calcutta
the 22nd April 1790.

To
C. Keating Esqr.
Collector of BXBhoom
Sir,
I hereby advise you that I have this day granted an assignment upon your Treasury for Crs. 25,000 in favour of the Commercial agent at Gonatia payable in the first of May next.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient servant (Signed) C. Caldecott
Account Board Revenue
the 24th/ April 1790.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of BXBhoom
Sir,
The Gunges Bazars & Hauts having been placed under your Charge with a view to acquire a thorough knowledge, as well of the existing Gunges Bazars and Hauts as of the Rates of Collection therein, we direct that you form a general Register of them, and that you issue an advertisement in the several Parganahs in your Collectorship, requiring all individuals possessing Gunges, Bazars, or Hauts, within your Jurisdiction, to deliver in an account of them at your Collector's stating the name of the Mehal in which each is situated, and whether included in the Malignantry of the Zemindary or Talookdarry in which it is situated, or forming a distinct property—The sanction under which, and the terms on which Revenue Board may be paid, shall be determined. At the expiration of the time limited, and according to the Circumstances of the Case, on the same being reported to us for determination.—

We take this occasion to desire you will in future address us separately on all subjects relative to the Sayer, Zemindary or Talookdarry situated, or forming a separate property—

We are
Sir
Your most obedient servants (Signed) William Cowper
Thos. Graham
Thomas Law
Chas. Chapman
Calcutta
the 28th April 1790.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of BXBhoom
Sir,
I am directed by the Board of Revenue with the Sanction of the Governor General in Council to direct that you observe the following additional rule for your Guidance in forming the Decennial Settlement of your District.

If any Land holder be unable to make good his arrears that no Settlement be made with him but that his Lands be let to Farm for a period of three Years or be retained Khusas at the Discretion of the Collector.

I am
Sir
Calcutta
Your most obedient servant
the 6th April 1790.
Ex. Sh.
J. H. Harington
Secretary.

To
The Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Gentlemen,
We have received your Letter of the 19th Instant with its Enclosures.

We direct that the Gunges, Bazars, Hauts and be not restored to the Zemindars, but that they be continued in future under the exclusive management of the Officers of Government.—We observe however that the final confirmation of this Arrangement rests with the Court of Directors—

Upon a due consideration of your Letter we entirely concur with you in Opinion, that Government should reserve to itself the sole right to impose, collect, and modify all Duties, Customs, and Tax of every description and that the Rents of the lands and Lakes alone should be left to the Land holders we accordingly direct that our Orders of the 18th September and 10th February last be extended to the Sayer generally exclusive of the Julkur or the Rents of Fisheries only and inclusive of all Duties of whatever nature or Taxes personal or professional.

Upon the receipt of your sentiments on the compensation to be allowed to the Holders of Rent free Lands and on the propositions of the several Collectors, we shall pass such resolutions thereon as may appear to us advisable.

We are
Gentlemen
Fort William
Your most obedient servants
the 28th April 1790.
(Signed) Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
Peter Speke
Revenue Board
A true Copy
(Signed) J. H. Harington
Secretary.

Right to the Lands so held by them, & in case of failure that their Lands may be attached for the benefit of Government agreeable to the 5th Article of the Regulations before Attented to.—

I am
&c
(Signed) C. Oldfield.
Account particulars of Bazeer Jumeen or Rent free Land in the District of Beerbhoom, with the names and Residence of the present Holders thereof.

Name of the Grantees & present Possessors | Names of the Pergunahs and Place of Residence | Quantity of Land |
---|---|---|
Babut Doss Byrangi | P. Kuttrungah M. Alundah | 200 |
Dallah Kmetic | M. Huraburker | 87 |
Demples Doss Banninger | M. Kaindoosh | 500 |
Brij Mohun Canton | | 101 |
Mahomed Toraah | Juncipoor | 50 |
Moontore Golaun Mubbee | P. Jynajaul M. Shekhaapoor | 201 |
Rajaj Golaun Munsthah | Shapoor | 151 |
Shahpoorej Ali | M. Mustapsoor | 200 |
Golaun Hyder | Nobeasur | 107 |
Abotoaara | Kauntour | 20 |
Mollah Amwar | Jaxaapoor | 27 |
Golaun Shah | P. Akderbh | 248 |
Golaun Shahbaasah | | 23 |
Munshed Wanaah | | 363 |
Casshanaut Buxshy | P. Sunboon M. Soopoor | 535 |
Boobunbulbub Meter (Mahaperboo) | P. Shah Allumpoor M. Munudah | 200 |
Bustum Doss Byrangi | T. Hurmpoor M. Nagore | 1,000 |
Imnaymaurah | K. Punoom | 60 |
Golaun Nubbee Khan | M. Sunkipoor | 100 |
Saadullah Buxsul | M. Nagere | 100 |
Mazun Khan | | 101 |
Koonkar Ajepallah | M. Sindihath | 250 |
Lokmaut Moonbee | R. Mullerpoor M. Moodium | 250 |
Sumbo Adkaree | R. Koutfulpoor M. Baloctee | 100 |
Nurain | R. Punntoo M. Paurneeky | 300 |
Rishumnt Chabdar | T. Koundoot M. Bunkutte | 94 |
Pochub Gose | R. Allingaur M. Omarspop | 101 |
Boranloun Bignay | T. Konoon Buxurah M. Punabpoor | 500 |
Raddamaun Bijnasaaece | Z. Burchwaan F. Sumpaam M. Kandee | 500 |
Kraeeumout Gose | Z. Burchwan M. Tukurbaita | 100 |
Bogwandas | Calcutta | 200 |
Shammundret Battachaey | | 650 |

To Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom
Sir,
The Governor General in Council having determined on the continuance of the Gungee, Bastes & hauts under the exclusive Charge of the Officers of Government, subject to the final confirmation of the Court of Directors, as well as on the execution of his Resolutions of 1st September and 10th February last, to the sayer generally, exclusive of the Talbur, or Rents of fisheries only, and inclusive of all duties of whatever nature, or taxes personal or professional, we enclose you copy of his Orders for your information and guidance, and desire you will notify the same throughout the Districts under your charge.

We are
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servants
We enclose you Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council, with copy of the Questions therein refered to, for your guidance in executing the Orders relative to Talookdars, passed by his Lordship in Council on the 12th Instant, and transmitted to you on the 11th Instant of which, and of these now sent, you will issue publick notification in the several Languages Current in your District for general information.

We are
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servants
We consider the following description of Talookdars to be the actual Proprietors of the Soil composing their Talooks.
First...Talookdars who purchased their Lands by private or at publick sale, or obtained them by gift from the Zamindar to whom they now pay their rent or from his ancestors, subject to the payment of the established dues of Government and who received Bills of sale, or deeds of Gift for such lands from the Zamindar or Sunnuds from the Khalsa, making over to them his proprietary right therein.
Second...Talookdars whose Talooks were formed before the Zamindars to whom they now pay their rents, or from his ancestors.
Third...Talookdars the Lands comprised in whose Talooks were never the property of the Zamindar to whom they now pay their Rents, or his ancestors.

Calcutta
24th May 1790.
Cha Chapman
To Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Currumburn
Sir,

The Board of Revenue, in consequence of Orders from the Governor General in Council on your Letter of the 19th January 1789 having directed that you allow the Heirs of the late possessors of Baungong a fortnight for the discharge of the Balance due from that Talook, & that at the Expiration of this period, should the arrear be unliquidated you report the same & furnish a statement of the Lands which can be best sold to make good the Balance. Should they discharge the Amount, the Board desire you will put them in possession of the Talook & conclude the settlement with them on the terms prescribed by the Established Regulations.

Calcutta the 4th June 1790,

[Signature]

To Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Currumburn
Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you for your information & Guidance the accompanying Copy of Resolution passed by the Governor General in Council, with copies of Persian and Bengal Translation thereof, & to desire you will paste the same up in Your Cotcherry & take the necessary steps for making them as public as possible throughout Your Districts.

Calcutta the 7th June 1790

[Signature]

Exgd J. H. Hamilton
Secy.

(Copy)

Extract from the Proceedings of the Governor General in Council in the Military Department on the 28th of May 1790

Notwithstanding the prohibition of the Hon'ble the Governor General and Council, under date the 5th of April 1786 published in the Calcutta Gazette, against the practice in use amongst the Banaus and other rich men of Calcutta of dressing some of their servants in, or nearly in, the uniform of the Honourable Company's Sepoys and Lascars, it is found, that this custom still prevails to a greater extent than formerly, not only in Calcutta but in the interior parts of the Country to the great terror of the Common People, to the frequent exercise of unwarrantable Power by the Employers of such servants, and to the Commission of Acts of Violence and oppression by the Persons assuming this dress, the Governor General in Council in Order entirely to suppress an abuse which, besides the evils enumerated, brings Obscenity on the Company's Sepoys and Lascars, has formed the following Articles of Regulation, and requires a strict Obedience to them from every Person under the Protection of this Government.

1st All Persons Europeans and natives within the Company's Provinces which includes the District of Benares (excepting the Vaikeels from the Native Power) are Peremptorily forbid to dress any of their Servants whether for the Purpose of Parade or of Business, in the uniform of the Honourable Company's Sepoys and Lascars or in a dress so nearly approaching to the uniform as to enable the Persons wearing it to impose themselves on the Country People for Sepoys and Lascars.

2nd All natives except those actually in the Military Service of the Company or belonging to the Vaikeels of the Native Persons are forbid to wear a dress Similar to that mentioned in the 1st article.

3rd Collectors of Districts, Chiefs of Factories, Commercial and Salt Agents Magistrates and other Company's servants in official capacities, who are allowed establishments of Peons or Pikes or who have occasion to employ Persons of that Description are prohibited from putting them in a Military Dress.
In consequence of a letter from the Collector of the Rajpore de Distrcits under date the 31st of May, enclosing Copy of a letter from the secretary to the Board of Revenue dated the 10th of May, I proceeded to this Place to investigate in Conjunction with you what Balances might be justly due from the Zemindar of Beerbhum from the Pykekaunt Ryotts Inhabitable of Rajpore.

The principal Ryotts of certain villages, on whom the Zemindar of Beerbhum had the heaviest demands, being summoned, have declared and offered to confirm their Declaration by Oath, that they were unacquainted with the Terms of the Jummabundy established by Government, previous to the Month of Kartie or Asr 1195. I have however dealt taking the Depositories of the Parties, as from the acknowledgment of the Zemindar a Dewan of Beerbhum, it appears that the Pykekaunt Ryotts of Rajpore, could not be acquainted with the Terms of the Jummabundy before the 5th of Asr 1195, or two Months, and in some Instances three Months, after the Cultivation was commenced. From above I beg leave to declare it my opinion that on the Principles of the Lordship's determination Council, the Pykekaunt Ryotts cultivating the Lands of Beerbhum, are fully exonerated from all Demands on account the Revenues of the Bengal year 1195. it appearing to me that the Orders communicated to the Collector of Rajpore by the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, do not admit of any reservation but are positive, "that such only of the Beerbhum Ryotts resident in the Rajpore "Districts, shall be assessed agreeably to the Rates of the jummabundy, as shall appear to have been acquainted with the Terms of it, previous to commencing their "Cultivation".

I am aware that a Flex may be brought forward by the Zemindar of Beerbhum, to recover a part of the Balances according to the jummabundy established in 1195 on the Crops cultivated after the Rates of the Jummabundy were made known in the several Pergunna, it is however necessary for me to observe on a wellknown Fact, that it is by the latter Crops alone the Ryotts are enabled to make good their Engagements to Government, and to provide a maintenance for themselves.
The Ryotts having denied receiving any information concerning the Jumma fund prior to their commencing their cultivation and the Dewan of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom having acknowledged that he did not make them acquainted with the terms of it before the 5th Assur, I am of opinion that the claim of the Zemindar for the year 1195, cannot with Jumma be enforced.

I am &c.

Dacca Barry
30th June 1790.

Apt. To the Colr. Moorebd.

True Copy

/signed/ Chal. Agitoe

/signed/ Gel. Apt. in Deprt.

To

Mr. Christopher Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information the accompanying Copy of Rule proposed by them, and approved by the Governor General in Council in the 23rd Ultimo.

The Board desire that in all future instances when you shall propose the sale of Lands paying a Jumma not exceeding 1,000 Rs. per annum, You will Report the situation of such lands, so as to enable them to determine where the sale should take place.

I am &c.

Reve. Board
5th July 1790.

Compd.

Tho. Gillanders.

Copy of Rule approved by the Governor General in Council in the 23rd June 1790.

That instead of selling all land, as at present at the Khalsa, such lands only as pay a Revenue to Government Exceeding 1,000 Rupees per annum, You will Report the situation of such lands, so as to enable them to determine where the sale should take place.

I am &c.

Reve. Board
5th July 1790.

Compd.

Tho. Gillanders.

Copy of Rule approved by the Governor General in Council in the 23rd June 1790.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit You the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Governor General in Council containing further Orders relative to the separation of the Talookdars, for Your guidance; & to be published by You for general information.

I am &c.

Reve. Board
12th July 1790.

Compd.

J. H. Harington

To

Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit You the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Governor General in Council containing further Orders relative to the separation of the Talookdars, for Your guidance; & to be published by You for general information.

I am &c.

Reve. Board
12th July 1790.

Exd.

L. O'Hara.

To

The Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

We have received Your letter of the 30th Ultimo with its enclosure, and - consideration that part of Your Letter of the 7th Ultimo relative to the execution of our Orders of the 12th and 19th May last.

Every Talookdar being considered as the rightful possessor of his Talook until a better title is established against him by due course of Law, the point to be ascertained by the Collectors in carrying the above mentioned Orders into effect is not whether the holders of the several Talooks under their authority are the lawful possessors of those Talooks but whether the nature of their tenure is such as to entitle them to separation under our Orders of the 12th & 19th May.

For the purpose an inspection of the title deeds of the Talookdars where they have deeds to produce will be sufficient, and accordingly I am directed to instruct the Collectors to call upon the dependant Talookdars to prove their title deeds and after having examined the same to separate from the Jurisdiction of the Zemindars those who may appear to them to be the actual proprietors of the soil, as described in our orders abovementioned containing the remainder under the Zemindars as heretofore.

We think proper to revoke such part of our orders of the 19th ultimo as regards Talookdars who have lost their title Deeds, as also that part which directs that the Talookdars & Zemindars who may be dissatisfied with the decisions of the Collectors made under our orders abovementioned shall be allowed an appeal to your Board, and direct those where Talookdars have no title deeds to produce but ground their right upon long possession the Collectors separate them from the authority of the Zemindars and conclude engagements with them for the Revenue assessed upon their Talooks as actual proprietors unless the Zemindars through whom they now pay their rents shall object to such separation upon the grounds of their Tenures not being of the nature of those which are declared to constitute them actual proprietors of the soil, in which case the Collector after attending to the proofs and Documents which may be offered by the Zemindar in support of such...will decide according to the best of his judgement whether...entitled to separation or not, and conclude the settlement...

The Collector will acquaint the Talookdars whom they may adjudge not to be the proprietors of the soil and consequently not under the Jurisdiction and authority of the Zemindars as heretofore that, if they are dissatisfied with their Decision they are at Liberty to prosecute the Zemindars in the Court of Dewanny Adawlut for the right of property in their Talooks & on the event of their establishing such right that they will be separated from the authority of the Zemindars and allowed to pay the Revenue assessed upon their Talooks immediately to the Public Treasury as actual Proprietors.

The Collectors will also acquaint the Zemindars from whose Jurisdiction Talookdars may be separated & who may be dissatisfied with such separation upon the grounds that the holders of such Talooks are not the actual Proprietors thereof as Described in our Orders of the 19th May that they are at liberty to prosecute such Talookdars in the Court of Dewanny Adawlut for the right of property in such Talooks, and in the event of this establishing such right that the Talooks will be replaced under their Jurisdiction and authority as heretofore.

The right of property in every Talook, in cases where it is disputed will thus be tried and decided upon according to Law in the Court of Dewanny Adawlut, and either party dissatisfied with the Decision of the Judge will have an appeal to the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut agreeable to the Judicial Regulations.

Talookdars Ordered to be separated are not to be permitted to pay the Revenue assessed upon their Lands thro the Zemindars as heretofore.

In districts where it may be found necessary to appoint Talookdars...from the Petty Talookdars to Collect...from the Petty Talookdars the Expenses of such Talookdars is to be Defrayed by Government.

...the above directions will remove the difficulties apprehended...of Nuddas in concluding the Decennial settlement, the postponement of it until the ensuing years is of course unnecessary, and you will express to Mr. Redmann & the other Collectors, those of Dacca, Monmoseing & Tippers will excepted / our expectations that they will proceed to the separation of the Talooks and to the conclusion of the Decennial settlement without Delay.

We are Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort William
9th July 1790.

L. O'Hara.

Revenue Board
A true Copy

/signed/ J. H. Harington

Secy.
To The Hon'ble Charles Stuart
President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

We think it necessary to explain to you that by the revocation of that part of our orders of the 19th May relative to Talookdars who have lost their Sunnuds notified to you on the 9th Instant it was our intention only that the inability of a Talookdar to produce a Sunnad should not be taken as proof of his not being entitled to separation but that in cases where a Talookdar should assert that he did formerly possess a Sunnad of the nature of those which are declared to entitle him to separation and the Zemindar should not admit his assertion and there should appear to the Collector once possessed a Sunnad should entitled him to immediate Zemindar.

To Fort William the 16th July 1790.
Exd. J. Durham.

Revenue Board
A true Copy
Sec'y.

To Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit you the accompanying Copy of an advertisement issued by order of the Governor General in Council & to desire you will conform to the last paragraph.

Rev. Board the 23rd July 1790.
Exd. L. O'Hara.

The Governor General in Council has directed Notice to be given that his Lordship has been pleased to revoke the Order that was passed on the 3rd of December 1788 for suspending the Coinage of Gold Mohur at the Mint, and that from and after the 1st of next Month, August, Gold Bullion will be received there for that purpose and Coined without Charge to Individuals.

It is further hereby Notified that from and after, the 1st of next Month new Milled Gold money will be issued of the former Weight and standard and the Gold now extant of the Calcutta Coinage will be received on application at the Mint into Gold Mohurs of the new Coinage, also into small money that is into Halves & Quarters for the convenience of Individuals, without any Expense to them, and Weight will be delivered without Charge.

The new Gold Coin will be received by the Collector of the Revenue (torn) of Government in Payment of the Demands of the Company.

Published by order of the Governor General in Council.
[signed] E. Hay.

Exd. L. O'Hara.

To Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit the accompanying Extract of Orders passed by the Governor General in Council relative to Mocurreries and the assessment of Lands held at a fixed Jumma during the last twelve years for your information and Guidance.

I am Sir
Reve. Board
Your most Obedient Servant the 2nd August 1790.
Exd. J. Durham.
Sec'y.

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council dated the 16th July 1790.

It appearing from our Proceedings that the late Governor General and Council thought proper to suspend the execution of the Orders of the Hon'ble Court of Director for cancelling the Istimraree Sunnuds specified in their Letter of the 15th January 1783, and no reply having yet been received to the letter communicating to them the reasons for such suspension, we think it advisable to direct that such of the above Sunnuds as now exist and which are made to persons not being the proprietors of the soil as well as all Cases of a similar nature either granted or confirmed by the supreme Government or obtained previous to the Company's (torn) to the Dewanny be continued in force during the...

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Published by order of the Governor General in Council.
[signed] E. Hay.

Exd. L. O'Hara.
To
Mr. Christopher Keating
Collector of Beebhoom
Sir,
I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit you a copy of a question from them to the Governor General in Council regarding the standard by which the Jumma is to be fixed for the decennial settlement with copy of his answer thereto for your information and guidance.

Re: Board
I am &c.
Exd J Durham
Secy.

Extract of a letter to the Governor General in Council dated the 14th July 1790

We beg to request the orders of your Lordship in Council whether in all instances where the information procured or immediately procurable by the Collectors will not allow of the settlement being made on consideration of the gross assets allowance for Charges as (for) to the Landholders any and what measures shall (for) the information necessary for such adjustment or whether the Jumma shall be determined in such instances by the standard pointed out in the first paragraph of the 7th article of the orders on the Bengal Settlement namely "the Jumma of the present Year Compared with the accounts and information supplied by the Collectors and the recommendation of the Board of Revenue founded thereon with regard to the calculation of ten per cent for the provision of the Landholders"

Revenue Board
A true Extract
(signed) J H Harrington
Secy.

Extract of a letter from the Governor General in Council dated the 28th July 1790

It was always our intention that the accounts as materials specified in the 7th Article of the Regulations of the 10th February last should be taken as the standard for determining the Jumma of the Landholders and as the Collectors have now been three years employed in procuring and compiling these accounts we conceive that more accurate information regarding the produce of the districts in general that that now before you should not be procured without having recourse to local scrinenies and measurements which would be productive of the most fatal consequences. We accordingly direct that the assessment on the lands be regulated by the standard pointed out in the 7th article above mentioned Vizt the Jumma of the past years compared with the account and information supplied by the Collectors and the recommendation of your Board without regard to the calculation of ten per cent for the provision of the Landholders. But if you shall have reason to believe that the accounts of any particular district or districts now before you are practically defective, & that more accurate information of the produce is necessary and that it can be procured without having recourse to local scrinenies & measurements which have been prohibited, we shall have no objection to a further postponement of the decennial settlement of such districts.

Revenue Board
A true Extract
(signed) J H Harrington
Secy.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beebhoom

Sir,
I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and guidance the accompanying Extract of a letter from the Governor General in Council under date the 20th Instant.

Revenue Board
A true Copy
(signed) J H Harrington
Secy.

Extract of a letter from the Governor General in Council dated the 20th August 1790

We agree to your proposition respecting the attachment of the (for) by the Zemindars and direct that it be accordingly adopted as a generality that in all instances where the Ryots shall give security for the performance of their Engagements and such security shall be accepted by the Landholders (for) not be lawful for the latter to attach

Revenue Board
A true Extract
(signed) J L Chawet
Secy.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beebhoom

Sir,
I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and guidance the accompanying Extract of a letter from the Governor General in Council under date the 20th August 1790.

Revenue Board
A true Extract
(signed) J H Harrington
Secy.
To

Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit you the accompanying Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council dated the 28th August 1790

We direct that the proposition of the Preparer of Reports be adopted viz. That in future the order to distrain the lands of defaulting Landholders be issued to the Collector at the same time with the Order to the Preparer of Reports to beg (sic) the arrears by the sale of the properly distrained, and that the Collector be directed to hold the same in sequestration till the purchaser apply to him to be put in possession, the Excuse attending this process to the day of sale to be charged to the Defaulting party and Deducted from the proceeds and after that to be Defrayed by the purchaser.

Exd J Durham

Compd

H Wood

A true Extract

To

Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

Adverting to the order transmitted to you, "that the Landholders be not made answerable for the allowances of the Causes Kanongoes or Pensioners, but that the amount thereof hitherto paid by them, be included in their Jummas, and the payment of the same be in future made by the Collectors on the part of Government" We think it necessary to explain to you, that it is not meant to include in this order any Pensioners except such as are made on the part of Government, or to allow the payment of any which have not been duly authorized any Private Pensioners made by Landholders for the provision of their families, and others of a similar nature, are as prescribed by the Regulations, to be paid by the Landholders themselves.

We further Direct that you make no new payment account causes, Kanongoes, or Pensioners, in consequence of the above mentioned Order without having previously obtained our Solicition thereto or that of the Governor General in Council.

Exd J Durham

Compd

L O Hara

To

Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

The general rule for Calculating the Sudder Jumma so as to leave the Landholders ten per cent having been revoked by the Orders of the Governor General in Council of the 28th July The rule prescribed on the 28th May last for the assessment of the separated Talooks appeared to us no longer applicable We therefore submitted to the Governor General in Council whether it would be advisable to continue the above mentioned Calculation with regard to separated Talooks subject to the general exception ordered in cases where a fixed Jumma has been paid for twelve years and in the same time submitted to him whether (turn) advisable still to adopt the generally rule, determining the proofs (turn) the next produce to be taken as the Land Revenue in all cases where a knowledge of the produce will admit of its being adopted.

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council Dated 25th August 1790

We direct that the General rule passed on the 19th February last for calculating the Sudder Jumma, so as to leave the Landholders ten per cent be adhered to With regard to the separated Talooks subject to the general exception ordered in cases where a fixed Jumma has been paid for twelve years and also in all cases where knowledge of the produce will admit of its being adopted.

Exd J Durham

Secy

To

Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit you the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Sub Secretary to the Governor General in Council for your information & guidance.

We are

Reve Board

Year most Obedient Servant

J H Hanngton

(Sign) J H Hanngton

Copy

To

J H Hanngton Esqr,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

The Board of Trade having suggested to the Governor General in Council the utility of introducing generally throughout the Provinces an improved species of cotton by extending the cultivation of the finest & best sort produced in the neighbourhood of Dacca, his Lordship has been pleased to concur entirely in their opinion, and as orders will in consequence be given to the Commercial Resident at Dacca to procure for two or three years a considerable Quantity of seed grown & prepared purposely for sowing to be forwarded in such proportions as may be settled by the Board of Trade to the different stations commercial & Revenue with directions to be distributed gratis to the husbandmen in the neighbourhood for the purpose of sowing it in their Lands, it is requested that the Board of Revenue may approve the several Collectors of Revenue of the Plan and instruct them to afford every assistance in their power (turn) promotion of so desirable an Improvement.

I am

Regd

Sub Secy

To

Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit you the accompanying Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council of the 28th Instant approving a proposition from the preparer of Reports relative to the sale of Lands at the Khalsah and to desire you will publish a notice of this Order in the several Languages current in your District.

I am

Secy

Revenue Board

Your most Obedient Servant

J H Hanngton

(Sign) J H Hanngton

A true Extract

To

Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

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We are

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Revenue Board

Your most Obedient Servant

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A true Extract

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Collector of Beerbhoom

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We are

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Revenue Board

Your most Obedient Servant

J H Hanngton

(Sign) J H Hanngton

Copy
To Mr C Keating,
Collector of Beerbhoon

Sir,

We think it necessary to lay it down as a general rule for your guidance that in all cases of the Lands of defaulting Landholders or tenants, being Ordered to be sold for the discharge of balances of Revenue, and the sale of such Lands shall appear to you sufficient to liquidate the balance due, you release from Confinement the Landholder or tenant. On the rare occasion it may happen that the Landholder or tenant may be found to be arrear. in the Event of them being previously under restraint on this account

Revenue Board, 3d September 1790
Thos Graham
Thos Law
Cha Chapman

To Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerbhoon

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you your Information & Guidance the accompanying Copy of Resolutions passed by the Governor General in Council fixing the salaries to be paid in future to surgeris & assistant surgeons

Revenue Board, the 3d September 1790
I am &c
Exed J Durham
Secy

Copy of Resolutions passed by the Governor General in Council on the 27th August 1790

The Board observing that contrary to their knowledge and intentions the surgeon stationed at Dacca is in the Receipt of a salary both from the Revenue and Commercial Departments. It is directed that from and after the 1st Octoiber next no surgeon or assistant surgeon employed at any of the out stations shall receive more than one salary from the Civil Department. In which it is required that he should perform (ten) of all the Civil Depts where Revenue, Commercial (ten)

The Governor General in Council finding also that the salaries of the surgeons and assistant surgeons employed at the out stations with the Company’s Provinces in which the Zemindary of Bengal are not all regulated upon the same scale directs that from the first of October next their allowances be fixed as follows:

Where full surgeons are allowed by the Regulations of the Commercial Department they are regularly submitted to their inspection. The accounts of the Receipts and expenditure Will be regularly submitted to their inspection

1st September 1790

J H Harrington

To Christopher Keating Esqr
Magistrate of Beerbhoon

Sir,

I am further directed to inform you that you are authorised to issue the 1st January next the following Establishment to guard the Foulcary Jail and Prisoners and the Malcomns—
1 Meralds for the Jail and Malcomns
of a month
30 Burmoochers @ 3 ea
1 Tubbub
1 Tasnimabrandar
1 Jelland
1 Gecund

Total Per Mr Sa/W . 147

I am &c
Sub Secy

To C Keating Esqr
Magistrate of Beerbhoon

Sir,

I am directed by the Nazamatt adawlat to transmit to you for your Information and Guidance Copy of Regulations passed by the Governor General in Council on the 3rd of December 1790 for the Administration of Jail in the Foulcary or Criminal Courts in Bengal Bihar, and Orissa.

It having been resolved, that the Circuit for the Division in which the District under your Jurisdiction is comprehended shall hold their Court in your Cutcherry you are desired to prepare the same for their Reception upon receiving notice from them of their Arrival

You are further desired to transmit the Nazamatt Adawlat a Report of the Number of Prisoners (made) over to your Charge by the Depth of the Naz Nazum those Confined under Sentence and for Trial, with the (periods) of their Confinement, and the Crimes for which they (are) committed

I am &c
Fort William
the 10th February 1791

J Fombelle
Rage Magr Col.
To C Keating Esqr,  
Magistrate of Beerbhoom  

Sir,  
The Court understanding that several Trials which had been referred to the Naib Nazim by his despatches, for Decision previous to the abolition of the late System for the Administration of Criminal Justice, have been referred back again by him for further Investigation, in which state they now remain, the several Courts of Circuit have been directed to complete all such Trials, by taking such further Evidence as the Naib Nazim may have directed, or by elucidating such parts of the proceedings held on the Trials as may not in his Opinion has, to the Naib Nazim that they may be forwarded to the Naib Nazim of his final Decision.  

You are therefore required to furnish the Court of Circuit for the Decision in which the District under your Jurisdiction is comprised with such proceedings as they may require to enable them to attend to the above Orders  

I am &c.,  
Post William  
the 20th February 1791  

To C Keating Esqr,  
Magistrate at Beerbhoom  

Sir,  
I am directed to inform you that the Governor General in Council was this day pleased to resolve that the Head Assistants to the several Collectors and the Registers to the Adawlut such proposltions as they may requite to enable them to attend to the above Orders  

I am &c.,  
Front William  
the 20th February 1791  

To C Keating Esqr,  
Magistrate at Beerbhoom  

Sir,  
Instituted with_fuudary Jurisdiction in the event of the absence or indisposition of the Magistrate do solemnly promise and Swear, that when the exercise of such Jurisdiction shall devolve to me in consequence of the absence or Indisposition of the Magistrate I will exert my best abilities for the preservation of the peace of the districts over which my authority shall in such event extend and will act with impartiality and integrity, neither exacting or receiving directly or indirectly any fee or reward in the execution of the Duties so entrusted to my Charge other than such as the Orders of Government do or may authorize me to receive.  

I am &c.,  
Sgned, I J Fombelle  
Regr Magt. Go  

To C Keating Esqr,  
Magistrate at Beerbhoom  

Sir,  
I am &c.,  
To Sub Secy  

To C Keating Esqr,  
Magistrate at Beerbhoom  

Sir,  
I am &c.,  
Sgned, G H Barlow  
Sub Secy  

To C Keating Esqr,  
Magistrate at Beerbhoom  

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Sgned, G H Barlow  
Sub Secy  

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Magistrate at Beerbhoom  

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I am &c.,  
Post William  
the 20th February 1791  

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Magistrate at Beerbhoom  

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I am &c.,  
Sgned, I J Fombelle  
Regr Magt. Go  

To C Keating Esqr,  
Magistrate at Beerbhoom  

Sir,  
I am &c.,  
Sgned, G H Barlow  
Sub Secy  

To C Keating Esqr,  
Magistrate at Beerbhoom  

Sir,  
I am &c.,  
Sgned, G H Barlow  
Sub Secy  

I Christopher Oldfield entrusted with Fuudary Jurisdiction in the event of the absence or indisposition of the Magistrate do solemnly promise and Swear, that when the exercise of such Jurisdiction shall devolve to me in consequence of the absence or Indisposition of the Magistrate, I will exert my best abilities for the preservation of the Peace of the Districts over which my authority shall in such event extend, and will act with impartiality and integrity, neither exacting or receiving directly or indirectly any fee or reward in the execution of the Duties so entrusted to my Charge other than such as the Orders of Government do or may authorize me to receive.  

So help me God  
Signed, C Oldfield  
Head assistant to the Collector of Beerbhoom  

Sworn before me as Beerbhoom  
the 17th of March 1791  
Signed, C Keating,  
Magistrate.  

To Christopher Keating Esqr,  
Magistrate at Beerbhoom  

Sir,  
To enable me to comply with the 8th Article of the Regulations "by which we are directed to submit for Consideration to the Naib Nazim such propositions as may appear to be calculated for the improvement of the Police of the Country," we must request to be furnished with a statement of the Police under your Jurisdiction its General Management Specifying the several gradation of Ranks and the Number of Officers whether Civil, tahsildars, Police, Chevisters for those of any other local denomination employed in the apprehension of Offenders and in maintaining the Peace of the Country with the general plan of their Distribution throughout the District whether they received their Allowances in Money or by the Allotment of Land of the former the amount of each man's pay if the latter the proportion granted to several descriptions of Officers individually & the aggregate amount of the whole  

We further request to know by whom the Police Officers are appointed whether they hold their Offices under the grant of Salaries or merely by a Vivace revenue compensation &c subject to the payment of Salaries for the same to Government whether there are any existing Regulations for thur General conduct & limiting the boundaries of the Authority if not how they are restricted from the abuse of the power with which they are entrusted  

We beg likewise for your information to the following point  
In case of an Individual being charged with Robbery does process issue for the attachment of his property and Effects by whom his property and in what manner is the process executed & to whose charge are the property and Effects committed should the Prisoner be condemned & by whom or are they delivered over to the Prosecutor Should the Prisoner be acquitted in what manner & by whom is restitution made?  

We are &c.,  
Calcutta Court of Circuit  
Signed, J N White  
Collector  
Beerbhoom 17th May 1791  
Thos Brooke  

To C Keating Esqr,  
Collector of Beerbhoom  

Sir,  
An Agent having been presented to me by the Physician of this Zillah, Nurnong whose relative to some Land in Surroung under Your Jurisdiction I take the liberty of giving it a Cover  

I am &c.,  
Zillah Moonabhadab  
/signed/, C Harman  
Collector  
the 7th July 1791  

To C Keating Esqr,  
Collector & Magistrate of Beerbhoom & Bishenpoor  

Sir,  
Permit me to recall to your remembrance my letter of the 22nd November last respectmg the Robbery of the Company's Goods in Bishenpoor & to request you will inform me whether the Company is likely to have the loss made good by whom & when probably to be realized?  

I am &c.,  
Your most obedient humble Servant  
(Signed) J Cheap  
Dist. Soomamookey  
Beerbhoom 8th July 1791  

To

Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

Having received an Assignment on you for Current Rupees Forty thousand on Account of the Advances for my Investment due the 1st Instant I request to know when you will be able to discharge its amount either in full or part—

I am, Sir, &c.,

Sooron (Sd.) John Cheap
8th July 1791
Dist. Soomonkhy

To

C. Keating Esqrr.,
Magistrate of Burdwan (Sic)

Sir,

The Governor General in Council having thought proper to direct, that the 69th and 70th articles of the Regulations for the conduct of the Collectors, passed on the 8th of June be transferred, and added to the existing Regulations for the Magistrates, I am directed by the Nezamut Adawint to transmit to you, for your information and Guidance, the inclosed copy of those Regulations and towards that you will charge the monthly amount thereof in your Treasury in your capacity of Collector.

Fort William
the 19th of September 1791.

Revenue Assistant.

Extract from the Resolutions of the Governor General in Council in the Revenue Department under date the 6th June 1791.

As the Zemindars in many parts of the country have been suspected of conniving at Robberies and murders and of being parties concerned in such offences, notwithstanding the public Regulations by which they are bound to preserve the peace of the country within the limits of their respective jurisdictions, the Magistrate are authorized, on information given, or on well grounded and general suspicion, to cause such Zemindars to be apprehended and on their apprehension to publish advertisements giving notice thereof and require all persons who have been robbed within their respective Zemindarries to appear to the Magistrate are authorized, on information given, or on well grounded and general suspicion, to cause such Zemindars to be apprehended and on their apprehension to publish advertisements giving notice thereof and require all persons who have been robbed within their respective Zemindarries to appear to the courts for their trial. But in case no witness should be, the Zemindars apprehended and on their apprehension to publish advertisements giving notice thereof and require all persons who have been robbed within their respective Zemindarries to appear to the courts for their trial. But in case no witness should be—

Whenever a Zemindar is proved guilty of having abetted, practised, or connived at murders or Robberies, that none of his family shall be permitted to succeed to the Zemindarry without the expects permit of the Governor General in Council.

Revenue Department
A true Extract
/signed/ G. H. Barlow,
Sub. Secy.
A true copy
signed/ J. Fombelle,
Revenue Assistant.

To

C. Keating Esqrr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

Mr. Reuben Burrow purposing to Traverse the District under your superintendence with the sanction of the Governor General in Council for the purpose of ascertaining by Observations on the spot the exact Longitude & Latitude of the most remarkable places situated therein, I am directed to request that you will prohibit all persons from giving any assistance he may require for the facilitating the Object of his undertaking.

Council Chamber
21st September 1791.

Exd. Jf Paul

To

C. Keating Esqrr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I return the Petition enclosed in your Letter of the 20th Instant, & beg leave to Trouble you to direct the Zemindar to sign date it. I enclose Mr. Frushard’s Caboolat, and request you will Cause it to be delivered to the Zemindar—

I am &C,

Khalas /signed/ G. C. Meyer
September 23rd 1791.
Revenue Board Department

To

C. Keating Esqrr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit you the enclosed Dauk Establishment and to desire that you will charge the monthly amount thereof in your Treasury under the Head of General Department with the subordinate head of Dauk Charges subjoined thereto in the same manner as the Charges of Collection are stated under the Head of Revenue Charges General—

I am &C

Fort William
the 24th Septr. 1791.

Compt. John Bodenea.

Establishment for the New Cross Dauks ordered and approved of by the Governor General in Council under date the 15th of July 1791.

Office

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Wax Cloth etc. . . . . . 4

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Mussaul Oil, etc. . . . . . 3

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A true Extract
signed/A. Caldecott

To

C. Keating Esqrr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I hereby Advise You that I have this Day granted and Assignment upon your Treasury in favor to the Commercial Agent at Gonatea or Order for Crs. 20,000 payable as soon as possible.

I am &C

Fort William
the 28th September 1791.


To

C. Keating Esqrr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I beg leave to send you an Estimate of the further Commercial Assignment that will be granted upon your Treasury in the course of the Year 1791 in addition to those mentioned in my Letter of the 8th of February last and request you will make a sufficient reserve of Cash at the proper time for the discharge it Vizt.

In favour of the Com. Agent at Gonatea payable on the first of November Crs. 30,000.

I am &C

Fort William
the 30th of September 1791.

To Christopher Keating Esqr., Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am favored with your letter enclosing a Petition presented to me by the Pachcud Raja, complaining that the Munsalv Zeemander had assembled a number of People, & forcibly caught and carried away the Pacht and a Reserver belonging to Pachcud—

I must request your immediate attention to this Representation & I well founded that you will cause the Munsalv Zeemander to be severely punished for his presumption & to make satisfaction to the Pachcud Raja for the injury done him—you will also be so good as to inform that if he has any Claim on the Zeemander of Pachcud, He may be assured of meeting with strict Justice on making a proper application to me

I am &c

Fort William
24 of October 1791

To C Keating Esqr., Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

A proposition having submitted to Government on the subject of the Introduction of the Cassada Plant into these Provinces I am directed to forward you the accompanying Extract of the letter in which it is conveyed & by these you will understand the method of cultivating the plant, the process of preparing it for use & the possible importance of the acquisition in the event of its becoming a resource of food to the native inhabitants in unavailing seasons the Establishment of small nursery plantations at the Chief seats of the several Collectorships is deemed a necessary preparatory step to the introduction of the general Cultivations of the Cassada Plant but on this measure the Governor General in Council will not finally determine till he shall have received your sentiments on certain points which you are desired to transmit with as little delay as is consistent with a due consideration of the subject—

1st The following are the points on which your Answers are required, supposing that in the first instance no obstacle should occur of an insurmountable nature to the execution of the plan—

The probable Expense to be incurred by cultivating a Certain number of Nogus, five or six for example as a nursery plantation for the Cassada Plant—

2nd The probable benefits or disadvantages to be exprected from such Establishment—

3rd The best mode carrying the plan into Effect with the least possible Charge to Government, should it appear on full consideration, that beneficial consequences may be expected to Result from it—

I am &c

No signature to this Letter

Council Chamber
the 9th December 1791

Signed
S Fraser.
Extracts of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Ryd to the Secretary to Government Dated 26th October 1791

Extract 1st

This Plant or rather Tree is propagated from Ships or Truncheons of its branches of 8 or 10 inches long with the greatest care and expediency, without exception throughout the 12 Months but best in the Raan, if in the dry burning Season taking the opportunity of a shower of rain, or moistening the ground with a little water, into which the ship or Truncheon is stuck—it further grows in any soil, but best in a light sandy bordering in sterility—Remains unaffected by drought or excess of Raan but whether it will bear being subjected to an inundation we do not possess sufficient experience to assert (albhe of Material import) if to be disseminated in the lower provinces of Higgedelle & Silhette requires no further attention care, or Cultivation its luxuriant vegetation enabling it to rise above weeds—In 5 or 6 months its root acquire the weight of so many pound & at this period appears to possess the farmassic nature most readily reduced into bread—at the further advanced state of 12 months it attains the weight of 17 or 28 lb but with the increase a more fibrous state not so readily compacted from possessing a less glutinous quality, but probably losing nothing of its nutritive power &

Extract 2d

Should the Board from these remarks deem it consistent to direct this plant to be disseminated the Company Provinces, it has been before suggested the directing the several Collectors to select a piece of ground under their own eye, either for the introduction of any particular Grain, article of Food or Com­merce, which the soil or Climate of their Respective provinces might point out to be most eligible for the general benefit arising from their cultivation—the Board have not yet autho­rized the Collectors to form such an establishment, altho to be effected at the Monthly expense of 40 or 50 Rupees such articles as have been forwarded from the Company Garden to the Collectors of the different provinces have been propa­gated at their own private expense, and as they are liable the removal lay at the discretion of a successor, who holding them to be no public trust neglect them, or otherwise as suits his disposition

Extract 3d

That if on the Review of what is now suggested the pro­perty of a Nursery Plantation under the Care of the several Collectors might be extended by an expense of 40 or 50 Rupees per month in each province be approved—"that this expense nevertheless shall cease at the expiration of 5 years unless on a review of the benefits accruing from the Insti­tution a further prolongation may be judged expedient & actually declared by the Board "—

Extract 4th

The vastations of famine however Certain not frequently occurring, and awakening the horrors of such a scene with the concomitant remorse of not having previously established, as far as foresight & the means possessed may be capable of devoting the most suitable Relief—but I am digesting from the point in View in this address—of the best method of bringing the resources which this Plant apparently holds forth in aid of the Natives—that the Collectors of Provinces will probably be better able to suggest by shall only observe that in Russia where the prejudices of Education & antient manners are most pertinaciously adhered to that the present Emperors of the occasion of introducing the use of the Potatoe in that vast Empire it is said was reduced to the necessity of passing an Edict accompanied with Fines & penalties—that every village in proportion to its extent should annually cultivate a certain number of acres of the Plant, leaving her subjects at liberty to use them as food or not as they pleased have/here the bars to innovation in the article of food fall to be received nearly tantamount to physical the Board will determine Law for the Emperors, but such an Edict may require modified in its design and may accomplish the design supposing such other means as may appear more suitable—That part of the nearest adjoining waste land to every village be cleared and duly prepared in proportion to the number of its inhabi­tants, & planted with the Cassava; on the first instance at the expense of Government, as a nursery stock for occasional extension for the use of the inhabitants as an additional resource on the Joint expense of the Village, under such Regulations as experience may point such of the natives in my neighbourhood have not scru­pelled after seeing the process of preparing this Root, to eat of it & declare their approbation of it —

Extract 5th

The Root after being scraped is rasped into a coarse powder with a grater—the substance well washed & pressed, this last operation is then repeated in three successive fresh graters, it is then kneaded into a Cake, & either baked in an Oven, or an Iron plate until all the moisture is expelled from it, when it is fit for use—the delicious taste possessing an Acid quality like the man Kutchoo, but probably in a more violent degree communicates a burning acrid taste to the tongue in the first and second Waters employed, & by this taste it is distinguished from the numerous species —

Of the Plant itself, I have to observe that it is perennial, and once planted, gives no further Care or trouble unless required to extend the Plantations—

The plant in the Lanneus arrangement is considered of the Vandaux Class but the Plants now in the end prevent its Cultivation by any other means than that adverted to—I have further to observe that most of the Collectors are in possession of specimens of it —

(true Extract)

Exd/ J L Chauvet
Sd/ T Fraser
Sub Secy

To C Keating Esq,
Magistrate of Beefbloom

SIR:
The Court of Nizamut Adalat reconsidering their orders of the 14th of February last respecting Prisoners confined in sentences of Imprisonment during passed by the last Naib Nazim, have resolved, previous to any final decision with regard to Prisoners of that description that the several cases shall be examined & reported upon by the courts of Circuit, I am directed therefore to desire, that forward to the court of Circuit for the decision in which you are comprehended the Trials of all Prisoners in confinement in Jewel at your station under sentences of the above nature when you will examine such Trials, & report to the Nizamut Adalut when Prisoners, according to the Mahomedean Law & the established to the musulman criminal courts, would be considered as to perpetual imprisonment, & what Prisoners would be deserving of confinement only for a specified in latter instances, the dates on which the Prisoners were the further period for which they are to remain in prison

I am &c
Fort William

I am &c
J Pomblette

Revenue Assistant

To C Keating Esq
Magistrate of Beefbloom

SIR:
The Court of Nizamut Adalut being desirous of taking into their consideration the best mode of employing the Prisoners who are now, or may be hereafter, confined in the jails of the several districts under sentences of imprisonments for Life or for a Limited Time, I am directed to desire that you will report to the Nizamut Adalut in what manner you
would propose to employ those in confinement at your station, (so that) the public might derive the greatest benefit from their confinement). Should you be of opinion that they might be usefully engaged in any public work, you will state the nature of it, & whether will require the assistance of any number of Prisoners (from other districts to complete it). You will likewise specify (the steps) you would recommend to be adopted to prevent the escape (of the) Prisoners, should the work on which you propose to employ them be at a distance from the jail, so as to prevent (their) returning to it at night.

Fort William
the 3rd January 1792

I am &C
/signed/ J. Fombelle
Revenue Assistant

To C. Oldfield Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,
I am directed by the Board of Revenue to enclose for your Information & Guidance a Copy of a Regulation passed by the Governor General in Council on the 28th ultimo.—

Fort William
the 7th Jany. 1792.

I am &C
/signed/ A. Caldecott

Extract of the Resolutions of the Governor General in Council Dated the 28th December 1791.

On a revision of those parts of the Regulations of the 9th December 1790, & the 31st January 1791 which prohibit the issue of all salaries exceeding 6 Sicca Rupees per month in the Revenue and Commercial Departments, until the issue of the salaries payable by the Civil Paymaster at the Presidency for the same month shall have been notified in the Calcutta Gazette—The Board Resolve in consideration of the great distress which the Lower Class of the public servants experience from the late period at which their allowances are now issuable, that the above prohibition be restricted to allowances exceeding Sicca Rupees 50 P. month and that in future all allowances in the Civil Department for any particular month above 6 and not exceeding 50 Sicca Rupees P. month be issuable at the time the pay of the Military for the same month is notified to be issuable in the Calcutta Gazette—

A true Extract
/signed/ J. L. Chauvet
Sub Secy.

Reve. Board
A true Copy
/signed/ J. Rawlins
Act. & Secy.

Compd. L. O. Harm

A true Copy
/signed/ A. Caldecott

Compd. John Rondeau

To C. Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,
I hereby advise you that I have this day granted an assignment upon your Treasury in favor of the Commercial Agent of Cantonese or Order of Crs. 53,905 payable as above as possible.

Fort William
the 19th of January 1792.

I am &C
/signed/ A. Caldecott

To C. Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,
I hereby advise you that I have this day granted an assignment upon your Treasury in favor of the Coml. Agent of Cantonese or Order for Crs. 5,000 payable as soon as possible.

Fort William
the 31st of January 1792.

I am &C
/signed/ A. Caldecott
Acctt. Bd. Re.

To Christopher Oldfield Esqr.,
Head Assistant, Beerbhoom

Sir,
I had the pleasure to address you yesterday relative to the release of Rajah Clifton Sing from his confinement, but omitted mentioning the necessity for the Rajah's attending at the sudden Catcherry until my return for the purpose of Executing his decennial settlement Cabooldee agreeable to the Orders of Government to which he being no longer in Confinement, I presume their cannot now be any kind of objections on his part.—

Should it be convenient to you to advance Cash for those Bills Being Sicca Rupees 11,556 5-10 I will on being favored with your Reply transmit to you the Bills & detach a party for the Money.—

I have the Honor to be &C
/signed/ Robt. Dawes Major
At Hazaree

the 14th April 1792.

To C. Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir,
I am directed by the Nizamut Adawlut to desire that, whenever a person making a confession before (you is) a Mussulman, you will be careful that the witness to his Cruelty or Depredations may be produced at night.

You are further desired, on the comprehension of any notorious Dekoits, or other notorious offender to (publish) notice thereof throughout your jurisdiction, that those who have suffered from his Cruelty or Depredations may be produced to come forward with their complaints.

I am &C
/signed/ J. Fombelle
Revenue Assistant

the 17th of April 1792.

To C. Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,
The Governor General in Council having been pleased to approve of the proposition submitted to him for Establishing Nursery Plantations in the several Collectories for the purpose of Introducing the Culture of Cassadah Plant or of such other article of Food or Commerce as may be suited to the soil and Climate of the Respective Provinces for General Dissemination, I am directed to inform you that you are permitted to draw the monthly Amount of Sa Rs. 50 to enable you to Effect the above purpose.—

Council Chamber
the 2nd May 1792

I am &C
/signed/ J. L. Chauvet
Sub Secy.

Compd. S. Trues

To

C Keating Esqr,
Magnetate of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed to direct that you will furnish the Annexed Advertiser with a List, in English & Persian of the Pergunnah Cities & Towns in your District under your Charge in which Cauzees were stationed on the 3rd December 1790 when the Courts of Circuit were established, specifying the names of the Cauzees now attached to each of them You are likewise to state whether any of the Cauzees receive from Government any and what allowances in or for Land for their support. If it shall appear that the office of Cauzee in any Pergunnah City or Town within your District be vacant at the period abovementioned and the same shall not have been filled up agreeably to the Regulations for the Sudder & Mofessul abovementioned and the same shall not have been filled up m your Report—

2 You are also desired to ascertain and report to the Court the amount of the Fees usually paid to the Cauzees officiating at Weddings, and Funerals, and for discharging the other Functions of their Office; and, in the Event of such fees appearing excessive, or of their amount, you will submit to the Court a Table of Fees which you are of opinion should be adopted

3 You will likewise inquire into the Character and abilities of the several Cauzees in your District & Report to the Court the names of such Cauzees as shall appear to you worthy of being continued in their appointment either from misconduct or from Incapacity to perform the Duties required of them, stating, in such cases, the Grounds of the Disqualification.

4 In the Event of the office of Naib Cauzee of any Place being in Dispute you will enquire into the claims of the respective Parties & Report the Result to the Court with your opinion on the merits of the case—

5 I am further instructed to desire that you will furnish the Court with the Information above required as soon as possible

I am &c
Fort William the 8th May 1792

To

Chris Keating Esqr,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

In my Letter of the 10th of December last Informed you that the Governor General in Council had been pleased to determine that it would not be necessary for you to transmit two sets of Persian Accounts, but finding on a more attentive perusal of the Orders issued on this subject that I have mistaken his Lordships' meaning, You will be pleased to revert to the former practice of sending Down two sets of Persian Accounts commencing from the time the transmission of the second sett was discontinued Viz from the 1st Dec last

I am &c
Fort William

Ascot Gent Office

the 11th May 1792

Sir

Your obedient Servant

Compt

Thos Gillanders

Acct Bd Reve

To

C Keating Esqr,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter and enclosure from the Board of Trade, and the original Documents therein mentioned, and to desire that you will immediately per Mr. Patterson in possession of the lands specified in the documents after having ascertained from the actual proprietors that they have voluntarily censcuted to make over the said lands to him—

You will return the Original Documents after having taken a Copy of them to be deposited amongst your records—

I am &c
Council Chamber

The 16th May 1792

Sub Secy

To

Chris Keating Esqr,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your Information and Guidance the enclosed Copy of a Regulation passed by the Governor General in Council on the 2nd Instant

Fort William

I am &c

Acct Gen Office

May 16th 1792

Compl Thos Gillanders

(Copy)

Extract from the Proceedings of the Governor General in Council Dated the 2nd May 1792

The Board taking into Consideration the Regulations of the 9th of December 1790 and 21st of February & 26th December 1791 respecting the periods of issuing those salaries in the Civil Department which do not exceed 6 Sicca Rupees p month as well as those from 6 to 50 as Rs p month They observe that the occasion for the Regulations has now ceased

Resolved therefore that the Distinction established by the abovementioned Regulations be done away, and that in future the whole establishment of each office commencing with that for the present month of May be issued at once agreeably to the periods that will be notification (sic) from time to time in the Calcutta Gazette

A True Copy

/signed/ J L Chauvet

Revenue Board

Act of Secy

Compl Tho Gillanders

A True Copy

/signed/ A Caldecott

Acct Board Reve

To

C Keating Esqr

Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you, for your Information & Guidance, the Enclosed Copy of an advertisement of this date & to desire that you will take the necessary Measures Making the same generally known throughout your Jurisdiction

Fort William

I am &c

the 27th of June 1792

Act of Secy

End — J W Barsley

Fort William 27th June 1792

The sale of Fire arms or other Washike Stores to or for the use of the Country powers or Private persons without express authority for that purpose, having been hitherto prohibited by the orders of Government, and the Board having reasons to believe that these Orders which are of antient Date, may not be generally known, and that, in some Instances where they have been known, attempts have been
privately made to Counteract them It is hereby publiquly notified and declared that the said Trade has been, and continues to be, entirely forbidden, and that any Person or Persons who shall be detected in exporting from Calcutta or any other Part of the Company's provinces to any Part or parts of the Country within their Territories or otherwise Cannon, or Guns of any other Description or any arms as warlike stores of whatever Denomination without a pass, sealed with the Seal of the Company, and Signed by the Secretary to this Government will be considered as having forfeited the protection of the Company & will be dealt with accordingly.

It is further hereby notified & declared, that the Superintendent of the Police for the Town of Calcutta the Collectors & Officers of the Customs within the Company's Provinces including the Zemindary of Benares, & the Magistrates of the several Districts have been directed to take due care that the strictest attention is paid to the Order now given & to seize within their respective Jurisdictions any property attempted to be passed in violation of such Order—declaring the said property confiscated to Government for their use & Benefit, & for the benefit of the Informer, who shall be entitled to half its value upon Conviction of the party or parties engaged in the Trade.—Published by the Order of the Governor General in Council.

To C. Keating Esqr., Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir, I have received your Letter of the 7th Instant informing me that the Collector of Dacca has recommended you to apply to me for Elephant Apparatus & People to erect a Kedlah to Catch about 30 Wild Elephants which have for sometime infested your District. In reply I beg leave to inform you that I have no Elephant nor ever employed any Person in the business of Catching them I have however made enquiry & from the best Accounts, I have been able to obtain. You will require 5 Cookies at least to secure the Elephants into the first Enclosure but how here you are to get so many, I really cannot say, as there are none here but a few females belonging to private Gentlemen who have no particular disposition to attend the wild one for 3 months to bring him provision & to guard him whilst at his Chistle—But I think with two Cookies you might incline one, or two, out of the Jungles & then by forcing on them you might soon clear the Country of so few—The great obstacle is the want of Coonkies or trained female Elephants without which you will never be able to accomplish your wish but where they are to be procured I really know not. I am Tipporah.

To Christopher Oldfield Esqr., Head Assistant, Beerbhoom.

Sir, Having this day received the Board's answer to my letter under date the 29th ultimo relative to the release of Rajah Clayton Sing from his Confinement authorizing the same without pointing out any restrictions or engagements that are to be taken from him prior to such discharge I have to request that you will cause the inclosed Purwannah to be delivered to Rajah Clayton Sing & release him accordingly.

To C. Keating Esqr., Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir, I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Mr. Patterson, and to acquaint you that the Court of Directors being desirous of encouraging the Cultivation of the Sugar Cane, have agreed to allow Mr. Patterson to hold Lands for that purpose, and to pay to him a certain price for the sugar which he may manufacture. That the Governor General in Council has therefore permitted Mr. Patterson to rent any Lands which the Zemindar & Ryotis of Beerbhoom may voluntarily allow him to occupy for the Cultivation of Sugar Cane, but at the same time thinks it necessary expressly to declare that however desirable the Board may be to remove every Obstacle which the Landholders or Dealers in Sught might from enticed or other motives be induced to throw in Mr. Patterson's way, it is by no means their intention that any undue influence should be exerted in his favor but on the contrary they direct that in his dealing with the Natives he be Considered exactly upon the same footing with other private merchants. That any support of an opposite nature would not only be an injustice to other persons engaged in similar concerns & Repugnant to the established principles of Government, but also put it out of the power of the Court of Directors to form a true Judgement of the result of Mr. Patterson's undertaking. His Lordship in Council accordingly desires you will afford to Mr. Patterson every Countenance & assistance in your power consistent with the above principles & the established Laws and Regulations.

I am &c.,

Council Chamber, Fort William the 5th September 1792.

Earl Cornwallis K. G., Governor General in Council.

My Lord,

As there are situations in the District of Beerbhoom the most favourable for the Culture of the Sugar Cane, and as from the experiments I have made, I am confident the juices of that which is produced there are infinitely richer that any other in India, and consequently the best suited for the manufacture of a strong grained high flavoured sugar—I am particularly desirous of obtaining an Establishment in it—Pernice therefore, My Lord, Most Humbly request that you will have the goodness to direct the Revenue Collector at Soorey to afford me all the assistance in his power; as well by furtherizing my present Endeavours to procure Lands, as by rendering me such future Countenance & support as may be necessary to ensure success to my undertaking.

I have the Honor to be My Lord etc.,

John Patterson
Contractor for the Supply of Sugar

To C. Keating Esqr., Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir, I hereby advise that by Order of the Board of Reve. I have this day granted a Bill upon your Treasury in favor of Mr. James Frushard or Order for Current Roupas Thirteen Thousand Nine hundred and twenty, payable ten days after sight.—

I am &c.,

Fort William the 10th of September 1792.

Act. of Secy.
To C. Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Burdwan (Sic)

Sir,
The Governor General in Council apprehending that some expressions contained in his Orders of the 5th Instant may occasion a Misconception of Mr. Patterson's situation in this Country and that you may be led therefrom to Consider him merely as a privat Merchant or Contractor his Lordship in Council has thought it necessary to direct me to explain to you that Mr. Patterson has been sent out by the Hon'ble Court of Directors in a public Capacity for the purpose at administration of Justice.

extending the Culture of the Sugar Cane and improving the Council has thought it necessary to direct me to explain to expressions contained in his Orders of the 5th Instant may be consistent with the rights of the Landholders and Cultivators of the soil and the established Regulations for the manufacture of sugar, and that he is to be considered in this light by all the Officers of Government who are to afford him every countenance & assistance in their power that may be consistent with the rights of the Landholders and Cultivators of the soil and the established Regulations for the administration of Justice.——

I am &c.,
Council Chamber

the 14th September 1792.

Swb Secy.

To C. Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,
I hereby advise you that by Order of the Board of Revenue I have this day granted a Bill upon your Treasury in favor of Mr. James Frushard or Order for C. Rs. 26,212-1-4, payable ten days after sight.—

I am &c.,

Fort William

the 21st September 1792.

Act. of Secy.

To Chris. Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhum

Sir,
I am this Morning favored with the Receipt of your letter. The Amount of the Bills on the Pay Master General are Ten thousand six hundred & twenty Rupees Current and tomorrow I shall order a Party to proceed to Beerbhoom for the purpose of my undertaking.-I am &c.,

Hazard

Septir. 28th 1792

Comm of 12th Batl. native Infantry

To C. Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhum

Sir,
I hereby advise you that I have this day granted an assignment upon your Treasury in favor of the Commr. Resident at Soonamookery or Order for C. Rs. 10,000, payable as soon as possible.—

Fort William

I am &c.,

Acct. Genl. Office

the 3rd of October 1792


To C. Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhum

Sir,
I hereby advise you that I have this day granted a Bill upon your Treasury in favor of Mr. James Frushard or Order for C. Rs. 10,908-10-2, payable ten days after sight.—

I am &c.,

Fort William

the 12th October 1792.

Act. of Secy.

To C. Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate of Beerbhum

Sir,
I am directed by the Nisamut Adswat to acquaint you, in answer to the first paragraph of your Letter of the 15th inst. that for the reasons you have stated, you are authorized to erect another Jail within the outer Enclosure of your present one at the Expense not exceeding one hundred & seventy Rupees.

I am &c.,

Fort William

the 26th of Nov. 1792.

Revenue Assistant

To Earl Cornwallis H. G.,
Governor General in Council.

My Lord,
Mr. Patterson, the Contractor for Sugar having stated to us that he has met with a tract of Land in the Beerbhum District, to the extent of Bighas 3,085:17. suitable to the purposes of his undertaking, & laid before us Sundry Papers expressing, he says, the Consent of the proprietors to cede the same to him, we transmit enclosed a Copy of his letter, with the Original documents, & take the liberty of requesting your Lordship will be pleased to give directions for his being put in possession of the land according to the terms of his agreement with the Company.—

We are &c.,

Fort William

the 15th May 1792.

John Bristow

Richard Kemmaway

John Webb

(Copy)

Peter Speic Esqr.,
President and Members of the Board of Trade

Gentlemen,
In Conformity to the instructions of Government directing that in future I shall Communicate with your Board upon all subjects relative to my Agreement with the Hon'ble Company, I now take the liberty of troubling you. I have to request that, as my agreement with the Hon'ble Company expresses—‘That if the Lands he ‘may wish are at present Occupied and the person in possession shall fully’ Consent to give up the same, Lieutenant Patterson undertaking at his own expense to satisfy the Renters for any Cession that may be made in his favour, such Lands shall be leased to him by the Government of Bengal, subject to the same rents only as were paid by the persons ‘who formerly held the same’—And as the accompanying papers fully evince that the present possessors of a Connected tract of Country in the Beerbhum district in every respect suitable to the purpose of my undertaking are satisfied to make a Cession of it in my favour that the Lands to which these papers have a reference may be leased to me by Government, under the circumstances, and for the purposes described in my engagement. I would further presume by requesting that as there yet remains about a fortnight of the planting season I may be allowed immediately to possess myself of the Lands, and I will engage upon being indulged with such permission, hereafter to execute any deeds that may be necessary and to bind myself to the payment of whatever Rents are now paid by the present proprietors.—

I have the Honor to be &c.,

Calculta

May 15th, 1792.

John Patterson

Contractor for the Supply of Sugar

True Copy

Exrd. D. Goves

W. A. Edmonstone

Seyc. Board of Trade

Rev. Dept.

True Copys

G. H. Barlow

Sub Seyc.
Para 3. With respect to the Propositions Contained in the latter part of the 2nd & 3rd Paragraphs of your Letter regarding the rates at which the Landholders within the Company’s Provinces are to receive credit for any payment which they may make in Rupees not Siccas it appears to us that they would counteract the Regulations which we have lately passed with a view to establish one uniform currency throughout the Country and probably perpetuate the abuses which those Regulations are calculated to remedy. The Engagements of the Landholders are for Sicca Rupees of a determinate weight and Standard mints being now established in different parts of the Country in which they can get the Rupees that they collect from the Ryots readily converted into Sicca it is best just that if they make their payments in any other Species of coin but Sicen they should deliver such a quantity of it as may contain the weight of Standard Silver in the Number of Sicca Rupees which they are bound to pay.

4th. To them the tendency of the Regulation which you have suggested . . . . . . . (torn) former Caretency of any particular District to have been five per cent worse than Siccas but that in adjusting the Jumma at the Decennial Settlement, these Rupees were brought into Siccas at 22 per Cent. If the Landholders are allowed to pay these old Rupees into the Treasury at the last mentioned Batta it is evident that the new Siccas will be melted down by the Counterfeiters of the coin and converted into these old Species of Rupees, as they will thereby gain an immediate profit of near two and half per cent and consequently upon the arrival of the Period at which Sicca Rupees only are to be legal tender of Payment there will be as great a deficiency of that Specie as at present. By adhering to the table of Rates (Supposing the valuation of the different sorts of Rupees to be accurate) this abuse cannot be practised. If any of the Rupees in the table are over valued the error will soon be discovered by comparison of their Produce in the mints with the Value at which they are brought to account and Government be saved from further loss. Where the Rupees are rated exactly according to their intrinsic value neither the Zemindar nor Government will lose or gain. If in any instance they are found to be undervalued it cannot operate to the Prejudice of the Landholders as they or their Bankers having the option of paying Siccas into the Treasury will of course send the undervalued Rupees to be coined into Siccas. The Regulations therefore of the 24th October are fair both for Government and its Subjects and must be advantageous also for all parties, except the money Changers, the Counterfeiters of the coin, and those Landholders who by the adoption of the Regulation which you have proposed, would satisfy the public demand with a less quantity of Silver the Sicca standard than by their engagements they have engaged to pay.

5th. For the above reasons we direct that you order the existing Regulations to be strictly adhered to but we desire that you will at the same time instruct the Collectors to be particularly careful to Compare the Actual produce of the various Sorts of Rupees which they may send to the mint with their valuation in the table at which they are to be brought to account in order that the rates may be correctly should they be found in any instances to have been erroneously calculated.

Para 7 & 8—

The Board observe that they have now under Consideration the reports received from the several Collectors agreeably to their Circular Orders of the 17th of December 1789 issued in conformity to their Instructions of his Lordship in Council adverted to in the 7th Paragraph but as the Orders contained three Paragraphs may occasion some alterations in the former recommendations of such of the Collectors whose Districts may be intersected by the Rivers Pudda and Ganges they agree to transmit Copies of them to the several Collectors (the Collector of—excepted) to the Acting Collectors of Nuddea & Rungpoor and the Commissioners at Rajeshahy & Cooch Behar with Directions to submit to the

Rev. Board
A true Extract
(Signed) John Rawlins,
Actg. Secy.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Dated the 9th Febry, 1793.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you your Information & Guidance the accompanying Extracts of a Letter from the Governor General in Council, and to desire you will with all practicable dispatch furnish them with the Information required in the 6th Paragraph—

Rev. Board
the 8th Febry, 1793
(Signed) John Rawlins,
Acting Secy.
Board such recommendations regarding the annexation or separation of any Mehmals from their Districts as they may deem necessary under the Orders of the Governor General in Council, now Ordered to be communicated to them:

Rev'd Board
A true Extract
(Signed) John Rawlins
Act Secy

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council Dated the 11th January 1793—

Par 7 We further desire that you will immediately call upon the above & the other Collectors to point out to you, any further separations or annexations that are necessarily to render their Districts compact, in conformity to the Principles prescribed in the 2nd Paragraph of the Orders of the 9th December 1789 adopting it as a further rule in every practicable case, that no part of a Collectorship be intermixed by the River Ganges or Puddah—

You will submit to us the report that may be furnished by each Collector in Conformity to the Directions in the Preceding Paragraph, as soon as it is received with any remarks that may occur to you on the separations or annexations which may be proposed, in order that the arrangements which we may finally adopt may take place at the Cown movement of the ensuing Bengal & Fussily Years—

To
Mr C Keating,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,
I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th of February last With the 26th of April 1793

To
Mr C Keating,
Collector and Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir,
I am directed by the Governor General in Council to request you will deliver over to the Commercial Resident at Souncalboy the French Factory at Soopoor which has lately been taken possession of by you.

To
C Keating Esqr.,
Acting Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir,
I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 3rd Instant With its Enclosures and to acquaint you that in consideration of the peculiar Circumstances of your District the Governor General in Council confirms the tax which you have assessed for defraying the expense of the Police, and also the other propositions & arrangements detailed in your Letter, and be desires that you will proceed immediately to carry the same into execution.

You are authorized to advance two months salary to the Police Establishments, reporting the exact amount of the advance that may be notified to the Civil Auditor—

3rd His Lordship in Council desires me to express to you his sense of the ability and assiduity which you have manifested in carrying the Police arrangement into execution—

4th We are sensible that the measures which we have proposed for establishing the Currency of Gold throughout the Country will depend in a great measure upon the success of the measures which we have proposed for establishing the Currency of Gold through-out this Country and as the Gold so issued will come back into the Treasury

To
William Cowper Esqr
President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen
On the 22nd November 1792 we published a Proclamation that all Gold Mohurs of full weight (with their Subdivisions) coined in the Calcutta Mint since the 20th March 1793 Corresponding with the year of the Hedgerree 1182 should be a legal tender of Payment throughout the Country at the rate of Sixteen Sicca Rupees for each Mohur, and proportionally for its Subdivisions—

2nd Being very desirous of establishing the Currency of Gold in every part of the Country, we desire you will instruct the Collectors to notify the above proclamation in the Country Languages in the Catchery of every Village within the Limits of their respective Districts—

3rd We are aware that it would not be advisable to issue Commercial & Salt advance in hold at present but we see no objection to the salaries and Establishments of the Commercial and Salt Departments as well as those of the Judicial & Revenue Departments being issued in Gold immediately, and as the Gold so issued will come back into the Treasury through the Channel of the Collectors, its Currency will thus gradually become established and the principal objection to the adoption of it in the other Departments be consequently removed—

4th We are sensible that the success of the measures which may be devised for establishing the Currency of Gold throughout the Country will depend in a great measure upon the
Exertions of the Collectors, since without their hearty co-operation to carry the Regulations into effect and more particularly to prevent improper obstacles being thrown in the way of the Receipt of Gold at their respective Treasuries, there is real reason to apprehend that the object which we have so much at heart may be materially impeded. In order however more effectually to guard against the Obstacles above alluded to, we desire it may be notified to the Officers of the Collector Treasury that if it shall be proved that they have in any instance refused to receive Gold coin tendered at the Treasury, or Exacted a Batta on it subsequently to such notification, they will be dismissed from their offices with ignominy.*

We are
Gentlemen
Your Obedient humble Servant
Cornwallis
(Signed) Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper
Thos. Graham

Fort William
the 12th August 1793.

*This circular is double printed by mistake. See below-A.M.

To
T. Brooke Esqr.,
Magistrate of the Zilla of Beerbloom.

Sir, I am directed by the Governor General in Council to enclose a Copy of a Letter written to the Board of Revenue on the Subject of rendering the Gold Coin universally current throughout the Country.

2nd. The Proclamation therein quoted you will be pleased to publish at all the Police stations within your Jurisdiction and otherwise make it as generally known as possible at the same time you will notify that any person refusing to take Gold in satisfaction of a debt, or exacting a Batta upon it in such payments will be punished according to their offence.

I am
Sir
Council Chamber
Your Obedient humble Servant
the 15th August 1793.
(Signed) G. H. Barlow.
Sub. Secy.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,
On the 22nd of November 1792 we published a Proclamation that all Gold Mohters of full Weight (with their several Subdivisions) coined in the Calcutta Mint since the 20th of March 1792, corresponding with the year of the Hedjeree 1182 should be a legal tender of payment in all public and private transactions throughout the country at the rate of Sixteen Sicca Rupees per each Mohur, and proportionally for its Subdivisions.

Being very desirous of establishing the currency of Gold in every part of the Country we desire you will instruct the Collectors to notify the above proclamation in the Country Languages of every village within the limits of their respective Districts.

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We are sensible that the success of the measures which may be devised for Establishing the currency of Gold throughout the Country, will depend in a great measure upon the exertions of the Collectors, since without their hearty co-operation to carry the Regulations into effect, and more particularly to prevent improper obstacles being thrown in the way of the receipt of Gold at their respective Treasuries, there is great reason to apprehend that the object which we have so much at heart, may be materially impeded. In order however more effectually to guard against the obstacles above alluded to, we desire it may be notified to the Officers of the Collector's Treasury, that if it shall be proved that they have in any instance refused to receive Gold coin tendered at the Treasury or exacted a Batta on it subsequently to such notification, they will be dismissed from their offices with ignominy.

We are &c.
(Signed) Cornwallis
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper
Thomas Graham

Fort William
the 12th Aug. 1793.

Revenue Dept.
A true Copy
(Signed) G. H. Barlow.
Sub. Secy.

To
Thomas Brooke Esqr.,
Magistrate at Beerbloom.

Sir, I am directed by the Governor General in Council to notify to you that the same may be made Public in any manner that shall appear to you most suitable to the occasion that in consequence of the Decease of the Nobob Mobarekul Dowlah, his Excellency's eldest son or Nabob Nazerul Moolk Bahader has been this day declared and Proclaimed the Soubadar of those Provinces.

A Copy of the Proclamation made upon this Event is sent Enclosed in the English and Persian Languages.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Fort William
the 24th Sept. 1793.
(Signed) E. Hay.
Sub. Secy.

Fort William Public Department the 18th of September 1793.

Proclamation—

We the Governor General in Council for the management of the affairs of the United East India Company, and on their part acting in the Dewanee, and on behalf of the King Shah Alim do acknowledge and declare our good Friend and Ally Nasirul Moolk, Eldest son of the late Nobob Moharruck Ull Dowlah, to have succeeded to the Subahdarry of these Provinces in which we will assist and support him to the utmost of our Power, and we also hereby require and Command all persons within, or belonging to our Jurisdiction, and we do desire all persons, our Friends and Allies, to acknowledge the said Nasir Ul Moulik, as Subah of the said Provinces—

Published and Proclaimed by order of the Govt. Genl. in Council.

A true Copy,
(Signed) E. Hay.
Sub. Secy. to the Govt.

To
G. H. Barlow Esqr.,
Register to the Sudder Nizamut Adawlet.

Sir, I enclose you Copy and Translate of a Durkaust received from Hurynarain Misser complaining of great Enormities having been committed against Himself, his People and Property by Guddadur Roy and others I beg which to add that the whole of the Matter stated in the Petition has been confirmed by the Evidence on Oath of the Chupprassys therein alluded to-I lose no time in giving you this Information in
Chappars were consequently despatched who being unable to slay Dar, Kangally Dar, Hancef Sirdar, and his followers, Saddulah Turrufdar, Potro joolah Turrufdar, Nagaoboolol Chappars arrived at my House on Saturday the 5th of November as little delay as possible to bring the offenders to Justice. They also robbed several of the hundred DekOlts and four or five hundred Thieves—robbed dorry and four maul Chappars were sent and likewise an additional force to the Detachment particularly at this Season of the sepoys Corps and may be easily apprehended.

3rd. Guddadur Roy's Place of Residence, although in this Jurisdiction being within the Limits of Zilla Nudleah I have thought it expedient to apprise the Magistrate of said Zillah of the outrage committed as well as with the steps I have taken to apprehend the offenders in Order that he may instruct the Darogahs under him to Co-operate with the Officers of this court and to afford every intelligence and assistance to the Detachment I have recommended to be employed on this Duty.

4th. The Treatment which the Chappars of this Court and the Burkundasses sent by the Darogah of Bansberryah have met with as stated in the Petition and the great Force which Guddadur Roy is said to have with him give me reason to suppose that any force I might send from the Police stations would be inadequate to the service required and as the Troops in the District are at too considerable a Distance from the Place where the Outrage has been Committed, I have suggested the above as being the most Effectual and Expedient for bringing the offenders to Justice. Therefore beg you will submit this address to the Governor General in Council with as little delay as possible.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient Servant, W. A. Brooke, Acting Magistrate

Translate of a Durkaust presented by Hurrynarram Misser of Burdwan the 31st October 1793

Guddadur Roy says of Ramgarh in the above Pargannah having plundered me of the Revenue Collected, had made and robbed my villages I complained at the Huzzoor and two Chappars were in consequence despatched who not being able to reach the village I preferred a Second Durkaust where two Fandarr and four Mahr Chappars were sent and likewise an order upon the Darogah Buxey and four Burkundasses proceedeed with the Chappars but before their arrival the before-mentioned Guddadur Roy with four or five hundred Burkundasses, Deckots and Thieves in Boats went on Friday the 28th Assan at 12 O'clock at Night to my Golah in Telooobabah, surrounded the village and carried off Paddy to the Value of thirteen hundred Ruppes They also robbed several of the Ryots The Darogah Buxey Burkundasses and Huzoor Chappars arrived at my House on Saturday the 5th Cautiok. In the course of that Night Guddadur with his followers—Saddulah Turrufdar, Potro Joolah Turrufdar Nogoo Doolol Roy, Kabeel Bisroo, Lochan Roy Mookeeram Roy, Ramlochun Roy Nusham Roy and Ramnart Roy Guddurpur and their Doogaperaad Jemadar Mundoolo Daooby, Jemadar Meer Burkoobolah, Jemadar Nussan Beg Jemadar Billaah Roy Jemadar Sudoku Deckots Bakor Khan Mender Sdrar, Manick Sudoku, Rangally Sudoku, Hamood Sdrar, and their followers amounting to four or five hundred Burkundasses two or three hundred Deckots and four or five hundred Thieves—robbed Tendo Mundool (a Ryo) then entered the village robbed all the other Ryots and arrived at my Door about 4 O'clock I then told the Chappars from the Huzzoor the Darogahs Buxey and Burkundasses to oppose them, they did, by calling the name of Company calling out for Justice and shewing them Badges this was paid no attention to. They commenced using their Fire arms and I am informed on which the servants from the Huzzoor retired they fixed on the People at my door and set on fire my cowhouse On this the Chappars again forced them but no attention was paid to them and my house was burnt to ashes. They after this surrounded my dwelling House carried off every thing, set it on fire, uncharged their Pieces with Balls shot one of my People on the Spot and wounded another desperately, I have not heard whether he died. Eight more are Missing I know not whether they are dead or alive. They robbed in this manner till 12 O'clock I have made out a List of the Property I think just but having no Papers I cannot draw out an accurate one.

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In the amount of 1,67,500

A true Transcript (Signed) A. Seton, Assistant

To G H Barlow Esqr., Register to the Nizamut Adawlut, Calcutta

Sir, I beg to acquaint you that after I had dispatched my Letter of Yesterday's date I received Intelligence from the Darogah of Burdwanbury that his Buxey and four Burkundasses, whom he had sent to apprehend Guddadur Roy have been surrounded by him and his associates.

2nd As Guddadur Roy has already been the cause of three or four Men being put to Death by his Violence I am really apprehensive for the safety of the Buxey and Burkundasses and I am prevented from sending any more men, the Report of Hurrynarram Misser has promised to be at Barrackpore In two Days to conduct the detachment to Guddadur Roy The Officers of this Court and to afford every intelligence and assistance to the Detachment particularly at this Season of the sepoy Corps and may be easily apprehended. I have thought it necessary to give you this additional Information respecting Guddadur Roy &c.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient Servant, W A Brooke, Acting Magistrate

Translate of a Durkaust presented by Hurrynarram Misser marked and numbered in the Ordiyr

P S I have given a Letter to Hurunnar Miser to be by him presented to Major James Dixon Commandant at Barrackpore and Hurunnar has promised to be there tomorrow night for the Purpose of Conducting such Party as Government may think proper to appoint for the apprehension of Guddadur Roy and his accomplices.

To G H Barlow Esqr., Register to the Nizamut Adawlut, Calcutta

Sir, I have been favoured with your Letter of the 3rd Inst. and how do myself the pleasure to transmit you true Copies and Translate of all the Papers in my Possession relating to the Complaint of Hurunnar Miser marked and numbered in the Order as they were received as P. attested List.
The only Information I have been able to obtain respecting Hurrnarram Messer and Guddadur Roy is that they are both farmers of Revenue to the amount of about 25 or 300,000 each yearly in this and the Zillah Nudddea and that they both deal in Grain and other Articles to a considerable amount, that the Parties are arround (sic) Enemies to each other and have been so far a considerable Length of Time and have frequently been guilty of thefting Depredations on each others Property.

Mr Rocke the Magistrate of Zillah Nudddea has been furnished by me with Copies of Petitions No 6 & 7 and requested to pay particular attention to their Contents

I am

Sr,

Burdwan

Your most Obedient Servant,

7th November 1793

Sd/- W A Brooke,

Acting Magistrate.

Last of the Papers referred to

No 1 Copy of a Petition and Translate presented by Hurrnarram Messer

No 2 Copy and Translate of the Depositions of amount Ulah and Mahomed Fannah Chapparasyee

No 3 Copy and Translate of a Petition from the Darogah of Bensharryah enclosing copy of a Letter from Bussey Nundram with the Zebramunchi of Darogah Persian Sing and a List of Persons stated by him to be Followers of Guddadur Roy

No 4 Copies and Translates of an Array received from the Darogah of Bensharryah enclosing copy of a Letter from Bussey Nundram dated 7th Cartick

No 5 Copy and Translate of the Deposition of Emaum-uxb Khanak Shik Unmaamdee Mohun Sing and Euraum Bukshahah Owpromes

No 6 Copy and Translate of the Petition of Hurrnarram Messer transmitted in my Letter of the 31st Ultimo

No 7 Copies and Translates of two Petitions received from Hurrnarram Messer

I am directed by the Governor General to desue you Will take measures for Hurrynarram Messer transmitted in my Letter of the 31st Ultimo

To

Thomas Brooke Esqr,

Magistrate of Beerbhoom

I am Sir,

am requested to pay particular attention to theu Contents

I in favour of the Coml. Resident at Soonnamooky—

On Order for

35,000

In favour of the Coml. Resident at Soonnamooky—

On Order for

45,000

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Thomas Myers

Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Fort William

the 7th December 1793

Compt (signed) John Gill

To

The Hon'ble T Fitzroy

Collector of Beerbhoom

I hereby advise you that I have this day granted two assignments upon your Treasury amounting together to Current Rupees 80,000/- payable on the 1st of January next or as soon after as possible viz—

I in favour of the Coml. agent at Vanatea—

On Order for

90,000

I It is generally required and at what seasons of the year At what Places different Parties are generally stationed —

and

Whether it be sufficient, insufficient or any Part to unecessary for the Revenue Duties and to preserve good order and Tranquility in the Country—

You are also desired to specify in your Report the number of Pnces and Burkundosses upon the Company Establish-
To Thomas Brooke Esqr.,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom,
Sir,
The Nizamut Adawlut have directed us to communicate the following Orders for your Information and future Guidance.

"The Depositions of Prosecutors and Witnesses" all "Complaints or Changes that may be preferred to the Magistrate together with the replies of Prisoners & Depositions of their Witnesses are to be held down in the Language and Character in which they may be "seriously most conversant, or in which they may desire their charge, Deposition" or reply to be minuted & after any Party or Person shall have finished his charge Deposition, or reply He is to be allowed to read it, or if "unable to read, it is to be read to him, and when He shall admit the "Minute to be Correct, He is to be required to affix his name or "mark to it."

If any charge, Deposition or reply should be in the "Bengal Language and Character or the Hindostany Language and Nagroe Character the Officers of the Magistrate are to make immediate Translations thereof into the Persian Language and such Persian Translation together with the Original Bengalese or Nagroe Papers are to be submitted to the Court of Circuit in all cases that may be referrible to it.

We are, Sir,
Calcutta, Your most Obedt. humble Servts.
29th December 1793.
Sd/- John White
Henry Buller

To Thomas Brooke Esqr.,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom,
Sir,
We are directed by the Nizamut Adawlut to desire you will consider it a standing rule whenever a Prisoner shall be summoned to be punished with stripes on the Corr or Tazeanah, to order the Surgeon of your station to be present during the infliction of the Punishment and not to allow the Person who shall inflict the Stripes, to strike the Criminal during the Infliction of the remaining stripes which the Criminal has been sentenced to receive would endanger his Life or materially disable him, the Infliction of the remainder of the punishment is to be postponed until the surgeon shall be of opinion that the Criminal can undergo it without its being attended with either of the consequences abovementioned.

We are, Sir,
Calcutta
Your most Obedient Servants
29th Jany. 1794.
Sd/- John White, Henry Buller

R. Rathbun Esqr.,
Acting Senior Judge of the Court of Circuit, for the Division of Calcutta.

Sir,
I am directed by the Nizammt Adawlut to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ulto. and to communicate to you the following observations and orders of the Court on the trial of Ram Hauree and others therewith submitted.

2nd. The Court observe that alobo the Prisoners acknowledge no force or intimidation was made use of by the Magistrate to obtain their confession yet as they declare that they confessed the charge before the Magistrate under an apprehension of being punished if they desired it the declaration who were present at their confession, or subscribed it, as to the manner in which they delivered it, and whether from their behavior, and the appearance of their countenance there was any reason to believe that they made the confession under the impression assered by them.

3rd. It is not specified on the trial whether the stolen goods said to have been taken upon the Prisoner brought into Court if this was actually the case, you ought to have called upon the owners to identify their property.

4th. The Regulations requiring that in cases similar to the present, all the Proceedings of the Magistrate, and the witnesses to confessions and the facts charged against the Prisoners be laid before the Court of Circuit in the same manner as if the Prisoners had denied the charge the Court are the more surprised that you should not have made the enquiries above specified, and recorded upon your Proceedings the result, with every information respecting the robbery and murder charged against the Prisoners, as well in conformity to the obvious intent of the Regulations, as for your own satisfaction and that of the Court, whose judgment can only be formed on the information and evidence which is entered on the record of the trial.

5th. The Court therefore order that you will direct the Magistrate to have the parties and the witnesses in readiness at the next sessions and that the Judges of the division of the Court which may next proceed to Beerbhoom, after making the enquiries above directed, will submit the result to the Nizammt Adawlut.

I am Sir,
Fort William. Your Obedient humble Servant. the 5th Fehy. 1794.
Sd/- G. H. Barlow.
Registrar.

To Thomas Brooke Esqr.,
Judge of the Zillah Beerbhoom.
Sir,
Understanding that Europeans in the Mofussil are required to give in an account of their coming to India I have the honor to Inform you that I have been several times to the Country & returned to Europe with different Gentlemen Mr. Hinchman, Mr. Law &ca. that I came out last in the Talbot in the year 1792, after which I lived with Sir Alexander Seton at Barrawan & from his Employ I came into that of Mr. Cheap of Soorool with whom I now.

I am Sir,
No date.
Your most Obedient Servant, /Sd/- James Russell Sharpe

To The Hon’ble Sir John Shore, Bar.,
Governor General in Council, Fort William.
Hon’ble Sir,
Enclosed we have the honor to submit Copies of letters from the Collector and late Acting Collector of Beerbhoom.

2nd. As Mr. Ernst had proceeded for in the allotment of the Sudder Jummas to be apportioned on the lands of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom to be sold, as authorized by your Orders of the 9th Feby. last, in liquidation of the heavy balances due for the Current year and as the transfer of that duty to the present stage to the Collector would unavoidably be productive of delay & otherwise materially impede the completion of that very important work. We have taken upon ourselves to direct Mr. Ernst to remain at Beerbhoom until further orders & we accordingly beg leave to solicit your sanction for his remaining there until the business in which he is now employed shall be completed & that we may be authorized to instruct the Collector to avail himself of his services accordingly.

We have &ca.
Rev. Board
A true Copy
/signed/ G. Dowdeswell.
Secy.

The 10th April 1795.

To T. H. Ernst Esqr.,
Beerbhoom.
Sir,
I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the enclosed Extract of letter from Governor General in Council together with a Copy of the Board’s address to which it refers, for your Information and guidance in regard to the attachment of the lands of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom.

I am Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
/signed/ G. Dowdeswell
Secy.
The following correspondence violates the general arrangement of placing the letters received and those issued separately as the subject matter is so interwoven between letters and their replies that it would be inconvenient for the reader were they to be shifted and printed in different sections.—A M.

To

T H Ernst Esqr,
Commissioner in Charge of the Zemindary of Beerbhoom

Sir,
The accompanying is a statement of the proportions which I intended to appropriate the allowance made by the Board of Revenue to the Rajah's family.

The Board disapproved my proposal to allow them a Monthly allowance together with a small portion of land and fixed the allowance to One thousand Rupees per monem which was an increase on my proposal in the amount of two hundred & twenty Rupees only without any thing more in lieu of lands.

If the accompanying proportions meet your pleasure you may pay them accordingly if not you will do as you please

I am Sir,
Zilah Beerbhoom
September 10th, 1795

Examined the accounts of Hoodah Peroot in Tuppe Kurnie & Koekuttea ex Shawkulpanique. The following is the amount omitted in the Collector's Hastabood

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The leases of the undermentioned Hoodahs in Kuttungah having expired they are put up to auction, & given in farm for the current year to the highest bidders, who offer good security on the following terms:

Hoodah Aboumch Jumnah of 1201 B.S. 1,068 3 5
increase         23 0 0
De Enggurrea Jumnah of 1201 B.S. 1,108 6 9
Do Goneta Maldah Jumnah 1201 B.S. 2,433 13 12
Kuruch          increase         35 2 8
Do Jenuopore Jumnah of 1201 B.S. 926 6 6
Abatement       15 0 0
Do Singer Jumnah of 1201 B.S. 2,786 9 13
increase         91 0 0

I received a Verbal proposal from Maggarom Roy to farm Kutturgh at an abatement of Rs. 5000 from the Jummah which was an increase on my proposal in the amount of two hundred & twenty Rupees only without any thing more in lieu of lands.

The Zemindar of Beerbhoom having given away in farm the undermentioned Mejals in Kutturgh:

Hoodah Hyderab B Jumnah of 1202 B.S. 1460 9 10
Abatement         40 0 0

Hoodah Koolarch Muttuppong resumed Chakeran Jumna of 1201 B.S. 2,111 13 1
land in Pundilpore increase         42 0 0

Received the following letters from the Collector

To

T H Ernst Esqr, Commissioner in Charge of the Zemindary of Beerbhoom

Sir,
The undermentioned are the only Persons who choose to accept the allowance made by Government.

Dillowurnus Khan
Karim House Khan
Currenrau Zuma Khan &
Najjoot Bakee

Though these persons gave their receipts as they were paid and they were delivered over to your charge with the Zemindary

13th August 1795

To

T H Ernst Esqr, Commissioner of the Zemindary of Beerbhoom

Sir,
The Rajah of Beerbhoom Petitions me to return the amount that I had deducted from his daily allowance to maintain his Brothers according to which I received orders from the Board of Revenue that the Rajah's allowance was only to be paid him and by no means to be appropriated to any other purpose.

I beg of you therefore to repay the amount to the Rajah which I suppose should be deducted from the allowance made by the Board to the rest of the family and which indeed appears equally just and equitable that the sum deducted from the allowance of the one part should be restored from the same of the other

I am Sir,
Zilah Beerbhoom
August 13th 1795

Addressed the following Letter to the Board of Revenue respecting the lands rented by Mr Patterson in the Zemindary

To

William Cowper,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William

Gentlemen.

A peculiar hardship which the Zemindar of Beerbhoom suffers calls for redress, which I have not the power, & am not aware of the means of affording him. I therefore beg leave to recommend this case to your favourable consideration, and request you will honour me with your instructions at an early period.

On the 16th of June 1792 Mr Keating was directed by the Governor General in Council to put Mr Patterson, who had obtained a contract for Sugar from the Honourable Company, in possession of a tract of land in the Zemindary of Beerbhoom, which he had represented to be suitable to the purposes of his undertaking on his gaining the proprietor's consent. The Zemindar accordingly in April 1793 gave him

in farm Talook Amederreh & 7057-15 of Nijjoot lands for a term of 12 years at the following Rates:

Jumnah of Amederreh for 1199 B.S. 2,646 2 0 0
Jumnah for 1200 198 8 14 0
-Jumnah for 1201 198 8 14 0
-Jumnah for 1202 84 8 3 0

The undermentioned arrears are due from Mr Patterson till the end of 1201

Nijjoot Bakee 609 8 8 2
Izarch Bakee 211 5 19 0

Total Balance 829 9 7 2
Mr. Patterson has now entirely relinquished his concerns in this District & reside I understand at Benares his works are neglected & falling to decay, & the lands daily growing waste. There is nobody on his part to superintend the Cultiva-
tion, and collect the rents of the Ryotts, & no redress is open to the Zemindar in the Zillah Court, to which the amount of Mr. Pattersons Balance & his residence in another district, exempt him from being answerable, so that the Zemindar justly apprehends that, unless measures are taken to prevent it, he shall lose the revenues of those lands during the remaining period of the lease and that at the expiration of it they will exhibit a dreary & uncultivated Waste.

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servt.

T. H. Ernst, Commr.

Beerbhoom, the 12th August 1795.

Wrote the following letter to the Collector,

To

The Hon'ble F. Fitzroy,

Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I request you cause search to be made among your records for Copies of the Engagements entered into with the farmers in 1193 & 1194 B. S. by Mr. Foley & Mr. Sherburne when the Zemindar of Beerbhoom was held Khan & send them to me & I beg leave to suggest that as Ranggovind Bhose & Ramgopaul Mohurrers in your office were then em-
ployed by those Gentlemen you will probably by referring to them be able to find the abovementioned Records.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant;

T. H. Ernst, Commr.

August 11th 1795.

Zemindarry Cutchery 12th of August 1795 Continued to give in farm the remaining Hoochies in Huttaghna.

Number

Sa. Rs.

Hoodeh Goomh Jumnah of 1201 B. S. . . 1,677 2 16

Abatement . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 100 0 0

Total . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1,577 2 16

The causes of this statement are the flight of about 60 Ryotts from the oppression of the late farmer & the neglect of cultivation that ensued. The Kutkanimala of Socumtray & his security who in 1198 B. S. took that Kooch in farm till the expiration of the current year having fled gave it to another person on the following terms.

Jumnah of 1201 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 781 2 3

Increase . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 49

& request you will authenticate it with your signature, & also that you will send me the detailed Jummahbundy accounts.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant;

T. H. Ernst, Commr.

Beerbhoom Zemly. Catcherry, the 21st August 1795.

To

William Cowper Esq.,

President & Members of the Board of Revenue Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have at length the honour of submitting to you my report on Mr. Fitzroy's Hustabood. I shall begin by informing you from what accounts & on what principles, it has been compiled, & offer a few observations on them then pro-
ceed to show how far the Putwarries accounts, that have been taken are correct, & finally suggest such alterations in the Hustabood as appear to me absolutely necessary.

2nd. The Jumnah, specified in the Weazell Bakore account transmitted from the Zemindarry office, was taken as the ground work of the account referred to my Examination. The variations in the produce & Jumnahs from that period till 1202 were stated agreeable to the Putwarries accounts of 1201 & 1202 B. S. no investigation was made into the nature & causes of the decrease in the Jumnah from 1193, the period of the Jumumbaundy till 1200 and no part of the remissions granted in that space of time, though generally exceptionable has been resumed & brought under the Hustabood, which nevertheless with very few exceptions & those exceptions without any cause that I have been able to ascertain, includes all abatements of a similar nature granted by the Zemindar & his farmers in the course of the years 1200 & 1201. Two questions therefore arise for your consideration.

1st. Whether the remissions in questions can justly be resumed.

2nd. Whether the resumption ought not to have com-
menced from 1193. To enable you to decide in the first question I beg leave to subjoin an explanation of their various denominations Kowm Kumm a remission in the Jumumbaundy rates granted by farmers to induce the Ryotts to bring san-
buck and Russud Putteet lands into cultivation ; also in in-
stances where these rates are oppressive. These remissions are very considerable.

Gard Kumm Abatements of a similar nature to the foregoing, but with this difference that they are granted by the Zemindars seal, specifying that they shall annually pay a certain fixed Jumnah, or Bilkoocola Pottahs in which is calculated the amount due according to the Jumumbaundy rates, from which the amount remitted is deducted.

Sumud Mahurrars. These are mokurrery grants at easy rates granted by farmers to induce the Ryotts to cultivate lands. These remissions are very considerable.

Kumie Potlah Bilkoocola or River Kumm is an undervalua-
tion of lands arising from the Jumumbaundy rates having charged & falsified.

Bhurma Zanemrs is the grant of a specific quantity of Sanbuck Putteet land without any increase of rent, in addition to the lands held by a Ryott, in lieu of an abatement in his Jumnah,

Abob Kowm Nudseeb Pykhastra is a remission obtained by Nudseeb Pykhastra in consequence of their lands having been inserted by the collusion of the Assemans who were deput-
ted to measure the district in 1193 in the names of Pykhastra & Bzipd Pykhastra Ryotts. But such lands have generally been detected by the farmers, who have compelled them to pay their rents according to the Nirbhand. This remission is also enjoyed by many who have procured Pottahs in their own names & employ Nudseeb Pykhastra to cultivate their lands.
Jummaḥ rasūyā' bārūnd Pyahūstāns Jummaḥ paid by Khaus Rasūyā' to the Government at the reduced rates fixed for Bārūnd Pyahūstāns who have absconded. There are now very few remissions of this kind, the farmers having been active in resuming them.

Zaddūkh Bētēshe Bāndāhastās a remission granted by the Zemmādar at the period of the Jummaḥbundā to pacify the Ryotts, who strongly opposed the establishment of the Jummaḥbundā rates & threatened to leave the District if they were enforced. A great part of these remissions was resumed by Lella Rammāu first demonded Dewan and the remainder may amount to about 8 or 10,000 Rs.

3rd. On the second question there can be no difficulty to decide, for it is obvious that if the remissions are just they may justly extend to 1193. But as it would take near six months to review the Putwarne accounts from the latter period, Government would of course be unwilling to suffer their demands to remain undiscounted until the conclusion of such tedious investigation before therefore I ventured to suggest such a measure I determined to ascertain what it was likely the remissions would probably amount to, and with this view proceeded from the Zemmādar's scrabbadars station in the different Purgunhātnās the enclosed statements (No. 1 & 2) of the decrease in the Jummaḥ in 1198 & 1199 by which it appear that of Rs. 1,651,97-1-3 the amount of the whole decrease Rs. 39,27-6-1 were occasioned by various remissions and the remainder by lands having fallen waste. But as I strongly suspected that the insertion of so large a quantity of waste land was to be attributed to fraud and collusion between the scrabbadars and the under farmers and Ryotts, I summoned the Putwarne of Kurn Bhurree, Porndereen and Shettee four small Talboks, to attend on me with their accounts from 1193 till 1200. That I might ascertain what pressure the scrabbadars had put on the account and the amount of the remissions granted, and the quantity of land that became waste in that space of time, and enable you to judge by comparing the results which might arise from this investigation with what hitherto has taken place in the Hustabood. It may at first appear objectionable because it will be necessary to raise the fixed assessment of the Zemmādar's Estate, and that they have always paid revenues to Government having been either formed separately, or included in the Ryotts accounts, which they are situated. The Putwarne of these mehals were also in attendance on Mr. Fitzroy and delivered in accounts of them on Oath which are attested with his signature.

2ndly. The produce of the lands formerly appropriated to the revenue of the place for the last years last year from the Zemmādar should also I think be computed in the Hustabood. This may at first appear objectionable because it will be necessary to raise the fixed assessment of the Zemmādar's Estate, but the objection vanishes when it is considered that they never formed a part of the Malgūrsār lands from which only Government drew their Revenues, and that the measure proposed would tend equally to the convenience & profit of the proprietors and of Government.

3rdly. In the Hustabood the Jummaḥ only of the lands held by Mr. Frushard in this District is stated in the column of the gross Jummaḥ whereas Gōnomīs have been measured only last year I conceive its gross resources ought to have been stated agreeably to that measurement & the various deductions of Senjamīny Kheerītī &c. to have been made in the established proportions allowed for those purposes.

4thly. It was to be wished that the Hustabood lands should also be brought into the Hustabood. The produce of these lands which were not measured with the rest of the District in 1193 nor included in the Jummaḥbundā amounts to about Rs. 1,750—they were upwards of seven years in the usufructuary mortgage of the late Shauo Sang & will continue in the possession of his son until he has reimbursed himself for what his father lent to the Rajāh which will require near two years more, so that I fear they cannot be included in the Hustabood, though it is evident that such a measure would be highly expedient to prevent the disputes & litigation that must arise in the event of the Zemmādars possessing them when he has foreclosed his proprietary rights in the Purgunhātnās in which they are situated, as well as to enhance the value of his lands when they are put up to sale, & the better to enable the purchasers to pay the revenue of them by multiplying their resources.

5thly. It will be necessary to make another allotment of the Jummaḥ which has not been apportioned according to the principles laid down in the Regulations for the profits which it exhibits to the proprietors are by no means in proportion to the extent of the lots, and are in many instances even greater where the resources are less.

7th. I have now acquainted you with every particular that I have learnt in the course of my inquiries regarding Mr. Fitzroy's Hustabood which I only wish for your instructions to correct in such a manner as you may deem expedient.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemens,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

Beerbhoom /Signed/ T. H. Ernst
August 22nd 1795

Commer
Zemindary Cutcherry 23rd of August 1795

The highest sum offered for the Saubuck Pattett land that has been brought into cultivation in Subhoom & Jemmooyal during the lease of the present farmer, & which is not included in his Dowl is Rs. 3,500 I conceive that the Zemindar has an unquestionable right to give away these lands in farm, for though the clause, which I am assured by very old Mohurrars invariably existed in former times in the Engagements of the farmer, to pay separately for any lands not included in them, that they might afterward take possession of and collect any revenues from, has been discontinued for these last seven or eight years, by collision, I suppose, between the Zemindar’s servants & the farmers, yet, as it has never been expressly contradicted, nor the farmers declared entitled to the revenues of such lands, and as it is a principle, I believe, generally admitted that the farmer has no right to any lands not specified in his Dowl, & in the present instance they have not been subsequently relinquished to him I am clearly of opinion that the Zemindar has a right at least to a participation in the profits that the farmer has received from them which the latter acknowledges now amounts to near any lands not specified in his Dowl, clearly of opinion that the Zemindar has a right at least to the Zemindar’s right have been brought into cultivation by his exertions & of which he has uniformly collected the rents for three or four years, might & would probably induce him to throw every possible obstacle, in the way of the new farmer, without theholds information & accounts, & exact all his influence to embarrass & perplex him; it would certainly give rise to disputes & litigation & appears to me under these circumstances far preferable to leave them in the possession of the farmers.

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Lhoomy & Aibemahandy

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Saubuck Nohsaur

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30th August 1795

Received the following letter from the Collector to which I returned the answer subpoenaed & received the rejoinder that follows.

To

T H Ernst Esqr,

Commissioner in Charge of the Zemindary of Beerbhoon

Sir,

In my station as Collector I have been accustomed (as had all former Collectors) to retain Zemindary lands for your information. The men attending on me have complained that for these last two months you have forbad the payment of them which is a measure I could hardly suppose you capable of, had the information not been afterwards confirmed to me. The com

sent such a proceeding merits I do not feel worth my while to make upon it but I must suggest the propriety of your dismission the Bearers whom you retain on such a footing and which you continued to retain after delivering over charge of the District to me in April last when I did not act towards you in the same manner.

The Judge also have Bearers in the same footing which shews it to have been an Established custom and I think I have an equal right to the Bearers as you or the Judge.

I cannot avoid remarking that my conduct has not merited such treatment from you in particular, to whom I have behaved in my publick station with particular delicacy, even in the instance of the Company’s publick Dewan, who on my arrival presented me with a Petition requiring his discharge, & the amount of his salary for upwards of a year stating that you took his receipt and would not pay him the amount after you had received it as soon as you should get the receipt & that all he could get was a present of a pair of shawls I did not refer him to you or the Judge for redress but, merely told him that I would answer his Petition hereafter.

Your letter also written to me regarding profit expressed in most unbecomly terms I took no notice of your prejudice added to which you have sometime ago in a publick letter to the Board of Revenue endeavoured by complaining against me, to draw their censure on my conduct which is insufficient to informing against me. Now Sir as I do not remember that any Profits are held out by Government for the Collectors or Acting Collectors and your letter on this subject was written to a little more than a month after your charge of the Office I must remark that it appeared to me as extreme solicitude on the part of so young a man for the article of Profit & I am no doubt the Board of Revenue would have been equally surprised as I was myself at the time. Permit me to request that you will settle with the Dewan to prevent his Complaining.

I am Sir,

Zulabh Beerbhoon
Your most obedient Servant,
the 30th August 1795

/Signed/ F. Fitrory.

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To

T H Ernst Esqr,
Commissioner in Charge of the Zemindary of Beerbhoon

Sir,

I was directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council, and to acquaint you, that they desire you will conform to the Instructions contained in it, informing the Board of the result of your application to Mr Patterson for Payments of the rent due from him to the Zemindar.

I am Sir,

Reve Board
Your most obedient Servant,
the 1st September 1795

/Signed/ G. Dowdawall, Secy

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council dated the 28th August 1795

You will call upon Mr Patterson to discharge the balance due to the Zemindar of Beerbhoon, and in the meantime allow the Zemindar a suspension adequate to the amount.

You will likewise acquaint Mr Patterson, that unless he pays the arrear & discharges the rents punctually in future the Zemindar will proceed against his property in the manner authorized by the Regulations.

Revenue Board, /signed/ G. Dowdawall, A true Extract

Secy

To

The Hon’ble F Fitrory,
Collector of Beerbhoon

Sir,

From your letter of the 5th Inst it would appear that you had written to me before on the same subject: for which reason I must observe that it is the first and only letter I have received on the subject. On the receipt of it I ordered search to be made among the Zemindary Records for my receipt for what was paid by the Zemindar on account of his resumed Tannehdaree lands not having been able to find any, I conclude it must either be lost, or through some mistake have never been granted. It is, however, of consequence as you will find whatever was paid by him credited in my accounts.

I beg leave to transmit to you for your information the accompanying Copy of a letter I have received from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, and an extract of a letter from the Governor General in Council, and request you will be so good as to refer to me the amount underspecified which is stated in the Zemindars Accounts to be due from Andarree & the Nijoot lands you rent in his District on account of the year 1291 H S.

Re a g c

Neygot Bakee . . . . 603 3 8 2

Tjooch Bakee . . . . 211 5 19 0

620 9 7 2

I am Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Beerbhoon

/Signed/ T H Ernst

Collector

the 10th Sept 1795

Comer
Wrote the following letter to the Collector

To

The Hon'ble F Fitzroy,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

Not having yet received the account settlement of Sarhet for 1822 B S nor the remamder of the Putwarns accounts of the Zemindarry of Beerbhoom which I applied for on the 9th instant I have again to request that you will furnish with them

I am Sir,
Zemindarry Courttry
the 14th Sept 1875

[signed] T. H. Ernst,
Com

Zemindarry Courttry 11th of Sept 1795

The fees of the Vakeel I have employed in the suits instigated against defaulting farmers for the arrears due from them, having already in the short space of only six weeks, amounted to the revenue of Rs 30 having no hopes of recovering half the amount that has been decreed, I deem it advisable, for the benefit of the Zemindarry to come to an adjustment with them & have accordingly taken an engagement from him to accept in future, in lieu of the fees, to which he may be entitled by the Regulations a monthly salary of Sa Rs 30

Addressed the following letter to the Board regarding the allowances to be granted to the Rajah's family

To

William Cowper Esq,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William

Gentlemen,

On the 3rd of May last the Collector submitted to you a statement of allowances for the Rajah's family to the amount of Sa Rs 700-per mensem, and proposed that they should also be entitled to receive a certain quantity of waste land, in lieu of which your Board were pleased to authorize Rs 1,000- to be appropriated to their support in the proportions specified in his statement. As the great Rajah, widow of the late zemindar justly represents that the allowance which would thereby fail to bear her rank would be utterly inadequate to her rank and she has therefore constantly refused to accept it, and as Guzuffer Ally a Brother of the late Rajah Behadur Zuman Khan, as not included in the statement, I beg leave to submit you another in which I have endeavoured to adopt the allowance of the Rajahs family to their rank & claims

2. The allowance I have proposed for the great Rajah is the same she received during the minority of the Rajah, and as she now entirely depends on the liberality of Government to enable her to live in a style suitable to her rank, and birth, owing to her having lately been deprived, by a decree of the Subadar Deyawert Adawli, of several villages settled upon her by her late husband, which yielded her about Sa Rs 3,000 per annum, I trust it will meet with your approbation

3. I should have addressed your Board before on the subject but it is only within this month that any of the Rannys have thought proper to accept the allowances fixed for them. My statement exhibits an increase of Sa Rs 56 on the amount authorized by your Board, and I beg leave however to suggest whether as the Zemindar Estate is under adjustment, it would not to be proper to attach two villages granted by the Rajah to his mother in 1199 B S which yield Sa Rs 1,056 or Sa Rs 1,509 per annum or in the event of your not approving such a measure to do away the allowance which I have proposed for her

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen

Beerbhoom

Your most obedient humble Servant
the 11th Sept 1795

[signed] T. H. Ernst,
Com

Statement of allowances proposed to be granted to the family of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom

Great Ranny widow of the late Rajah

Guzuffer Ally son of Rajah Ahmad Zuman Khan

Mahamud Zuman Khans mother & sister

Khan Ranny

Nia Ranny & daughter

Perum Ranny & daughter

Rusuny Ranny & daughter

Ogamur Ranny & daughters

Miphoo Ranny

Chisty Ranny

Doriy Arraly

Ootel Ranny

her son Kurunmut Zuman Khan

Denun Ranny & Daughter

her son Dawood Ally Khan

Moghullany Ranny

her son Consun Ally Khan

Ameenah Ranny

her son Dilwar Zuman Khan

Shugioat Zuman Khan

Nadir Zuman Khan

Butshurry Ranny

Suckan Ranny

Kholly Ranny widow of Aasm Zuman Khan

Deory Cutwah

2 Sisters of Guzuffer Ally

Khoosals

Women of low rank attached to the Zumam

Koorsun of the late Rajah @ 6 Rs each

Modoh & Punchoy

Three old Women that belonged to the Zumma of Rajah

Ahmad Zuman Khan C 5 Rs each

Nurse of Fuckerul Zuman Khan

Dorndanch Ally Nucsey Khan nurse

Dhoroo & Khelrun Medhy Ally Khans nurse

Kombp Beeboo, Messary Baboo

Reta Gory & Mansam Mamum nurses & ameunt servants of the Zumunah

Suru Rupees 1,056

Beerbhoom
[signed] T. H. Ernst,
Com

14th September 1795.

To

T H Ernst Esqr ,
Commissioner in Charge of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 25th Ultimo with statements mentioned to accompany it

Per 2d We are to deliver over sentiments upon the different articles of remission specified in the 2nd Paragraph of your letter, we should have little hesitation in declaring almost the whole of them liable to resumption, & that such resumption should have effect from the year 1193. Adverting however to the circumstances stated in the 4th & 5th paragraphs of your letter we are led to hope that an equal & fair allotment of the Jummah may be obtained by attending to the few following principles

First The Putwarns accounts as already furnished to Mr Fitzroy are to be taken as the ground work of the adjustment of the Jummah

2ndly The Lands specified in the statement accompanying your Letter of the 15th of June are to be included in the Haidabood
3rdly. The lands resumed for the support of the Police are to be included in the Gross assets of the Zemindarry but the revenue payable on account of them to be regulated according to the rates of assessment which were fixed when they were resumed on the account of Government and paid for separately by the purchasers of the lots, in which those lands may happen to be included.

4thly. The Assessment upon the lands held by Mr. Fruhadi as to be adjusted according to the terms of his lease.

5thly. The Noabad Ladds are to be included in the Hustabood.

6thly. The Lands which have fallen waste, but are again capable of cultivation are to be included in the Hustabood at the rates which were fixed for assessing Lands of this description of the general Jumma-bundy of 1793.

3rdly. You will accordingly furnish us with a general Hustabood account of the Zemindarry adjusted upon the principles above mentioned, together with a statement of such part of it as you may think will be sufficient for the discharge of the arrears due on account of the past year in lots, as directed by our Orders of the 13th February last, in the selection of which it will of course occur to you not to include the Noabad lands & the lands held by Mr. Fruhardi provided there should be others of sufficient extent & value to provide for the discharge of the dues of Government.

We are Sr.,
Your most Obedient Servants
Revenue Board
the 4th Septr 1795

Signed: Thos Graham
D Vanderheyden

To
The Hon’ble F. Fitzroy,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sr.,

Hadesbury, your Nazir has taken possession of a house, that was formerly the Zemindarry Cutcherry, which I understand, he has refused to give up, though I sent a pension to signify my intention of making use of it & to prepare it for my reception. As the place where I at present hold my Cutcherry is not sufficiently large to receive the Patwarries, who are in attendance, & to transact the business that I am engaged in I must beg that you will order him to give it

Beerbhoom
24th of September 1795

Signed: T H Ernst, Commr

Zemindarry Cutcherry 25th Sept 1795

I learn that a considerable part of the lands denominated Derry Bazaar Zunum, is actually encroached upon by several of the Rajahs relations & servants, who have received grants of it within three or three years past. As in the present present case the Rajah is evidently their deby & ought to be their inclination, to come forward to his assistance, & by a generous exertion of gratitude contribute a proportion of which has country has bestowed to relieve & extricate him from his embarrassments, & enable him to discharge as much as possible of the heavy arrears due to Government without recourse being had to the sale of his property. I think it incumbent on me to exert my authority to bring them to some adjustment summoned them therefore to attend on me & resolved in case they refuse to come to terms to depute officers to collect the revenues of them from the Ryotts

To
The Hon’ble F. Fitzroy,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sr.,

Herewith I remit you the sum of Sack Rupees Eighteen thousand & ninety two (Rs 18092) which completes the payment of the Kist of Karkuch & ordered that Security be taken for their good conduct that the space of one month & a half be allotted them for the task & that they be allowed to receive at the rate of 10 Rs each per mensam for the above mentioned period 28th September 1795.

Obliged a decree in favour of the Zemindar against Buncharam Roy for a Balance of Rs 450 on account of 1199.

Remitted to the Collector the sum of Sacks Rupees 18,092 with the following letter

To
The Hon’ble F. Fitzroy,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sr.,

Received the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

I am Sr.
Your Obedient Servant,
/Zem Cutcherry
28th Septr 1795

/I am Sr.
Your Obedient Servant,
/Colt

As the appointment of Mohurres to assist the farmers in the revision they have undertaken of the accounts of their farms is likely to be attended with much benefit & will greatly accelerate the completion of my Hustabood directed the Zemindarry Dewan to select 10 of the best Mohurres that Beerbhoom can boast of for that purpose & ordered that Security be taken for their good conduct that the space of one month & a half be allotted them for the task & that they be allowed to receive at the rate of 10 Rs each per mensam for the above mentioned period 28th September 1795.

Obliged a decree in favor of the Zemindar against Buncharam Roy for a Balance of Rs 450 on account of 1199.
Thannadarry lands Meha Rajah agreeably to the following particulars I can inform you vizt.

I can't refuse my master otherwise the Sir,

sum to Mr. Ernst as to the sum of 1,000 Rs. to delay the day Shaum Chuckerbutty was speaking in the Collectors of the Thannadarry lands and in me to mention any body but as you have ordered Ernst to present his informing the Board of the value of that when you were confinement for Balances to Government Cutcherry before every body about his having delivered this this is very true that this sum was paid to that Gentleman for arrears to Government for 1201 B.S. • . . . .

I made a particular enquiry concerning them & now beg the assistance in the Collection of their reuts to guard the Zemindars having been devested also a members of Duloys. Kutwals. & Negehbans, who are also a members of Duloys, Kutwals, & Negghani, who are still continued under the orders of the Magistrate. In 1200 B.S. in consequence of the Zemindars having been devested of the charge of the police, Lolla Rammast then Zeminderry Dewan, set a part Rs. 1964. of land for the purpose of enter­

The Governor General in Council entirely concurs with the Board of Revenue in the propriety of recalling both Mr. Fitzroy & Mr. Ernst that the charges which they have brought against each other may be brought to a fair and full investigation. But independent of this ground on which they propose to suspend Mr. Fitzroy from the exercise of his official functions the Governor General in Council, considers the impediments which he has endeavoured to throw in the way of the public business since the Board thought proper to appoint Mr. Ernst to allot the jummas on the lands of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom with a view to a sale of a portion of them for the discharge of the arrears due from the Zemindary his any unsatisfactory explanation of the balance which he stated to be due from the Zemindary, when he had actually received a large proportion of it before he signed the Toweire account, and his neglect of duty in allowing his writer to give explanations of the balances appearing in his public accounts, added to the very disrespectful style of his letters to his immediate superior the Board of Revenue to be sufficient grounds for immediately removing him altogether from his office.

The Governor General in Council accordingly resolves that Mr. Fitzroy be dismissed from the office of Collector of Beerbhoom and that Mr. C. Tryer be appointed Collector of that Zillah with directions to repair to his station with all possible dispatch.

That Mr. Ernst ordered to officiate as Commissioner and to take charge of the other business of the Collectorship until the arrival of Mr. Tryer when he is to consider his Commission at an end, and to deliver over the whole of the Zillah to Mr. Tryer.

The Governor General in Council deems it proper to postpone coming to any determination as to the mode in which the charges preferred by Mr. Fitzroy and Mr. Ernst against each other, shall be investigated until the latter gentleman shall have delivered over charge of the district to the new Collector, when the enquiry will be less liable to be attended with those difficulties which might arise were it to be instituted whilst either Mr. Fitzroy or Mr. Ernst retained their official situation.
With regard to the letters from Mr Fitzroy dated the 29th Ulto and the 3rd Instant above recorded the Board direct that the irregularity of his addressing himself immediately to the Governor General in Council be pointed out to him and that he be informed that

7th. We are not aware that there are any objections to the adoption of the rates proposed by you for the assessment of the two different descriptions of waste land further than it appears to us considering the object for which they are brought under consideration that it would tend to greater clearness and a further examination of their claims & beg leave to omitted.

To

Revenue Board

We are Sr,

Thos Graham

G Hatch

D Vanderheyden

Received a petition from the Security of the farmer Coordin in which he complains of the conduct of the latter & requests that he may be either allowed to appoint another person of his own selection, or to relinquish his security. As in this Zemindary farms are almost invariably taken Beemah, & the farmers are generally relations on dependants of the securities, I think it proper generally speaking to remove a farmer who has forfeited the confidence of his security. But in the present instance having every reason to be satisfied with the conduct of the farmer who has paid up his revenues with punctuality bears a good character, & is able to give other unquestionable security. I am induced to continue him & release his security from his engagements, destroyed them therefore & ordered that others be taken from the new Security offered by the farmers

The following letter & enclosure having been omitted to be recorded in my proceedings of the 28th Ulto which is the date on which it was written give them a place in my proceedings of this date

To

G Dowdeswell Esqr,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort William

Sr,

In the statement of allowances for the family of the Zemindar of Beebbhoom which I submitted to the Board on the 11 Instant the names of Mukkun Ranny & of Kudim Hosseen Khan one of the Rajah's Brothers were by mistake omitted. I therefore enclose another statement in which I have included them & made a few other trifling alterations in consequence of representations from several of the Rannos and a further examination of their claims & beg leave to request that you will submit it to the Board for their approbation

I am Sr,

Your most obedient servant,

Beebbhoom

the 28th Sept 1795

Statement of allowances proposed to be granted to the family of the Zemindar of Beebbhoom

Great Ranny widow of the late Rajah

Guzzafler Ally son of Rajah Absmund Zumman Khan

Khan Ranny

Nase Ranny & daughter

Perrun Ranny & daughter

Rahman Ranny & -do-

Qajjar Ranny & -do-

Mughelee Ranny

Chitty Ranny

Deory Aruda

Deory Mukkas

Deory Cutwath

Osadah Ranny

Radum Hosseen Khan

Mukkun Ranny

her son Kurumut Zumman Khan

Domun Ranny & daughter

her son Dawood Ally Khan

Mohgibhan Ranny

her son Cosum Ally Khan

Amumma Ranny

her son Dilwar Zumman Khan

Shygout Zumman Khan

Nadir Zumman Khan

Bakhkary Ranny

Sukmu Ranny

Kolly Ranny Widow of Assud Zumman Khan

2 sister of Gurderfally Ally

Beochow Ranny

Khoslo Ranny

Koeman Women of low rank attached to the Zumana of the late Rajah @ 8 Rs. each

Mudah

Sicas Rupees 1,067

Errors Excepted

To

Wlliam Cowper Esqr,

President & Members of the Board of Revenue,

Gentlemen, Having received information from the Vakeel of Government that in consequence of the Rajahs having been called upon by the Court to enter his defence, & state any objections he might have to the evidence adduced by me in the sent, instituted against him for profligacy, two Sewals or representations in answer thereto were on the 3rd Inst delivered in, in one of which my character is stigmatized in the most scurrilous & outrageous manner, I yesterday petitioned the Court to furnish me with a Copy of it, and as it strongly corroborated what I mentioned in my letter of the 3rd Inst relative to the conspiracy that has been entered into against me, & the motives of it I beg leave to transmit it to you for your information with a translation

On the matter & language I forbear to offer any comment but leave it to the judgment & candour of your Board to draw from them the far & obvious inferences

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient servant,

Beebbhoom

the 6th October 1795

Com
Golehs of the latter description, which are very nearly finished. After the damages has been sustained, it is measured which will be attended with an expense of about Rs. 1,000. Bamboos, separated from the outward mud walls, very little of the ground is left in the process. The Golehs I resolved to go there myself which I accordingly did yesterday & have now the honour of communicating.

To

William Cowper Esqr.
President & Members of the Board of Revenue.
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting to you an account settlement of the Zemindarry of Beerbhoom for the current year to which I have subjoined a few explanatory remarks.

You will observe that the Jumna payment to the Zemindarry amounts to Sa. Rs. 6,426 3-3. & Rs. Estate is assessed at Rs. 6,23,000 so that it yields him a profit of Rs. 72,853-3. Besides this the Gosyni Tahsila or one Pyle in the Kuppa, voluntarily paid by the Ryots for the support of Hindu priests and their Religious establishments, affords a surplus of Sa. Rs. 3,853-3, which together with the settlement I am endeavouring to make & in which I have reason to hope for success will several persons who have lately obtained the rights from the Rajah will make his income this year amount to near Sa. Rs. 80,000. The present settlement I consider in general by no means favourable for the Zemindar, & as many resources have been improperly alienated, or cohensively with held, I have not the smallest doubt but that next year, when all the engagements of the farmers will have expired, the Zemindarry will provide the Settlement of it be properly made, yield with the utmost facility upwards of a lack of Rupees more than the revenues assessed on it.

I avail myself of this opportunity to inform you that I have paid into the Collectors Treasury in advance the whole of the Kist of Kartick amounting to Sa. Rs. 77,000 & Rs. 57,500 on account of the Kist of Augun so that the present deficiency in the public is Rs. 3,853-2-3. Besides this the Goseyn Tuckn or one Pye of the Zemindary of Beerbhoom for the current year will be left at liberty to retire.

To

T. H. Ernst Esqr.,
Gentlemen,

Sir, I forward you an Arazee from some my weavers of Champaranpargy in Pergunnah Shawalumpore together With a Copy of that for it presented to me & the Purunwah I in consequence sent to the Farmer & beg the favour of you.r giving directions in the subject that the weavers may not be impeded in their business nor obliged to pay more than is justly due from them.

I am Sir,

T. H. Ernst Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Beerbhoom.

To

T. H. Ernst Esqr.,
Gentlemen,

Sir, I find that Tehsildars of the Police Tax in Talook places have not the smallest doubt but that the Kutkundars when the weavers complain against being summoned when their stated grivances shall be requir'd into account.

To

T. H. Ernst Esqr.,
Gentlemen,

Sir, I am informed that the leases of the farms granted to Raja late Dewan of Beerbhoom are often advanced, & the remaining seven are mere mud walls with thatched roofs. Of the former three have given way & the repair of them will cost about Sa. Rs. 35. which I request your sanction to disburse. I fear one of the Golehs will stand long as the earth does not appear to be good for purposes of building & the rats of which there is a protogeneous quantity undermine the foundations of them.

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt. humble Servt.

Beerbhoom.

To

William Cowper Esqr.,
Gentlemen,

I am honoured with your letter of the 30th ultimo. Agreeably to the orders contained in the 2nd Paragraph I petitioned the Court on the 2nd. Instant to secure the person of the native Treasurer until he should make good the deficiency in the public........ (torn) on any person duly authorized on the part of Ram Soobh Mallick who purchased Koottupore has prevented the adjustment of the accounts of that Pargunnah & that he is consequently detained & subjected to heavy expence. Ordered that he be summoned to attend on me either in person or by Valsed within five days from this date & at the same time informed that if he fails in so doing the Suzumaw will be left at liberty to retire.

As I find that Tehsildars of the Police Tax in Talook Hoolnapore & the Loosh Mehul whom on the 21st. Inst. I dismissed because they also formed those Mehuls have been very punctual in the payment of the Kists of the Tax & actually paid more than is in demand from them & as the amount of the Tax in both those places is very considerable revoked my orders of the aforesaid dated & restored the farmers to the appoinstment of Tehsildars.

Zillah Cutcherry 1st December 1795.

Zillah Cutcherry 5th November 1795.

Remitted the sum of Sa. Rs. 2,416. from the Zemindarry to the Publick Treasury.

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President & Member of the Board of Revenue.
Fort William.

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Zillah Cutcherry 1st December 1795.

Directed agreeably to the Board's order under date the...... that the leases of the farms granted to Raja late Dewan of this collectorship be annulled, and as the season is now very far advances, if a new settlement consequently liable to many objections, gave them in farm to the persons who have been hitherto intrusted with the management of them who are natives of Beerbhoom & able to give an exceptionable security for the payment of the Revenues.
2nd December 1785.

Addressed the following letter to the Board regarding the Hustabood of the Zemindarry.

To William Cowper Esq.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Port William.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting to you the enclosed Hustabood accounts (No. 1 & 2) that I have completed of the lands and Jumma of the Zemindarry of Beharproft, also two statements (No. 3 & 4) containing the particulars of such lands as I would recommend to be sold for the discharge of the arrears of Revenue from Zemindarry, and to act on the Decree passed by the Zillah & Provincial Court of appeal in favor of Mr. Gil for Rs. 50,000.

2nd. The gross resources of the Zemindarry according to my Hustabood you will observe amount to Rs. 8,11,520-9-1-3, more than they are rated at in the late Collectors and exceed the latter in the further sum of Rs. 15,894-13-1, which were included in the late Collectors Hustabood accounts omitted in mine, namely Rs. 13,618-8-3, on account of the Surund Bundabatse Mehals and Sa. Rs. 6,166-9-13 on account of assumed Durry Baze Zameen. My reason for not having included the former in my Hustabood is that they are not a resource by any means to be depended upon. Part of them indeed, but it is presumable a very small part, as nothing more than the Malguzarry Jumma the Surund Bundabatse Mehals and Sa. Rs. 15,894-13-1, as it was thought it better on nature consideration to exclude from them & thereby furnish them with a just ground of objection from the accounts from which they formed their judgements and which might have influenced their proposals, I have however noticed in a marginal explanation the probability of effecting the resumptions of part of them by a judicial process.

3rd. With respect to the Durry Baze Zameen the reason why they do not form a resource in my Hustabood is that Government would thereby forfeit the right which I conceive unquestionably have to subject them to a separate assessment, and which as they yield upwards of Rs. 10,000,000 per annum it may be thought proper to exert. After an attentive perusal of the 19 Regulation of 1793, to which I am referred in your Boards letter of the 13th July, I cannot find that it at all applies to these lands for they were never gwen up to the Zemindarry and are not even claimed by the Malguzarry in 1194 & 1195 & the remainder has been lately distributed among his associates and menial servants. A statement (No. 5) of such of them & of the Chakeran lands as are situated in the Mehals I have recommended to be sold with an exception to the Kharar Zameen, of which I have not been able to obtain single accounts. I shall do myself the honour of submitting to you in three or four days, & it must rest with your Board to determine whether they shall be included or not in the sale of those lands and if the affirmative whether under any & what conditions.

4th. With a view of rendering the Hustabood and allotment of the lands proposed for sale as clear & precise as possible I have not comprehended in them the resumed Thackersree lands, but made a separate statement of them, which I shall transmit with the statements mentioned in the former paragraph, and observed in an explanation annexed to the latter, that they are to be included in the sale of the lots, but that a separate Jumma will be assessed on them to defray the expenses of the Police.

5th. You will observe that my Hustabood does not include lands that have fallen waste & are capable of cultivation, & I trust that I shall appear justified in having omitted them when it is considered that the resources of the Zemindarry are very great without them, that it is not really fair, or comudent with the nature of a Hustabood to calculate as resources what time perseverance & a liberal spirit can alone recover. Besides the reasons given above, the introduction of such lands is more likely to depreciate than enhance the value of the lands in the opinion of the natives. I have taken care however to specify the actual quantity of Runder & Sandbank Puddled land in the lands proposed for sale.

6th. The very great difference between the late Collectors Hustabood & mine must naturally give rise to an opinion that a great part of the increase exhibited in the latter is merely nominal & that I have swelled the resources of the Zemindarry beyond what it is possible to realize. This observation in a limited degree is certainly founded in truth & may extend to about 1/3 of the whole increase I could have wished & originally intended to have reduced it to the standard of what might be collected with facility & without any oppression to the Ryottys by excluding from my Hustabood two or three remissions which it would, I think be unjust & certainly very dangerous, & impolitic to resume, particularly that denominated Gard Kumee, because it was granted in order to induce the Ryottys to bring waste land into cultivation & if the Ryottys latterly rates were enforced the consequence would certainly be that the Ryottys would abscond & cultivate receive a check which it could require much time & great encouragement to recover. But as I was convinced that such remissions were liable to abuse & that other remissions of a very different nature might be collusively intruded under that head by the Mohurrers employed in adjusting the accounts of persons under & to it, I thought it better on nature consideration to comprise them in it, and I conceive it to be of very little consequence as I have particularly explained the nature of the resources, which compose the Jumma of my Hustabood, so that any native at all conversant in Moghul accounts will be able to form an accurate judgement of the state & capability of the Zemindarry & the principles I have observed in forming the Hustabood having been general & uniform the Jumma apportioned on each lot must stand to the produce in the rated prescribed by the Regulations.

7th. I now beg leave to say a few words respecting the lands of which I have submitted a statement for sale. The three finest & most profitable Purgonahs in the whole Zemindarry & which I have therefore selected for sale are Surrooping, Durry Molissur & Seelbhoon. The former I have reason to think will fetch at least Rs. 125,000 & the latter two Rs. 160,000. But Surrooping is unfortunately mortgaged to Shaum Chobellbury for Rs. 80,000, which he lent to the Rajah last year & which with the accumulation of interest now amounts to Rs. 35,000. In case your Board should deem this circumstance an obstacle to its being sold I beg leave to inform you that the Mortgagee will readily consent to it provided he be paid the amount due to him out of the proceeds of the sale.

8th. I enclose a Hustabood account of the Zemindarry & an account particulars & allotment of the lands proposed for sale in the Bengally language for the information of such persons as may wish to purchase them & shall in a few days transmit copies of them in Persian.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servt.
Beharproft
7/12/ T. H. Ernst,
2nd December 1785.

The farmers of Durry Molissur & Kootchpore being very heavily in arrears depated Ramnacker Ray to the former & Juddoonoo Beldikey to the latter to attach the Collections.

3rd December 1785.

Wrote the following Letter to the Board of Revenue.

To William Cowper Esq.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Port William.

Gentlemen,

In compliance with the orders of the Governor General in Council communicated in your Secretary's letter of the 29th
attended with much delay I thought it preferable to state only the aggregate quantity in each Pargunnah.

Putwaries Tanks situated in those Mehals which form a collection of those Pargunnahs in which they are situated with directions to understand each of them appropriated between Rs. 2 and 3000 out of their collections to the discharge of their private debts required from them. Ordered that 8 annas be for the amount arising from the stoppage be given to the Havildar & 2/3 to the Sepoy.

Wrote the following letter to the Board of Revenue.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen.

Your most obedient Servant, /Signed/ T. H. Ernst, Comr.

To

William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William. Gentlemen.

I am favoured with your Secretary's letter of the 11th Instant enclosing an Extract of a letter from the Magistrate of Bharatpur to the Governor General in Council requiring me to ascertain & report to your Board upon what conditions the lands assigned to the Gaurooks & Burkindosses therein mentioned were originally granted & whether they are still either wholly or in part in their possession & if so on what conditions they are now held.

The lands in question were granted as stated to the Magistrate with a view to protect the Ryots from the depredations of the Hill people to the tenure, under which they were either wholly or in part in their possession.

I was satisfied that in many instances the Magistrate were indeed distinguished by that name. For want of money, & 1/3 to the Sepoy.

Comr. Zizullah Cutcherry 8th December 1798.

The farmer of Hookmapore complaining that the Ryotts refuse to pay him any revenues for various lands brought into cultivation that have collusively passed unnoticed in the accounts of the Putwaries & that in many instances the Bimbolkah rates are reduced by the qualities of the soil having been depreciated at the general Jummahbundy of the Zemindarry in 1193 B.S. deputed Tahoor Doss Chutterjea to investigate to the Zemindarry Dewan & two peons his agents for the lands denominated Durry Bazee, which he is in great distress for want of money & 1/3 to the Sepoy.

I received from the late of Saihit the sum of Rs. 67- which he was ordered to keep in deposit until the measurement of that Tallok.

I received from Tehsildar of Parreh a remittance of Rs. 551 which is ordered to be kept in deposit until the measurement of that Tallok shall be completed.

To

William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen.

I have the honour of submitting to you the enclosed statements of such of the lands denominated Derry Bazaar & Alibazar & of such part of the Zemindary Chakran & reserved Tundkhuree lands as are thought by me preferable to state only the aggregate quantity in each Pargunnah.
the Establishment did not exist till 1199 B.S. where the abovementioned persons were appointed Gauntwals & Rs. 1200-13. of land assigned to them & 65 Peens & Burkinoshes. The Engagements taken from them were to watch over the safety of the Ryotts, prevent any depredations from the Hill people, & be themselves responsible for any robberies that might be committed within the boundaries of the Purgunah under their charge, so that they could only be considered, I conceive, in the light of servants, remarkable at the pleasure of Government or of the Zemindarry Mohurries. Out of the Rs. 1260-13. abovementioned Rs. 400- which had been uniformly appropriated for the Police previous to 1199 B.S. were resumed last year from the Zemindar & the remaining Rs. 860.13. having before engaged my attention, I beg leave, for your further information to subjoin an extract from my proceedings, & trust that the orders I gave will for the reasons therein assigned, & enforced by the Magistrate of Bhangauro meet with your approbation.

I take the liberty of offering it in my opinion that the Establishment actually entertained ought to remain under the orders of the Magistrate of this district because the lands assigned for it are situated in a Purgunah within his jurisdiction & the sole object for the Establishment was to protect the inhabitants of that Purgunah from the predatory incursions of the Zemindarry Mohurries.

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I have the honour to be Gentlemen, Your most Obedt. humble Servt. Beerbhoun, the 24th December 1795.

Zilubah Catchetry 25th December 1795.

There being disputed between the persons to whom I gave in farm the Sanbuck pattiye lands not included in the engagements of those who farm the Purgunahs in which it is situated & the latter regarding what the former are entitled to Refered their respective claims for investigation to three of the Zemindary Motorunes.

Received a petition from the great Ranny complaining that the Rajah has attached two villages yielding about Sa. Rs. 200 per annum which he granted her in 1200 B.S. As she at present receives a monthly allowance in money of Sa. Rs. 200, she cannot & I think justly claim any addition to it and as these villages were very recently given by the Rajah before that allowance was fixed for her Forsterd him at liberty to resume the grant when he pleases. But his Zemindary being under attachment & the monthly allowance having been limited by Government to Sa. Rs. 1,500. I do not think him authorized to increase it by the means he has in the present instance had recourse to summoned therefore the principal Ryott of the place in order to take engagements from him for the payment of the revenues.

Received for my Guidance in the mode of Collecting the Police Tax Copy of a letter from the late Collector of Burdwan to the Governor General in Council though I conceive the measure he has pursued is calculated to correct or at least lessen the abuses that at present exist, the reason is too far advanced to admit of such an arrangement this year & it is therefore unavoidably postponed till the next.

Zilubah Catchetry 27th December 1795.

I find that owing to the absence of the Judge no petitions can at present be received in the Dwyanny Adwuit consequently the suits which I proposed instituting against the late Telibular of the Durrban Zemun & several farmers from whom arrears are due must be a delayed until his return.
Yancehur's lands

The same causes as those mentioned in the preceding paragraph exist to retard the adjustment of the accounts of those lands of which only the aggregate Yancehur has been yet ascertained. But I shall prepare them with all possible expedition & introduce them in a corrected statement in the manner directed in the 5th Paragraph of your letter.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your Obedt hble servant,

Beerbhoom

30th December 1795

Remitted to the publick Treasury the sum of Sa. Rs 42,000 in further payment of the Kist of Poose

Ordered that Sa. Rs 10 due to Government from the Zemunabar on account of letters sent by the Dawk be paid from the Zemunabary Treasury & deducted from his daily allowance

1st December 1795

Remitted to the publick Treasury the sum of Sa. Rs 49,000 on account of the Kist of Poose

2nd January 1796

Having reason to be dissatisfied with the conduct of the Suzzawals whom on the 2nd Ultmo I disputed to attach the collections of Darry Molhattar and Kasbalsah, recalled them & appointed in their stead Ooshch Ghose to the former & Allanck Singh to the latter

4th January 1796

There being a number of people in Jaul on account of arrests of Revenue due from them to the Zemunabar, which they have not the means of discharging, & which there is a prospect of recovering while they remain in Confinement, where severally of them have been many months at a monthly expense Rs 2 each to the Zemunabar I conceive to be for their interest that they should be released & Kasbalsah under the Courts signature taken for the amount decreed against them Communicated therefore my opinion in writing to the Zemunabar & transmitted copies of the Kasbalsahs proposed to be accepted & directed him in the event of his approval of them to inform me when I will apply for their release

8th of January 1796

Not having yet received any answer from the Darogah in charge of the Hon ble Companies Coehs at Kaptack Gunge to the Perwannah I wrote to him on the 28th of November last direct him again to furnish me with the information therein required with as little further delay as possible

11th January 1796

The Aumee of Pachhah having been now employed upwards of two months in the measurement of that Talook named under the orders of the Rajah to bring in to a conclusion as soon as possible & when finished to return her & bring with him the Chotie or detailed account measurement as the assistance of my Anilbra will very much accelerate the preparation of the 3kwall & it is I conceive advisable that the allotment & division should be made under my superintendent as well to promote dispatch, as to prevent any errors & disputes

Received from the Rajah an answer to the letter I wrote to him on the 4th Inst regarding the persons in confinement for arrests of revenue in which he expresses his approbation of their release & of the Kasbalsahs proposed to be taken from them & directed me to prepare the Zemunabary Vakeel to move the Court of their release

13th January 1796

Remitted to the publick Treasury the sum of Sa. Rs 49,000 on account of the Zemunabary Kist of Poose

Paid allowable to the Rajahs receipt Rs 120 account of his allowance

16th January 1796

Received from the Tehsillar of Sarhet the sum of Sa. Rs 3,890-10-5 on account of the revenue of the current year Addressed the

21st January 1796

Two requests from the farmers of Lhoony & Akbarshah & hiscope representing that the orders I gave on the 10th Inst to make the collections of those Purnamahs here under my own immediate superintendence in consequence of the little benefit that had resulted from their having been put under the charge of a Suzzawal, will be detrimental to the revenues owing to the delays & misconstructions that must necessarily occur & requesting that I will allow them to manage the collections & a necessary for my own satisfaction make the appointment of two Moharrars to assist them & prevent any misappropriation of the revenues As on consideration this message appears to me altogether the best that can be adopted & the farmers have lately paid a considerable part of their Balances completed with their request & deputed two Moharrars to Superintend & attach the collections

23rd January 1796

Received a letter from the private secretary to the Governor General regarding a cross dawk to be established from Calcutta to Patna through this district To complete this arrangement as soon as possible wrote a Perwannah to the Tehsillar directing him immediately to statute at Poutmuree, Deogur, Sureen, Sarhut & Salsia which are under his management the number of Hariarras authorized to be entertained & to report to me when they are stationed at the several stages, at the same time transmitting a list of their names for my information For the other stages Hariarras will be furnished from the place

To Hubert Cornish Esqr.

Private Secretary to the Governor General,

Fort William

Sir,

I am favourred with your letter of the 21st Inst containing the orders of the Governor General relative to the establishment of a private Dawk from Calcutta to Patna through this district.

I have the honour of subjoining a list of the stages where correspondence will be transmitted & ordered to Deoghur, Sureen, Sarhut & Saulda which are under his management I have added the distances between each & beg leave to inform you that the arrangement will be completed by the first of next month & written engagement to pay the remainder by the end of Naug.

As I understand that very little progress have yet been made in the adjustment of the Zemunabar's accounts & there is now so excuse for any further delay the heavy Kists having been realized in the Moguls, resolved not to pay them their salaries which they have solicited until they shall have forwarded the above-mentioned accounts & according informed them of my determination

This order I issued on the 28th Ultmo for the attachment of the property of Buncharam Roy for the recovery of arrears due from him having been resisted & the person I sent to attach him not having been allowed to take a list of it under the plea that it did not belong exclusively to him served him with a written demand for the amount of his arrears, which, if they are not paid in three days, he will be prosecuted for in the Dewanny Adawlut, as well as for his having resisted my authority

To

William Cowper Esqr.

President & Members of the Board of Revenue,

Fort William

Gentlemen,

Agreedly to the orders contained in your letter of the 25th of September last, I have the honour of submitting to you a list of such of the Putwarrys in the Zemunabary of Beerbhoom as I would recommend to be made examples of for having delivered in false & erroneous accounts of the Mehals under their charge every Putwarry I am sorry to observe has incurred the guilt of Perjury, but as their number amounts to upwards of four hundred I have selected such of them only as from the extent to which they have carried that crime appear to me to be the properest objects for exemplary punishment

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt Servant,

Beerbhoom

5th February 1796

(Signed) T. H. Ernst,

Comr.
Selections from the Records of the Birbhum Collectorate Relating to the Santhal Rebellion of 1855

(i) Letters Issued: 1855

To
Colonel Burney,
Commg. 56 N.L., Soorý.

Sir,
In reply to your letter No. 155 of this day's date I beg to state that I do not consider it absolutely necessary that at present, a force should be sent from here to reinforce the party of Irregulars under Sergeant Gillen. I have adopted measures, by means of which, information may be very rapidly obtained from Mohumud Bazar. I shall be very careful to give you any, & every information, which I may receive, & trust you will keep two companies in readiness at a "Dour" in case of necessity. Until more unfavourable news from the direction may arrive, I do not see the necessity of station of a detachment of companies in readiness to make a "Dour" in case of necessity.

Sorý,
Sept. 12 1855.

To
Colonel Burney,
Commg. 56 N.L., Soorý.

Sir,
In today's report, received from Thamsah Nungola, it is mentioned, that the Sonthals are at the village of Raýor, & actually tendering the claim from thence. This village cannot be more than four or, at the utmost, five miles, from Nungola and I should think Captain Gott, with his detachment might surprise the insurgents by making a night march, & coming upon them early in the morning. I apprehend these Sonthals are the same men who burnt Paricipore, immediately after the departure of Captain Fooks' detachment & it is essentially necessary that a severe example should be made of them, if possible.

Sorý,
September 13th, 1855.

Diary September 13th 1855.

Reports from Afnipore Thammah, mention, that the inhabitants of Baboopore Deree & Kripore have their villages which have not as yet, however been plundered by the Sonthals. Sonthals have again looted "Rajor" 4 miles from Nungola thanah suspected to be the same men, who . . . Paricipore in the rear of Captain Fooks, detachment, on their return from Koomrah.

N.B. I have requested Col. Burney, to order Captain Gott stationed with a detachment at Nungola, to make a night march, & if possible surprise these Insurgents number about 600 men. All quiet at Mohumud Bazar, spies had not returned when Sergeant Gillen 10 rob a detachment of Sepoy (sic) a ready march if necessary, at a moment's notice from hence. The Nuggur, altho all the inhabitants have left. The Daks to Rampore Haat, Nuggur congo Deoghur, have been put on an efficient footing by me they now arrive very regularly with the exception of the last.

Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collr. of Beerbhum.

Diary September 14th 1855.

Nothing new from Afnipore, Doobrajpora & Nuggur.

Late last evening, Col. Burney at my request, sent an Express to Capt. Gott Commanding at Nungola, ordering that Officer to make a night march attack the Sonthals at Raýor, early this morning.

A report just in from Capt. Gott, mentions that after 3 hours trail, he had been unable to get across the river More (N.B. very heavy rain fell during the night) Last night. I sent a messenger off to Sergeant Gillan at Mohumud bazar, directing him to start immediately with his "Irregulars" & attack the Sonthals at Dochea, where they were plundering grain. The result has not been reported yet, but the white flag is now flying at Mohumud Bazar, which means all well.

No reports have yet come in from Operbundha Sarhutt or Dochter.

The Sonthals are in great force at & about Rajbandh Palace.
Bara Batta & & &

Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collr. of Beerbhum.

Diary September 15th 1855

2 P.M.

N.B. The Dak leaves Scorre at—past 2 P.M. Shree Mundle of Kooremore & Kanto Mundle of Paxil- pore have been murdered by the Sonthals in the village of Amjura (on the boundary N. of Soorý) whether they had gone to look for their cattle. This took place yesterday, a third man escaped and gave notice of what had occurred to the Nungola Darogah. Sergeant Gillon has made an attempt to reach Deocha, but could not get (owing to the flood) across the Dwarka river he will try again tonight. The Dwarka river is much swollen consequently the Sonthals are stationary at Bora Bothen.

The Saroth Abkaree Darogah reports that all the abkars in the north of his jurisdiction have run away.

Mr. Ward has not arrived yet tho expected yesterday.

Scorre
Forwarded for the information of the secy. to Govt. of Bengal.
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Treasurer.

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Nugger, on the Deoghur & Sooree Road. Supplies & good

sent up to strengthen-Gurjori a large town 6 miles west of

18 miles. N. of Sooree they are said to be erecting stockades

bundah will it is to be hoped prove sufficient to keep the Sontals

in the North must soon become known.

The 19th September 1855.

The Sontals are in large numbers at Gae Bathan and Telobunnee

The river Mour must be nearly fordable. so that the intentions

have ill used the runners-Two Sontals are daily withdrawing

Chandra Dawh Pharee has been shut up by the Sonthals, who

all their loot is said to

remain for the present, a matter of doubt.

I have enquired amcng the Southal prisoners in the Jail,

as to the meaning of 'this symbol, but they are either un­

willing or unable to give any information in the matter,

except that the three leaves express the intention of the

sender to come at the third day. Under the above circumstances.

I beg you will make whatever arrangements you may

consider called for

The health of the Troops continues to be satisfactory,

Bengal.

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To

Colonel Barney.

Commanding at Sooree.

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Sd /- R. I. Richardson,

Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sooree, Sd /- R. I. Richardson,

Collector of Beerbhoom.

Diary September 20th 1855.

Birchunder a village about 8 miles West of Nugger, has been

looted.

The Sontals have stopped the Dak running from Deoghur to

Sooree—The Police Zemadar at Nugger, reports that the

Chandra Dawh Pharee has been shut up by the Sonthals, who

have ill used the runners—Two Sontals are daily withdrawing

in numbers to the N.C. about Chamoospa Talbhoone where

they have built 11 large houses in the former village, where

all their loot is said to be stored—It reported that they

will make a stand (if attacked)—

A branch of a Saal Tree has just been sent in to me by the

Nugger Police Zemadar who received it from Goluick Chowklee­

dar of Afsarrppul. This man states it was made over to him

by Shiboo Gepe Mandie of Champoons, with the message that

the Sontals would shortly proceed to Sooree for the purpose of

having a meeting with the authorities.

Shiboo Gepe states he does not know who brought the branch

but the messenger expressed a hope that the rioters would not

run from their villages on the approach of the Soobah, Sergeant

Gillon's force came in the morning from Mohammad Bazar, it

will be recruited up to strength and armed with the Treasury

Guard muskets which have been placed in the hands of the

Armourer of the 56th N.r. for inspection—I hope to get this
delivered to men very soon for they are much wanted in

the direction Garjari-

All quiet at Rampore Hant & Dooohripare.

Sd /- R. I. Richardson,

Collector of Beerbhoom.

Forwarded for the information of the Secy. to the Govt.

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for those we have are nearly unserviceable.

I have &c .•

Sooree, Sd /- R. I. Richardson,

Collector of Beerbhoom.

Diary September 19th 1855.

No news of importance from Nugger Dooobripare, Afsarrppul.

The Sontals are in large numbers at Gae Bathan and Telobunnee

18 miles, N. of Sooree they are said to be erecting stockades

but this is doubtful. The Talbhoones men are headed by a

stronger, most likely, a Manjee from the Damin i Koh—

Captain Gott has made an excursion as far as Baddinpatro, but

previous to his arrival the Sontals had disappeared.

The Reports from Sarath & Opurbhandah are most unsatis-

factory—

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To

The above report requires confirmation—

The Sontals are reported to their hearts' content in the Sarath

& Opurbhandah jurisdictions, no remedy however are

adopted.——

The Dak which left this for Deoghur last evening has

been brought back, the runners stating that they could not

get beyond Laopie 2 miles this side of Nugger—This however

is only the Magistrate's Zemindar's Dak—My own special

Dak from Nugger has arrived quite punctually and the Police

Jemadar is still at Nugger.

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Collector of Beerbhoom.

Received from Herilal Panday Zemadar 56th Regiment N.I. [21]/ wooden boxes said to contain small silver coins and copper Pyce to the value of Company's Rupees thirty thousand /30000/ remitted to this Treasury by the Sub Treasurer.

Beerbhoom

Sd /- R. I. Richardson,

The 19th September 1855.

Diary September 21st 1855.

It was reported that the Sontals are erecting stockades along

the road from Sooree to Devgarh, and that the S市值als in very great

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Sd /- R. I. Richardson,

Collector of Beerbhoom.

Forwarded for the information of the Secy. to Govt.

To

The Commissariat Officer, at Raneegunge.

Sir,

I beg to repeat the favor of your indulging upon the

Commissary General for 30"Godhas" for the use of the

Elephants/private property/ none at this station & employed

with the field for the sooner these can be procured the better,

for those we have are nearly unserviceable.

I have &c .•

Sooree, September 24th 1855.

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During the past fortnight, upwards of thirty villages have been plundered and burned by the insurgents in Thannah Operbundah and Nangoolea. The whole of the country, from Lorong, four miles west of Nugger, to within a short distance of Deoghur, is in their hands. The Dawks (mauls) are stopped, and the inhabitants have deserted their villages, and fled. Three detachments were divided into two parties. One of them is stationed at Raksadangal, ten miles north of the Operbundah Thannah in Zillah Bhauagole; and the other at Teelaboonie, six miles west of Soory, and also in Bhauagole, but on the confines of Thannah Nangoolea; and their numbers average, as nearly as we can ascertain, from 1,200 to 14,000, and are receiving augmentations from all quarters.

2d. A party of about 3600 of the Raksadangal Santals, led by Mocheea Kosnjola, Rama and Soondra Manjhees, in Zillah Bhaugalpore; and the other at Teelaboonie, six miles west of Soory, and also in Bhauagole, but on the confines of Thannah Nangoolea; and their numbers average, as nearly as we can ascertain, from 12,600 to 14,000, and are receiving augmentations from all quarters.

3d. The gang of from 5000 to 7000 Santals, under Sreeeo Manjhees, who had taken Soolah Takoore at Teelabooonee, have strengthened their position by earthworks, and dug tanks there. They have also made preparations for celebrating the Deoghur Pooja, for which purpose they have carried off and detained two Brahmins from one of the villages plundered by them in Thannah Nangoolea; and spies who came in yesterday say that they are only waiting for the Raksadangal gang to join them, before advancing to attack Soory; but I think it improbable that they will venture to attack Soory, as Mr. Ward observes, a very healthy one. Sergeant Gillon, with 200 men, has taken up his position in the jungle near Haidugher Hill, and waylays and plunders everything that attempts to pass that way. The absence of a civil officer at Deoghur is greatly to be regretted at the present juncture, when his services would be of so much value; and I think it not unlikely that their purpose is to join the Operbundah rebels at or about Gupirore and strike southward for the purpose of escaping into the Bankooch District,—Doobraipore is outside the jungle & contains an enormous amount of property, very many of the villages from the north western portion of the district having taken refuge there, supplies & shelters for sepoys will be available on their arrival.

To Col. Burney,
Commanding at Sooree.
Sir,
I have honor to send in original a letter received by me, yesterday, from Mr. Waed.
He is anxious that Gupirore should be occupied by troops, and I think it not unlikely that their purpose is to join the Operbundah rebels at or about Gupirore and strike southward for the purpose of escaping into the Bankooch District.—Doobraipore is outside the jungle & contains an enormous amount of property, very many of the villages from the north western portion of the district having taken refuge there, supplies & shelters for sepoys will be available on their arrival.

To Col. Burney,
Commanding at Sooree.
Sir,
I have &c.,
September 28th/55.

To
Soory
September 27th/55.

To
The Magistrate of Beerbhoom.
Sir,
In consequence of every available man, belonging to Sergeant Gillon's force, being required to protect Nugger, I shall feel obliged by your directing the Sooree and Nungolea Darogahs to have the Ghats or fords on the More Guarded by their Police.

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Col. Burney,
Commanding at Sooree.
Sir,
I have &c.,
'Sd /- R. I. Richardson,
Coll. of Beerbhoom.
The only drawback, is, that Gurjore may, by this time exist only in name, I have however sent out men, to ascertain & I will, on their return, afford the necessary information.

I have &c.,

Sooree

September 29th/55.

Ps. Be so good as to return Mr. Ward's letter when done with.

Sd/- R. I. Richardson.

To

Colonel Burney,

Commanding at Sooree.

Sir,

In order to clear up all doubts as to the existence or non-existence of the Sonthal camp at Chamoapara & adjacent villages I yesterday proceeded with Major Numbhard & Mr. Kerr, to within 2 miles of Chamoapara.

My spies have reported quite correctly. From beside a piece of ground we discovered huts innumerable, apparently newly built, & which the villagers who accompanied us, declared to be the advanced post of the rebels, whose encampment extended at broken intervals, for 3 miles, unto Telobunnee, the residence head quarters of the Soobah.

I have &c.,

R. I. Richardson.

Sd/- R. I. Richardson.

To

J. R. Ward Esqr.,

Commissioner, Raneegunge.

Sir,

It is not my wish to pry into the kind of operation about to be undertaken by the Govt. with regard to the suppression of the Sonthal Insurrection, but I must request the favor of information upon one point Viz. who is to be Commissariat Officer to the troops now here, owing to the rascally Sonthals, without the custom of making the local Zemindars provide for all wants, when by so doing they oppress their ryots and raise the price of food into the bargain.

The probable number of men to be fed from Sooree should be secretly furnished and I would send funds quickly to Cutwa, & buy up before the Bunneahs received information and raised their prices all round.

I have &c.,

Sd/- R. I. Richardson.

Collr. of Beerbhom.

To

Colonel Burney,

Commanding at Sooree.

Sir,

Having been requested by the Lieutt, Governor of Bengal, to discontinue any connection with the Sonthal Insurrection, in as much as may appertain to the suppression thereof, I beg to request the favor of your calling in future upon the Magistrate of the District, for any information you may require, regarding the Sonthals.

I have also to beg that you will direct the Quarter master of the 36 Regt. N. I. to take charge of all elephants (the property of private individuals) now here for Government use.

I have &c.,

Sd/- R. I. Richardson.

October 12th/55.

Commanding certificate of a Guard directed to proceed on Escort duty towards Sooree, in charge of Muskets and ammunition for the use of Sergt. Giffens irregulars.

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60 Regt. 1 Habildar To be relieved on the 31st N.I. 12 Sepoys banks of the River Adji Augt. 1855.

Raneegunge

Sd/B.P. Parrot, Capt.

12th October/55.

Majore of Brigade.

Received from Koomur Sing Havildar 63rd Regt. N. I. 10 Boxes said to contain muskets & ammunition.

Sooree

Sd/- R. I. Richardson.

October 12th/55.

To

J. R. Ward Esqr.,

Special Commissioner.

Sir,

I beg to forward for perusal, a letter just received by me, from Captain Ford, commanding at Deoghur, requesting me to send supplies for the use of his detachments, consisting of five companies.

It is not possible, for me, to comply with Captain Ford’s request. Deoghur is distant 85 miles from Sooree, and the communication has been intercepted by the Sonthals for more than a month past.

I cannot positively speak as to the remissness of the Ghatwals or the Police at Deoghur, in not procuring provisions and I am much inclined to believe that the fault does not rest with them, for the last six weeks the country around Deoghur has been altogether in the hands of the Sonthals and the collecting of supplies most difficult.

It must be borne in mind moreover that wheat and Dhal are not procurable in this district and consequently supplies of this kind,essentially requisite for up country men, have to be procured from a distance.

On the whole, though many other officers besides Captain Ford, have complained in some instances, very strongly against the Ghatwals & Police, I must say, that throughout the district, the Zemindars, Ghatwals and Police, with few exceptions, have done their best to meet the calls made upon them by me—They have had innumerable obstacles to contend against, many of them have lost their all; many have provided supplies but not received payment for the same, for
Sir,

Same time as the prisoners.

To

Major General Lloyd.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 310 dated 4th Dec. I have the honor to forward to you the Santhal prisoners noted in the Margin.

2. The four men, who apprehended the Santhalas when they were attempting to effect their escape towards the Damooda also accompany the prisoners.

3. I beg to transmit at the same time the papers of the Mofussil investigation made by the Oaperbandha Darogha and different articles of property which were found in the possesssions of the prisoners.

4. Among these will be the clasp belonging to the late Ltent. Tonimen which the prisoner Kanoo was wearing on his arm at the time of his capture, also some books & papers belonging to other gentlemen. I should wish that the latter might be returned to this Court at the conclusion of the trial, so that I may be enabled if possible to find out the owners & restore the property. There are some other things left here such as clothes & a few rupees & pice but as they would form no evidence against the prisoners, I have detained them here pending the result of the Court martial.

Zilah Beerbhoom.

I have &ca.

The 6th Decr. 1855.

Sd/- R. Thompson.

P.S. I would further add that there will be formed in the box herewith sent some letters which were in the possession of Kanoo & are convincing proof against him.


To

Lt. Munrong.

Commanding detachment 42 N. I.

Sir,

I have the honor under the instructions recd. from Major General Lloyd commanding Santhul field force, to make over to your charge the prisoners noted in the margin.

I dispatch at the same time by the bearer of this a box containing same property found in the possession of Kanoo Soobha. He has also the papers connected with the case & four witnesses accompany them.

I have told the bharudomage to deliver them to Major General Lloyd but he will continue in company with your detachment so that he may arrive at Head Quarter at the same time as the prisoners.

The 6th Decr. 1855.

Sd/- Rivers Thompson, Officer.

To

Cap. Halliday, Banskorbe.

Sir,

I should feel much obliged if you could inform me what were the grounds for the apprehension of Damoor Mahbub Santhal above you forwarded to my Court. He states that he came in with the object of giving himself up to your detachement also could you tell me if there is any proof of the finding of same date cartridges &c in this prisoners house.

I have &ca.

Sd/- Rivers Thompson, Officer.

To

Lienttt. Osgivi, Sub Ass't Commisary General, Roonemganga.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the information required in the enclosed letter of the Offg. Commissioner of the Burdwan Division.

The Elephant about which the reference has been made was sent to Mr. Rose, my predecessor in this office on the 17th July last; and it have ever since been in daily use with the detachment under the command of Capt. Jervis 56 N. I. at Ramporehaut.

The name of the Elephant is Lachmen & it is described in the return forwarded to the Spl. Commander, the Bedwell as being a female elephant 7 feet in height, with bored ears and large head. It belongs to the ... or of Mangip Thanth Kharbona in this District. His name is Syed Hosenbach or as he sometimes called goodoomesh. The price he has fixed on the Elephant is Rs. 780.

I have &ca.

The 6th December 1855.

Sd/- Rivers Thompson, Officer.

To


Sir,

With reference to an application made by Major General Lloyd to Govt. for the appointment of a special judge to try some Santhul prisoners who have been committed by the Civil authorities in the camp for charges not cognizable by Court martial I have the honor to request you would supply me with information as how many of these cases are ready for disposal. I should be obliged at the same time if you would kindly give me the particulars as to the number of men in each case, on what charges they are committed, & how many belong respectively to this District—that of Eingalpur.

I have &ca.

The 8th Decr. 1855.

Sd/- R. Thompson, Offgr.

To


Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3417 dated 6th December enclosing copy of a letter from Major General Lloyd No. 260 dated 28th Ult.

I beg to state that I have no knowledge what is the number of the prisoners referred to in the Major General's communiation. I was not aware that any cases commisable to the Sooree Sooone Court, were awaiting trial in his camp. I have therefore dispatched a Soowar with a letter to Mr. Eden, the Asst. Spl. Commissioner in attendance with Major Genl. Lloyd, requesting information on the subject I hope to be able to reply to your letter by the day after tomorrow. I would beg however to remark that as far as this district is concerned the Burcundage force under Sergt. Jackson at Neigore which has been reorganized for the especial purpose of escorting prisoners &ca could be made available for conducting any person whom it may be found necessary to forward to this station.

I have &ca.

Sd/- Rivers Thompson, Offgr.

The 8th Decr. 1855.
Statement of 20 convicts sentenced by the sessions Judge of Zillah Beerbhoom to be imprisoned for different periods forwarded from Beerbhoom to Bankurah under the orders of Government dated 3rd December 1855 No. 3400.

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<td>To be imprisoned with labour for three years &amp; to pay a fine of Rs 100 on before 9th Dec in default to labor—9th Nov 1855.</td>
<td>Aged about 60 years, Dark complexion, grey hairs, has a pustule under the belly, inoculation marks 4 in number on left hand, 5 ft. 3 in. caste Santol, resident Gariapanee, Thannah Nulhott, Zill Beerbhoom. Gaste Santal.</td>
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Under these circumstances, I trust you will see the necessity, (if in your power), of indents being made upon me for what may be required

I have &ca.  W Grey Esqr., Sccy to the Govt of Bengal, Fort William

In continuation of my letter No 542 dated 8th Instant and in reply to your communication requesting me to state my opinion as to the necessity of deputing a special Judge to try these cases in Major General Lloyd’s camp, which were not cognizable by a Court martial, I have the honor to state that from a letter I have received from Mr. Eden the Asst Special Commissioner I ascertain that there are 33 prisoners camps awaiting trial on different charges of murder and other heinous crimes of these or prisoners in one case belong to the Beerbhoom District, the remainder to Bhagulpore—Mr Eden further adds 10 or 12 prisoners captured by Mr. Poulet are daily expected and that their cases would only be disposed of by the Civil authorities. Even with this expect increase however I can not consider the deputation of a special officer in any way necessary. I have the whole of the prisoners are comprised in about 4 or 5 cases and the trial of these would occupy a Judge with ordinary labour but the expense and inconvenien which the measure would render necessary would hardly be justified by the immediate disposal of the cases.

I mentioned in my former letters that the Burkundages under Sergt. Jackson now stationed at Nagoor about 14 miles from this were especially retained by Kkg (see letter dated 17th Nov) for the escort of prisoners or any other such duties as would save the troops this extra work. There is in this force besides Jemadar and Duffadars 66 men who for a long time have been comparatively idle. Their only duty has been to guard the village of Nigore but as the troops are now stationed on all sides for an advance of this position, there seems little use in keeping them at that post. I would beg to recommend that 20 of these men with 2 (Duffadars should be deputed to convey the Beerbhoom prisoners to this station where their trial would proceed in usual form as to the rest of His Honor the Secutt Goor should think fit to confer upon me the authority to try these cases, under the prisoners of Regel VII of 1822 it would in my opinion be a more expe dient course than either sending the prisoners to such a distance as Bhagulpore or deputing a special Judge to conduct their trial in the Major Generals’ camp.

By two divisions of the prisoners the whole of these might be safely conveyed to Soory in one week, and through the Calendar of the commitment for this district in the present month is very heavy I have little doubt that by the end of the year all these trials might be brought to a conclusion. At least in the choice of difficulties this course seems to me the most feasible

I have &ca.  W Grey Esqr., Sccy to the Govt of Bengal, Fort William

The 11th Dec 1855

Offg Magistrate

Sd/- Rivers Thompson,
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<td>Sailor Parob Moucek, son of Seedh</td>
<td>Illegally &amp; riotously assembling with offensive weapons for the purpose of murder and to commit breach of peace</td>
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Beerbhoom the 15th December 1855.

To

Lt Col W. B Thompson,
Deputy Commissary General.

Sir,

I beg to state for your information that yesterday I reported to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal my inability to carry on Commissariat work any longer, and request that an officer might be sent from your department to undertake the necessary duties at this place.

Supplies in abundance have been procured by me, and are collected here, but I have not leisure any longer to superintend the weighing and dispatch of the same. The grinding of wheat requires very strict superintendence moreover, and I have no establishment to undertake the duty. Ever since last July, I have been on Commissariat business, and naturally look to be relieved. I am quite unacquainted with the necessary details, and am fearful that the supplies now collected may spoil ere they can be consumed.

The Commissariat duties at this place are not likely soon to be finished, not a maund of wheat, dhall or gram is to be procured in the district, and Regiments must invariably depend upon the Commissariat for supplies.

I earnestly request that I may be relieved by a competent officer. I have carried to the letter my promise to Government, & you can easily imagine that now the Northals are going on, and vacating the large portion of this district in which they have held sway for 4 months. My duties in establishing the Akbaree, enquiring into cases for remissions of Revenue, and business connected with other appointments hold, scarcely give me a moment to myself. Added to which my health at present is very indifferent.

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The 56th Regiment N. I. has now been stationed in Sooree for 5 months and yet the bussahans in this miserable bazaar do not attempt to procure additional supplies nor can they from want of capital.

I have therefore to request you to give the matter your earliest attention.

May I ask you to give the matter your earliest attention.

Sd/- R. L. Richardson, Collector

To

Hoigson Pratt Esqr.,
Inspector of Schools South Bengal, Hooghly.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 154 dated 6th Instant; I have the honor to forward the return (thereto called for) for 11 out of 16 Thanases under the jurisdiction of this Magistracy.

2. All the schools in Thanass oporbanda, Shebna, Mourosur, Nangoha and Deoghur are excluded from this statement owing to the average number of attendance being under 30.

Zillah Beerbhoom

Sd/- R. Richardson, Collector

Thana

Village in which the school is situated

Distance and direction from the thana

No. of boys believed to attend the school on the average

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Afsalpore

North 1/4 mile

31

Luchmangore

Luchmangore

North 1/4 mile

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Pasontondee

Pasontondee

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Zillah Beerbhoom the 17th December, 1855.

To W. Grey Esqr.,
Secy. to the Government of Bengal,
Fort William.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that the prisoners noted in the margin* who were committed by me on the 26th ultimo on a charge of riot attended with plunder were convicted and sentenced by the S. Judge on the 14th inst, as follows. Unoop Majhie Santhal, Ram Majhie and Manik Maujhee* Sonthal, each, to be imprisoned with labor & irons for seven (7) years and Chyton Maujhie for five (5) years.

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ZL. Beerbhoom

the 16th Decr. 1855.

I have &ca.
Off. Magistrate.

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2. Chyton Do
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Sd/- Rivers Thompson
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Statement of 22 convicts sentenced by the S. Judge of Zillah Beerbhoom for different period forwarded from Beerbhoom to Hazareebagh under the orders of Government dated 3rd Dec. 1855 No. 3400.

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<td>Singray Manjhee son of Meghor</td>
<td>Illegally &amp; riotously assembling with weapons for the purpose of plunder to commit a breach of the peace.</td>
<td>To be imprisoned with labor &amp; irons for Five (5) years. 12th Novr. 1855.</td>
<td>Aged about 29 years, dark complexion, flat nose, burning marks 4 in number on the left hand, inoculation mark on right hand, mark of an ulcer on the right side of the back, size 5 ft. 7 in. Caste Sontal, Resident of Abin Thannah Nangola Zillah Beerbhoom.</td>
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<td>Nuffer Pal Koomar son of Moocheeran</td>
<td>-do-</td>
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<td>Aged about 49 years, dark complexion, inoculation marks on both hands has a pustule on the belly, mark of a sore on the left leg, size 3 ft. 2 in. Caste Koomar Resident of -do-.</td>
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<td>Sham Mal Paharia son of Koopnerain</td>
<td>Riot with Plunder.</td>
<td>Do 5 -do- 19th Novr. 1855.</td>
<td>Aged about 37 years, Color neither dark nor fair, has several moles on body marks of sewing hooks on the back, mark of 1 wound in a toe of right leg size 5 ft. 2 in. Caste Paharia Mal, Rest. of Sundh Thannah Noolae Zillah Bhagalpur.</td>
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<td>Parash Manjhee son of Khettoo</td>
<td>Illegally &amp; riotously assembling with weapons for plunder property of parties unknown.</td>
<td>Do one year with iron &amp; to pay a fine of Rs. 53 in lieu of labor. 14th Novr. 1855.</td>
<td>Aged about 16 years, Dark complexion, flat nose, marks of burning 2 in number on left hand—bored ears—size 3 ft. Caste Sontal, Resident of Masangore, Thannah Nangola Zillah Beerbhoom.</td>
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<td>Chandra Manjhee son of Mungola</td>
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<td>Salkho Manjhee son of Gora</td>
<td>-do-</td>
<td>Do 3 years with iron &amp; to pay a fine of Rs 100 in lieu of labor. 14th Novr. 1855.</td>
<td>Aged 34 years, color neither dark nor fair, flat nose, burning marks 4 in number on left hand, inoculation mark on right hand, size 5 ft. 3 in. Caste -do- Resident of -do-.</td>
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<td>Singroy Manjhee son of Koomar</td>
<td>Illegally &amp; riotously assembling with weapons and plundering the village of Katna in Zillah Beerbhoom.</td>
<td>To be imprisoned for 5 years with labor and irons, 17th Novr. 1855.</td>
<td>Aged about 40 years, color neither dark nor fair, mark of an ulcer under breast marks of burning 3 in number in the left hand, size 5 ft. 4 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of Katna Zillah Beerbhoom.</td>
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<td>Kanchun Manjhee son of Gumbheer</td>
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<td>Aged about 35 years, Color neither dark nor fair, marks of burning 7 in number in left hand inoculation mark on right hand, size 3 ft. 5 in. Rest. of Telabonoe Thana Afnypore Zillah -do-.</td>
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<td>Luckhun Manjhee son of Gohand</td>
<td>-do-</td>
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<td>Aged about 30 years, Color neither dark nor fair, broad forehead, flat nose, marks of burning 4 in number in left hand inoculation marks on right hand, size 3 ft. 6 in. Caste Sontal, Rest. of -do-.</td>
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<td>Kaloo Manjhee son of Ram Roy</td>
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<td>Aged about 45 years, Color neither dark nor fair, broad forehead, flat nose, 3 inoculation marks on left hand, on in right hand, mark of a sore on the right side of the back size 4 ft. 11 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of -do-.</td>
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<td>Dhamme Manjhee son of Koddy</td>
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<td>Aged about 37 yrs, Dark complexion, marks of burning 3 in number in the left hand inoculation mark on right hand, several marks of sore on the back, size 5 ft. 6 in. Caste Sontal, Rest. of Lelebona Thana Afnypore, Zill. Beerbhoom.</td>
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12. Ruroo Manjhee son of Ram Roy
   Crime: Illegally & riotously assembling with weapons & plundering the village of Kansa in Z. Beerbhoom.
   Sentence with date: To be imprisoned for 5 years with labor & irons. 17th Novr. 1855.
   Description of their persons & place of residence: Aged about 29 years, Dark complexion, inoculation marks & burning marks 3 in number on left hand & one in the back size 3 ft. 2 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of Zetlabad.

13. Motha Manjhee son of Kade
   Crime: To be imprisoned with labor & iron for 5 (five) yrs. 7th Novr. 1855.
   Description of their persons & place of residence: Aged about 41 yrs. Dark complexion, marks of an ulcer on the left side of the back marks of burning 3 in number in left hand, inoculation mark on right hand size 5 ft. 2 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of Baginga Thana Afzulpore.

14. Bagud Manjhee son of Bunar
   Crime: To be imprisoned with labor & iron for 5 (five) yrs. 7th Novr. 1855.
   Description of their persons & place of residence: Aged about 36 yrs, Color neither dark nor fair, mark of an ulcer & bored ears, inoculation mark on both hand, size 5 ft. 4 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of Gheriaponee Thana Nulholly.

15. Bishoo Manjhee son of Gumbher
   Crime: To be imprisoned with labor & iron for 5 (five) yrs. 7th Novr. 1855.
   Description of their persons & place of residence: Aged about 28 years, dark complexion, flat nose, marks of burning 3 in number in left hand, inoculation mark on right hand, size 5 ft. 2 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of Baginga Thana Afzulpore.

16. Kurm Manjhee son of Chunpui
   Crime: To be imprisoned with labor & iron for 5 (five) yrs. 7th Novr. 1855.
   Description of their persons & place of residence: Aged about 45 yrs, colour neither dark nor fair, inoculation marks 4 in no. in the left hand & one in the right hand size 5 ft. 11 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of Zetlabad.

17. Rai Manjhee son of Chutoona
   Crime: To be imprisoned with labor & iron for 5 (five) yrs. 7th Novr. 1855.
   Description of their persons & place of residence: Aged about 35 yrs, colour neither dark nor fair, mark of an ulcer on the belly, inoculation marks on both hand, size 5 ft. 3 in. Caste Sontal, Rest. of Gheriaponee Thana Nulholly.

18. Dael Manjhee son of Mansing
   Crime: To be imprisoned with labor & iron for 5 (five) yrs. 7th Novr. 1855.
   Description of their persons & place of residence: Aged about 33 years, Dark complexion, bored ears, inoculation mark on both hand, size 5 ft. 3 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of Kota-pobarya Tha. Nutholla, Zl. Beerbhoom.

19. Sooital Manjhee son of Beersing
   Crime: To be imprisoned with labor & iron for 5 (five) yrs. 7th Novr. 1855.
   Description of their persons & place of residence: Aged about 15 yrs, Dark complexion, short nose, bored ears, inoculation marks 5 in no. in left hand, size 4 ft. 10 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of Suburpore Thana Nuilholy, Zh. Beerbhoom.

20. Beersing son of Shom
   Crime: To be imprisoned with labor & iron for 5 (five) yrs. 7th Novr. 1855.
   Description of their persons & place of residence: Aged about 29 years, Dark complexion, bored ears, inoculation marks 4 in no. in the left hand, one in the right hand, size 5 ft. 11 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of Suburpore Thana Nutholla, Zh. Beerbhoom.

21. Quttor Manjhee son of Meghroy
   Crime: To be imprisoned with labor & iron for 5 (five) yrs. 7th Novr. 1855.
   Description of their persons & place of residence: Aged about 33 years, Dark complexion, bored ears, inoculation marks 5 in number left and one in right hand. Size 5 ft. 3 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of Gheriaponee Thana Nutholla, Zh. Beerbhoom.

To Frances Lowth Esqr.,
Session Judge of Beerbhoom.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 185 dated 17th Decr. & beg in reply to submit the report called for therein.

The prisoner Juttoo Rae had been placed on the 29th Novr. last under the charge of Gujoo Sing Burkundaze I had given strict orders to the Daimagh not to send him to labor away from the jail & accordingly on the day in question the prisoner had been employed in carrying the bags of rassuds which were being loaded on some Elephants to be forwarded to Major General Lloyds' Camp. This work necessarily kept the prisoners within the precincts of the Prison. It appears however that in the evening the Burkundaze Gujoo Sing contrary to all orders took the prisoner Guttoo Sing & four others to a neighbouring field for the purpose of allowing them to ease themselves. While there, the prisoner absconded and effected his escape. The Burkundaze must have been aware of the circumstances within a few minutes of its occurrence and had be given notice at once, escape would have been impossible as there was sufficient day light remaining to ensure the recapture of the prisoner before he could have gone beyond the limits of the station.
Instead however of acting up to his duty, the Burkandazes resorted to the expedient of making over his four prisoners to 3 Burkandazes who were returning to the Jail with some other convicts. Gujoo Sing himself, making a pretence of being unwell, went off to his home.

The Burkundazes arrived at the Jail and made over their own prisoners and the four they had received from Gujoo Sing, to the guards who were on duty at the front gate. From the evidence of these Burkundazes it does not appear that the absence of one prisoner was detected by those guards—and in this lies their neglect or if as they assert they did dis-cover the circumstances, their misconduct appears in a worse light from their not reporting the matter at once either to the Jail Darogah or to myself, as I was standing at the time within in a few wards of the Prison Walls.

Nothing appear to have been said about the matter till between 7 & 8 O'clock in the evening. There has been lately a strong ill-feeling between the Darogah & his subordinates in the Jail, arising from the fact of the Darogah having reported since my arrival here, many delinquencies in the conduct of the officials who are under him & I have little doubt in concluding that it was in the hope of bringing their suspicion into some kind of disgrace that they withheld from him the information of the escape of the prisoner till all hopes of his immediate recapture had passed.

Notice of these events was given to me about 12 O'clock neighbourhood in the chance of securing the prisoner before he has got off his fetters. The next morning, notices were sent throughout the District and to the Magistrates of the adjoining Zillahs. I further offered a reward of Rs. 50 for his apprehension and have sent an active and intelligent Burkundaze to the village where the prisoner resided (situated in the Bhagulpore District) & hope that before long his recapture will be effected.

As regards the man through whose gross neglect, amounting almost to connivance, the prisoner succeeded in absconding, I have after a full enquiry into the matter, sentenced the Burkundaze Gujoo Sing to be imprisoned for 3 months and pay a fine of Rs. 5 in lieu of labor.

The other guards named in the margin* who were on duty at the gate I have dismissed from Employ. I hope the punish-ment will be efficacious in suppressing such gross carelessness for the future though I cannot conceal the fact that there is not only a great want of discipline throughout the Jail manage-ment, but also that there exists a strong sympathy between the Jail officials and the prisoners which is altogether to a strict control & restraint there under confinement.

I have &c.
Ziljah Beerbloom, the 19th Decr. 1855.

Offg. Magistrate.

I have &c.
Sd/- Rivers Thompson.

* 1. Gopal Sing ... Jamadar
   2. Soohan Patak ... Gate Dufferdar
   3. Muhaddula ... Burkundaze
   4. Muhaddula ... Do

To W. Grey Esqr.,
Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

Sir,
I have the honor to bring the following circumstances to your notice.

Having been ordered by the Govt. to furnish supplies to the Forces employed against the Soothals, I entered into arrangements as nothing was to be obtained in this district/ to get what I considered the necessary quantities from Cutwa, a large market 44 miles from this.

I am guided in making my purchases, by a letter received by me from Captn. Macpherson, Asst Commissary, who at the request of General Lloyd apprised me that among other supplies 2,100 maunds of atta would be required from the 24th of November to the 24th of Decr. for the Bhagulpore Force alone.

This calculation was made at the rate of 1 seer per day per fighting man & in this I made my calculation for the Beer- bloom Force, which was fully equal in number to that of the Bhagulpore, and for whose want I was certain to have to provide as the Chautals and Zemindars had previously by petitions incessantly pouring in, advised me that they had nothing to do to feed troops, nor could they under existing circumstances procure any.

I therefore commissioned Mr. Hewett the Deputy Magistrate of Cutwa to buy me immediately, as the Bhagherutty was shut, and grain daily rising in price, 5,000 maunds of wheat.

To grind this quantity, I procured from Moonshibdad 100 Chukkees which according to the best information, would turn out fully 100 maunds of Attas per day or something under the demand to be made upon me.

This calculation however was set at nought by the fact after trial that 20 seers was the utmost that could daily be turned out from each chukkee per day.

In this emergency, I was obliged to indent upon the Dy. Magt. of Cutwa for "atta" and he sent me daily as much as he could get prepared.

On or about the 25th Novr. Captn. Macpherson intimated upon me for 700 mds of atta or one third of the whole quantity required. I could not comply with his demand but sent him 625 maunds. On or about the 1st Decr. he indented for 385 maunds more, I was only able to supply 100.

After the date last mentioned Captn. Macpherson, desisted from taking further supplies, and indeed on passing through Sooree, with General Lloyd, returned a considerable quantity into my Godowns. He also informed me that some of the Regiments in the Jungles were well supplied.

I have ground down about 1000 mds. of my wheat but 4,000 mds. remain.

In times like the present, when the Military occupy every nook and corner in this small place, room for storage was most difficult to obtain. The Magistrate however kindly gave me up a Pucca Ward in his Jail, in this I placed the wheat.

Lately having occasion for the Ward the Magistrate requested me to vacate it. On removing the bags of wheat, it was discovered that Weevil had attacked the grain to a considerable extent, measures were immediately taken up by me to try & remedy the evil, & about 1500 mds will I hope be reserved tolerant intact. The remaining 2000 maunds have been thrown down loose on straw & mixed with bunks, which I believe is the only remedy capable of being adopted.

The business is a most unfortunate one, but quite unavoid-able. Wheat I believe is now at famine prices, at Cutwa there is none at Burdwan common country is selling at 3 per maund, & at Moonshibdad, Attas is only 15 seers per Rupee, and much adulterated. I do not in this extremity knows what to do, the markets are empty, the... shut, & until next har-vest, wheat will not be procurable. I doubt the likelihood of the Dy. Commissary General allowing Lt. Agiluie to receive wheat in the state about 2000 maunds are in, & I therefore request the permission of His Honor the Lt. Governor of Bengal to be allowed to listhar the sale of the above quantity and then dispose of the same to the highest bidder ere more damage causes.

I have &c.
Sd/- R. I. Richardson, Collector.

Source.
Sd/- W. I. Richardson.

The 31st December/1855.
(ii) Letters Received : 1855

No. 1615

From
The Secretary to the
Government of Bengal.
To
The Collector of Behbhum.
Dated Fort William, the 14th of July 1855.

Sir,
Judicial—I am instructed to request that, on the receipt of this, you will make immediate enquiries as to the best mode of housing a wing of Native Infantry at Soory, in the event of the Government desiring it consequent on the outbreak of the Santals, to send such a force up there.

I have the honour to be

Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

W. Grey

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 420

To
The Magistrate of Behbhum.

Sir,
In accordance with instructions received from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal I have the honour to forward under care of Contul Roy Chuprasie 2 Elephants for the use of the troops marching against the insurgent Santals, and request the favor of your acknowledging their safe arrival on the 23rd July 1855

Your Most Obedient Servant

T. C. Loch Esqr.

No. 421

From
The Secretary to the Government of Bengal.
To
W. H. Elliott Esquire
Commissioner of Burdwan.
Dated Fort William the 30th July 1855.

Sir,
Judicial—You will have been made aware this communication reaches you that Major General Lloyd has been appointed to take command of the whole of the Troops operating against the Santals.

2. General Lloyd has been directed by the supreme Government to proceed, in the first instance, to Rajmahal.

He has been informed that the President in Council, considering it very desirable that prompt and speedy measures should be taken to put down the insurrection, has resolved upon placing the conduct of the operations entirely in his hand; and he has been requested to take immediate steps for dispersing, and capturing the insurgents and for putting down the rebellion.

3. In communicating these orders to this Government, the President in council has requested that the Lieutenant Governor would instruct the Civil Officers of the several Divisions to communicate with the Major General, and to afford him every information and assistance in carrying into effect the line of operations he may decide upon.

4. In a subsequent communication the President in Council has explained that it was not intended by the above order to General Lloyd, that the Military instructions to Government should act independently of the Civil power against our own subject but simply that the nature of the Military Operations necessary for dispersing and capturing the insurgents, and for putting down the rebellion, should be entirely in the hands of the Military commanders. It is stated also that the Civil Authorities have still power to act with the Civil means at their disposal; and that the only change intended to be made is in transferring the power each Civil officers had over the movements of the Troops to a Military Officer of experience; who, as far as the Military are concerned, is charged with the operations necessary for quelling the insurrection. The President in Council considers, it is added, that the Civil authorities should abstain from ordering out troops except in cases of sudden emergency; but that they should keep the Military Officers, particularly the Officer in command in the district, fully informed on all points connected with the state of the country, and the movements of the rebels, and offer such suggestions as may occur to them connected with the general object in view.

5. Since General Lloyd's appointment it has also seemed desirable to the President in Council to appoint Colonel Bird, with the position of a Brigadier, to the special command of the Troops employed in the Behbhum and Ramoree Districts. This officer is instructed to take immediate measures, in concert with the Civil officers, for dispersing and capturing the insurgents wherever they may be, and for putting down the rebellion. He is informed that Mr. Loch at Moungapore and yourself at Sooree will afford him every information and assistance, and that the only charge intended to be made on the Military at all is to keep the Military Officers, particularly the Officer in command in the district, fully informed on all points connected with the state of the country, and the movements of the rebels, and offer such suggestions as may occur to them connected with the general object in view.

6. The Lieutenant Governor has only to add to the above instructions the expression of his earnest hope that you yourselves, and all the Civil Officers subordinate to you will in every possible way, aid and promote the operations of the Troops. Your attention should more particularly be directed to procuring efficient and trustworthy guides for the troops, and to providing them with carriage and supplies. Orders have some days since, been issued to the Magistrates of all the surrounding districts, urging them to procure as many Elephants as possible, and forward them into Behbhum and Bhaugulpore; and some of these are already been sent direct from Calcutta. Also, as soon as it shall be decided at what places detachments of troops are to be posted, you should see that every exertion is made to afford good shelter both for officers and men; and special care should be taken to provide, as early as possible, charpoys or some elevated platforms for the sepoys to lie upon.

7. You should likewise, if, as may be possible, the medical arrangements are not yet efficiently organized take it upon yourself to see that the officer in Command of every detached body of troops is furnished with a few simple medicines parti-
cularly quinine, with brief instructions as to the quantities to be given.

8. The Lieutenant Governor is desirous to receive reports from you of the progress of affairs as frequently as possible.

9. You will communicate the above orders to the several Officers subordinate to you who are employed in the disturbed districts.

I have &c.
Sd/- W. Grey
Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

[True Copy]
No. 4
At
Sooree 9th August 1855

To
R. J. Richardson Esqr.
Incharge of the district Jail
Beerbhoom

Sir,

I applied for permission to remove any required number of Sontal prisoners or convicts from the Jail, and have, in a letter of the 6th instant No. 1685, received the authority of the Government for the purpose; but, as His Honor the Lieutenant Governor considers it probable that the Sontals will eventually be tried here, it may be better to keep them here, and to clear the Jail of convicts, which I beg you to do; sending to any neighbouring Jail or jails such gang or gangs as you may think proper.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obt. servt.
Eligible

Off. Commissioner

No. 15 Ct.
Camp Sooree 11th August 1855

From
The Offg. Commissioner of the Burdwan Division
To
The Magistrate of Beerbhook

Sir,

With your note of the 9th Instant I received a bill for money due to Mr. Atkinson and a list of the Burkundages whom you have enrolled under Segt. Gillan.

2. The bill I have divided into two portions and given Mr. Atkinson an order on the Collr. for the payment of both. First—The sum of Rs. 228-1-0 paid to 18 Burkundages and discharged after 23 days service, and Rs. 94-8-0 for contingent charges-- Total Rs. 319-9-0

Second. the sum of Rs. 56 advanced to 28 Burkundages and Rs. 94-8-0 for contingent charges-- Total Rs. 319-9-0

I shall also feel obliged by your furnishing me with a copy of it for record in my office.

I have &c.
/sg/ W. W. Elliott
OC

True Copy
/s/ Mage

No. 13

To
The Offg. Commissioner of Burdwan on Special service

Sir,

With reference to paragraphs 4 & 5 of your letter dated 1st August to the address of the Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal, I have the honor to request the favor of your informing me what amount of increased rations you consider it necessary should be issued to the Elephants on duty with the troops in the Field, in order that the requisite directions may be given to the Gomashtas in charge of the animals.

I have the honor to be
Sr
The Magistrate of Bhagulpore
Dated Bhagulpore 16th August 1855
Sir,

The Commissioner of the Nuddea D.

From
To

The Honorable the Lieutenant Governor

Sir, I have the honor to forward to you the enclosed accounts of expenses incurred in strengthening my position at Mullahpore. If approved of will you kindly pass them and give me an order on the Sooree treasury for the amount.

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I. W. Elliott Esqr
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No. 53.

From
To

The Commissioner of the Nuddea D.
The Magistrate of Bhagulpore

Sir, I have the honor to annex extract paras 4 to 7 of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal to my address No. 1868 dated 6th August and to request your particular attention to the observations and instructions contained therein.

2d. You will be good enough to promulgate amongst the Sontal population by every means in your power, copies of the enclosed proclamation, and the name of every one appearing before you to make submission should be entered in a book exhibiting the following particulars.

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No. 53.

From
To

The Commissioner of the Nuddea D.
The Magistrate of Bhagulpore

Sir, I have the honor to forward to you the enclosed accounts of expenses incurred in strengthening my position at Mullahpore. If approved of will you kindly pass them and give me an order on the Sooree treasury for the amount.

I have the honor to be
Sir
I. W. Elliott Esqr
Commissr. of Burdwan
Your most obt. Servant.
Mullahpore

No. 53.
tender their submission—always excepting those, who shall be proved to have been principal instigators and leaders of the insurrection, and those who shall be proved to have been principally concerned in the perpetration of any murder—as soon as complete submission is shewn, all well grounded complaints preferred by the Santhals will be fully enquired into. But on the other hand all insurgents remaining in opposition to Government, after the issue of this proclamation, will be visited with the promptest and severest punishment.

T C Loch Esqr

A C Bidwell

Special Commissioner

Secretary to the Govt of Bengal

Harrington Balfour

A.S. Commissioner

Extract from a letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal No 1808 dated 6th August 1855 to A C Bidwell Esqr

Para 4th A few days since the Government received from the MAJ. of Balagulpore a copy of document which had been forwarded to that officer by the Santhals, A translation of the document is enclosed, and the Lieutenant Governor considers that having regard to the tenor of it, and also to the circumstance that the Santhals would appear more particularly from the accounts received from the Beerbhoom District already in a great measure to have abandoned active opposition to the Troops sent against them, you should take every means of publishing and proclaiming among them, by written notices both in the Hindoo and Bengalee languages, that the Government will freely pardon all who have not been suspended, may find necessary for campmg out the above and Will report

1. I have the honor to annex Copy of the letters noted in the Margin* which have been assured by me and request that you regulate your proceedings as much as practicable in accordance therewith, as regards the District of Beerbhoom and adjoining country—

* May ops of Balagulpore & Moonchhisd B. 53 dt 15th August with enclosures—

I have the honor to be

Your Most obedient Servt

A. C. Bidwell

Spl Commissioner

Para 5th The Lieutenant Governor has observed in several of the reports public and private, that there have come before him since the troops have been in the field, mention of Santhals—villages having been burnt in the course of active measures against the rebels.

6th This may sometimes have happened unavoidably, and sometimes he has no doubt, as in the case of Bugnadhoo, the chief post of the leading Santhals near Burhalt, of the destruction of which he entirely approves, may have been done purposely with a view of striking terror and inflicting a summary and immediate punishment on leading rebels through their property in a particular and important instance likely to make a striking impression on all the subordinate insurgents.

7th But it is necessary to bear in mind that the Laws have not been suspended, and that a responsibility will attach to all acts of wanton and unnecessary severity and even were it otherwise, it can never, the Lieutenant Governor believes, conduce to the early settlement of the present unhappy disturbances to make large bodies of armed men, our subjects, homeless, houseless, desperate. A few severe examples must be necessary and ought assuredly to be made, but you will not, the Lieutenant Governor feels, sure overy your self or allow other to overstep the bounds of that true moderation and humanity which should distinguish all our dealings with our subjects even the most perverse and misguided.

T C Loch

Com. on Spl Deputation

No 64

From

The Spl Commissioner for the suppression of the Santhal Insurrection

To

T C Loch Esqr Commissioner Rangpur

Dated, Balagulpore 17th August 1855

Sir,

I have the honor to annex Copy of the letters noted in the Margin* which have been assured by me and request that you regulate your proceedings as much as practicable in accordance therewith, as regards the District of Beerbhoom and neighbouring country—

I have the honor to be

Your Most obedient Servt

A. C. Bidwell

Spl Commissioner

No 2074

From

The Secretary to the Government of Bengal

To

T C Loch Esqr, On special duty at Sooree

Dated Fort William, 18th August 1855

Sir,

Judicial—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters dated the 15th & 16th Instant and with reference to that of the 15th to inform you that Mr Richardson should continue until he receives orders to the contrary, or until any other system is adopted, to furnish the Troops at Beerbhoom with supplies which he seems to have done hitherto by very efficient and well judged arrangements.

4. You will be so good as to call on the Zemindars to send in such materials you may consider necessary of course paying for the same on delivery, any neglect on their part will be visited with punishment and the severe displeasure of Govt.

5. After you have collected the materials you will be so good as to let the Brigade Major know, when the exact position, size of huts and their arrangement will be decided on.

I have the honor to be

Your Most obedient Servt

T C Loch

Special Comr

P. S. I authorize you to make such disbursements as you may find necessary for camping out the above and will report having done so to the Govt.

T C Loch

Special Comr
From
The Special Commissioner for the
suppression of the Sonthal Insurrection

To
T. C. Loch Esquire
Special Commissioner
Beerbhoom
Dated Berhampore 21st August 1855

Sir,
I have the honor to annex for your information, and
guidance of Collectors on your side copy of a letter No. 86
dated 18th instant, received from Capt. Macpherson Deputy
assistant Commissary General.

I have &c.

/Spd/ A. C. Bidwell
Spl. Commn.

No. 86

To
A. C. Bidwell Esquire
Special Commissioner
Bhagulpore

Sir,
In order that there may be no difficulty in the settlement
of accounts of provisions issued to Troops in the santal dis-
tricts, I have the honor to suggest that Civil Officers who are
put to any expense in the supply of provisions be requested,
if they take Cash for their supplies, to take the full cost
including carriage charges and all contingencies,
in short to charge so as to cover all expenses what-
soever incurred in the transactions or else to take receipts,
indents and no payment from commanding officers for quanti-
ties actually supplied.
The prices which Government paid for provisions issued
from public store are as follows

- Attah @ 1 Rupee for 15 Seers
- Ghee @ 1 Rupee for 2 Seers
- Bilodi @ 1 Rupee for 10 Seers
- Salt @ 1 Rupee for 8 Seers

and bills can always be prepared at these rates against
Commanding Officers for provisions issued to them as per
receipted indent.

Bhagulpore
Comm. Office
18th August 1855.

I have &c.

/Spd/ R.W. Macpherson
W. A. C. G.

No. 87

From
The Special Commissioner for the
suppression of the Sonthal Insurrection

To
T. C. Loch Esquire
Special Commissioner
Dated Berhampore 22nd August 1855

Sir,
I have the honor to annex for your information copy of a
letter No. 81 dated 21st instant, addressed by me to the
Deputy assistant Commissary General regarding the keep of
the Elephants lent to the Government for the operations
against the Sonthals.

I have &c.

/Spd/ A. C. Bidwell
Spl. Commn.

No. 81

From
The Special Commissioner for the
suppression of the Sonthal Insurrection.

To
Captain R. W. Macpherson
W. A. Comg. General
Dated, Berhampore 21st Augt. 1855

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
No. 85 dated 18 Instant, soliciting instructions as to how
Elephants lent by private individuals for the use of the
Troops in the operations against the Sonthals are to be paid.

2d. The greater part of the owners of the Elephants will
certainly receive no hire. They prefer to lend them to the
Government, only desiring that they should be well fed and
taken care of during the period of their employment by
Government.

3d. For Elephants in this category there should be one rate of allowance per Elephant for mahouts wages and
food and finding that you agree with me, I would fix this
rate at 30 rupees per mensum for Elephants above 7 feet in
height, and Rs. 24 for those under that standard.

Note—You will of course make a special case of any very large
animal requiring more.

4th The Elephants are I believe made over to the
different detachments posted over the Country and the sim-
plest plan perhaps in case where the Elephants are at a post
where no Commissariat Officer is stationed, would be for you
to supply the officer Commanding the post with cash, in
advance equal to the wants of the Elephants of his detach-
ment at the above rate with a particular request that he
will pay the Mahouts wages and disburse the rest in food
for and the Elephants seeing personally that the animal
really gets his full daily rations so as to keep him in the
best condition.

5th This arrangement will commence as suggested by you
from the 16th Instant and the Civil authorities will pay and
submit to me and to Mr. Brown respectively for audit the
Charges at the above rate or the actual cost, up to the 15th
of this month.

No. 81 (2)

6th If any owner of an Elephant should desire compen-
sation for the use of it, in addition to the above the Magis-
trate of the District in which he resides will be requested to
send in to me a Bill for the same.

7th The Nawab Nazim of Moorshidabad desires to hear
the prices which Government has paid for the Elephants, which he has furnished
on this occasion—and his Highness has hitherto supplied funds through his own servants for the purpose. As however
he finds it difficult to remit funds he would be obliged by
your treating his Elephants in the manner now proposed, and
for Elephants not the property of Government only sending the bill for the expense of their allowance to Col. Macgregor
the Governor-General's agent for liquidation instead of to
Government.

8th It is the Agent's wish that these Elephants should
be paid to the owners the expense of the Elephants in his charge, whether lent by Zemindars of
the Bhagulpore or neighbouring Districts, and would pro-
vide for the liquidation of all charges on account of such of
them as have been employed in Bhagulpore itself upto the
15th Instant and I will do the same for the Elephants
received from the Districts of Moorshedabad and these adjoining
and employed on this side of the Damur.

I have &c.

/Spd/ A. C. Bidwell
Spl. Commn.

No. 81

True Copy

/Spd/ A. C. Bidwell
Spl. Commn.

No. 86

/Spd/ A. C. Bidwell
Spl. Commn.

M. Richardson
Offg. Commg.
Sir,
I have directed the Magistrate of Burdwan and Joint Magistrate of Bankoora to remit to you the salaries of the six sowers named in the margin who are stationed at Sooree; and beg that you will see to its payment to them after deducting an advance of 16 Rupees each made by me to the 4 first sowers, and crediting the same to me in part Repayment of the advance of 250 Rupees I obtained from you debitable to the Sontal Insurrection.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
J. M. Elliott
Offg. Commr. ...........

No. 103.

Commr's Office Burdwan Division
Burdwan, The 28th August 1855

To
The Offig. Collector of Beeliboom.

Sir,
I have got any thing like the requisite quantity in your own District. To get it elsewhere was a matter of necessity, as was the advance of Money for its purchase. Other supplies you might have obtained, thought with great difficulty, by Collections from various parts; but, with a kind fore-thought for the inhabitants of Sooree, and for the swarms of poor who have sought refuge there, you preferred a plan which removed all pretext, can bear you a witness that its Commanding Officer admitted their utter inability to provide supplies. If I be not mistaken, they managed to raise 90 Rupees amongst them and he offered an advance of 56/- Total 140 Rupees; or about 2 days supply of provision to be brought from a distance of 4 days journey.

4. You have been purchasing largely in the Cutwa market, where supplies can be had in any quantity at reasonable prices, and retailing these supplies to the Troops at the Sooree rates. You will doubtless at the end of each month find that, what with cost of carriage and loss by injury from Rain &c., your receipts have fallen somewhat short of your expenditure; and I think you should, as soon as possible after the close of each month, send me an exact Debt and Credit Account, the result of which I will submit to Government; and I doubt not that the arrangements you have made will meet the approval. I believe they deserve, and that the Lieutenant Governor will authorize you to write off the losses incurred.

5. A copy of your letter and of the reply will be submitted for His Honor's consideration and orders.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J. M. Elliott.

Offg. Commr. of Revenue & Circuit

Rampoor Hath
August 29th 1855

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 27th Inst. and beg to suggest that as there is a date laid by the E. I. Railway Co., which leaves here every morning, the date you propose laying between this place and Sooree should be so arranged as to leave here every evening.

R. Richardson Esqr.
Officating Collector acting under orders of Special Commissioner
Sooree

Comdg. Detacht. 56th Regt. N.S.

No. 102.

Commr's Office Burdwan Dr.
Burdwan The 23rd August 1855

To
The Offg. Collector of Beeliboom.

Sir,
I have directed the Magistrate of Burdwan and Joint Magistrate of Bankoora to remit to you the salaries of the six sowers named in the margin who are stationed

1. Chel Alee Khan
2. Mee Mazfer Khan
3. Emamjuma Khan
4. Asuk Meer Khan
5. Mee Ahur Alee
6. Sheekh Toofanbal Hosen

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Commr's Office Burdwan Division
Burdwan, The 28th August 1855

To
The Officating Collector of Beeliboom.

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 130 of the 3rd inst. to the address of Mr. Elliott who forwarded it to me.

If you have enough copies of the proclamation you had better distribute them to posted in as many village as possible or otherwise made public in any manner you may think best. I have not the means of getting a sufficient Nos. of copies made here—but have such translations to be lithographed as desired by Government.

I hope they will be up in a day or two. I shall then send you a number of copies.

Should any Santhals come in to you—I would solicit the favour of it registering their names and acting as per instructions which accompany. The forms of modulizes and certificiates will also be lithographed and copies supplied with the least practicable delay.

You would also oblige me by preparing the register required. I hope to relieve you of this duty as soon as I can make some satisfactory arrangement for putting the troops here and on the Grand Trunk Road—after which I shall proceed to Sooree.—Should I however be delayed and detained here longer than I expect—I will apply for distinct orders from Govt. but for the present I hope the present arrangement may hold—but you will no doubt let me know should you experience any difficulty or should your duties prevent your giving the subjects sufficient time or attention.

With regard to the Santhals you report as collected at Rajbund Pollassee you will observe that oppressive measures are not to be suspended against armed bodies and orders were yesterday issued to Major Nembhard to obtain if possible ample information and should this turn out to be an armed body to attack and disperse them. Major Nembhard has also authority to use without further orders the troops at his command agst. any armed assemblage and I hope he will not hesitate to act promptly agst. any such bodies.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant,
J. R. Wones
On spl. duty.
Camp Dougbur, 21st August 1855

To

The Magistrate of Monghyr.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you of my arrival here this morning in command of a detachment strength as per margin—

2. I beg to annex an extract from Circular No. 299 dated Hd.Quearters Dinapore 28th, on board the H.C.S.V. Jumna 7th August 1855 regarding shelter being provided for the men and as the length of time the Detachment may be kept here is very uncertain I would feel obliged by your issuing the necessary orders regarding it. There are at present six men suffering from fever, and dysentery, and I much fear, if they are kept in Tents for any length of time, the numbers will greatly increase.

3. The Comr. of Bhangulpore kindly lent me five Elephants to bring on my ammunition and Tents but I am obliged to send them back to him again as he has to send them to some other quarter—in the event of my having to move from this I will find the greatest difficulty in doing so without them I would therefore be much obliged if you could procure some 3 or 4 for me—I was directed to report my arrival here to you soon that account I ask you to assist me, if possible with Elephants—

*END. N (Lt)

INFANTRY


HILL RANGERS


I have &c.

W. H. B. Gordon Lt.

Comdg. Detachment.

Extract from Cir: No 299, dated Head Qrs. Dinapore Division on Board the H.C.S.V. Jumna 7th August 1855—

Para 5. Proper shelter on any thing else actually requisite for the protection of the men from the inclemency of the season and conducive to their health and efficiency will be provided (under the authority of Govt) on application to the nearest Civil Authorities—

Dougbur 21st Augt. 1855

H. Andrew Bechon Capt.

Offg. A. A. Genl. Dinapore

(true copy)

W. V. Tucker

Comdg. detachment at Dougbur

Magistrate.

To

The Collector of Sooree.

Raezanggan the 9th Sepr. 1855.

Sir,

I have to thank you for your deel official reports of 6th and 7th Instants which reached me this morning—

2nd. There can be no doubt that the Dooknals Santhals are determined to hold out—and all we can do is to prevent their escaping—for I hope that unless the proclamation has a very different effect to what I anticipate-Govt. will direct a sweep through the jungles in the cold weather—

3rd. As regards the assemblage at Rajbdon Polassee I am inclined to think the Santhals there are not now, whatever they may have been before, peaceably disposed, I would therefore ask you to communicate with Major Nembhard who has the Brigadier's authority to march against any armed body of Santhals and if these Santhals are still at Rajbdon Polassee and it be not very clearly established either by a demonstration from themselves or on other good information that their object is submission, a Detachment should in my opinion be marched against them—There may be good reason for not risking the health of the troops—such as the nature of the country, the shelter to be found, supplies to be procured, distance to be traversed and the like of which the military officer is to judge but this is the theory which I would if possible put into practice—It is however difficult from here to say how it should be acted on, and you will no doubt be guided by the information you receive for you can judge of the reliance to be placed theron better than I can but I would on no account harrass the troops unless satisfied of the emergency of the case.

4. The Bunkandumys may be sufficient at Mohamed Bazar—but if the place is not unhealthy—Brigadier Bird agrees with me in thinking a Company of sepoys should hold the village—if an attack is intended. The Brigadier intends I believe to write to Major Nembhard on this subject.

5th. Would you oblige me by letting me know whether Harush Manjie of Seetasal who I believe surrendered to Mr. Loch or to you—has returned to Sooree. I hear he was sent out to bring in other head men—but was attacked by the rebels, his village destroyed, and property plundered, himself narrowly escaping—because he had set such a bad example.

7th. The lithographed translations of the proclamation have not yet been received.

I have the honor to be,

Your Most obedt. servant

J. R. Ward

Commissioner on special duty

No. 2333

From

The Secretary to the

Government of Bengal.

To

R. J. Richardson Esqr.

Collector of Beerboon.

Dated Fort William, the 10th September 1855

Judical

Sir—Judical—I am directed by the Lieutenant Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your summary of the reports received by you on the 6th Instant, respecting the movements of the Santhals in the vicinity of this place, you will be good enough to give me immediate information to enable me to carry out Brigadier Bird's instructions—

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedt. servant,

W. Grey.

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 155.

Camp Scory 12th Sept./58.

I have the honor to forward you letter No. 80, received yesterday from Captain B. Parrott Major of Brigade, and with reference to the same I beg you will inform me whether from the information you have received you consider it absolutely necessary that a Detachment should be sent to reinfore the party of Irregulars now at Mohamed Bazar.—

I have further to request that in case of your having any reliable information of there being a gathering of armed Santhals in the vicinity of this place, you will be good enough to give me immediate informations to enable me to carry out Brigadier Bird's instructions—

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedt. servt.

To

R. Richardson Esqr.

Collector Scory

Geo Burney Lt. Colonel

Commanding 86th Regiment N
Sir,

In consequence of a Communication received yesterday from R. Richardson Esqr. at Sooree reporting the assemblage of Southals in the neighbourhood of Mohamed Bazar and apprehending an attack in that quarter, I am desired by the Brigadier Commanding, to call your particular attention to the circumstances and to request— you will not fail to employ the Troops at your disposal should you consider the men under Sergeant Gillon insufficient for the protection of the above named Bazar—

2. I am further directed to add, that in the event of your obtaining reliable informations of the assemblage of armed Southals, alarming the inhabitants, and plundering Villages in the neighbourhood of Sooree, you will attack and disperse any such bands within reach, instructing the officer in Command to lose no time in returning to Cantonments when the necessity which caused the movement ceases to exist.

I have the honor to be,

Major Nembhard
Commanding at Soori

/J. W. Delamain Lt. Station Staff./

No. 129.

Camp Sooree—12th September, 1855

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt this day of your letter No. 224 of yesterday— with its enclosure from Sergt. Gillon and to inform you in reply—that acting on the verbal communication made by you to me yesterday morning on the subject of your letter under acknowledgement—I dispatched a native Doctor with Medicines yesterday got to Mohamed Bazar.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servt.

To

R. E. Richardson Esqr.
Collector of Beerbhoom.

No. 2423

From

Mr. Richardson for his information and submission— You are requested to point this out to Mr. Richardson.

R. E. Richardson Esqr.
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Dated Fort William, 17th Sept. 1855.

Sir,

Judicial—With reference to your diary of the 14th Instant, the Lieutenant Governor directs me to point out to you that in making requisitions to the Military to act offensively against the Southals—you are going beyond the strict line of your duty, and as it is possible that your requisitions might at some time or other interfere with the places of Brigadier Commanding, to call your attention to the circumstances and to request— you will not fail to employ the Troops at your disposal should you consider the men under Sergeant Gillon insufficient for the protection of the above named Bazar—

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Your most obedient servt.

To

W. Grey.

Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Dated Fort William the 21st September 1855.

Sir,

Judicial—With reference to the Extract from Mr. Richardson’s Diary of the 18th Instant copied on the margin. I am directed to observe that, if the Manjies referred to by him are Leaders, which the Lieutenant Governor is inclined to believe is the case, they are not included in the proclamation and ought not therefore to be allowed to escape all punishment by submission— You are requested to point this out to Mr. Richardson.

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I have &c.

/Sd/ W. Grey

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

Copy forwarded to Mr. Richardson for his information and guidance.

Camp Sooree, 24th September 1855

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Your most obedient servt.

To

R. R. Ward

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Dated Fort William, 17th Sept. 1855.
Sir,

To the Treasury for 3 sums of 1000/500/ and 250 Rs

Total seventeen hundred and fifty

To certify me accounted for by him current expenses of his Regiment, for which he is accountable Erskine Esqr at Jalna and gave him an order upon the Military Department mandating the 56 N I to advance required by him for the current expenses of his Regiment, for which he is accountable.

You for the amount Colonel Burney informs me he has paid Santal Insurrection—The rest was advanced and you will intervene of Burdwan and the Joint Magistrate of Bankoorah to that sum into your hands to my credit of which I beg you to certify me.

The second was for the Magistrate and will be accounted for by him.

The third was for myself, of that sum 68 Rupees only were expended—and I beg you now to credit it to me as per accompanying Bill duly audited, and chargeable to the Santal Insurrection—The rest was advanced and you will recover 40 Rupees thereof by a deduction from the salaries of 4 Road Police sowars—which I have requested the Magistrate of Burdwan and the Joint Magistrate of Bankoorah to remit to you the Balance Rupees 142 I have recovered, and beg to enclose a draft on your Treasury for the amount, requesting you to favor me at your convenience with a receipt for Cos Rupees 250/- in realization of the advance made by me.

I beg also to be favoured with a receipt for 500/- when you shall have received the money from the Magistrate or with a certificate of its repayment by him.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your most obedient servant W W Scott Offg Commissioner

No 2635

From The Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal

To R I Richardson Esqr Collector of Beerbhoom

Dated Fort William, the 28th Sept 1855

Sir, Judicial—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Diary dated the 26th Instant, and in reply to state that the Lieutenant Governor approves of your having indentured for muskets but he desires me to say that all indents on the arsenal should be sent through the Government. His Honor approves also of your endeavoring to raise the irregulars under Sergeant Gillies to 160 strong as well as of your proposal for securing the services of three or four hundred more men by the 1st of November you are desired to report further upon the progress which you make in doing this and to state whether more European Sergeants will be required to command the men, and you will keep the Government punctually informed of the number of additional men that you entertain and at what cost. The number at present entertained under Sergeant Gillies is understood to be as noted in the margin.

In reference to the accounts received by you of the dunga at Guppalbani, the Lieutenant Governor requests that you will submit a detailed and separate report regarding them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your most obedient servant, A W Russell

Under Secy to the Govt of Bengal

No 14

Camp Soory 29th Sept /55

Sir, I am in receipt of your letter No 282 of this day's date, giving cover to a demission official from Mr Warde special Commissioner dated 27th Instant,—

In reply I must say with reference to the conclusion of your letter that I shall defer making any arrangement for sending out a strong force to Gurjore until I learn from you whether the place exists only in name or needs protection—

The military opinion of Mr Warde that Sooree is perfectly safe with 260 men and the guns (which will require infantry for its protection) involves no responsibility, and would be of no advantage to me in case of failure—

You may rest assured I will in the exercise of my discretion afford you every practicable assistance to ensure the object of your wishes.

When the detachment under command of Captain Haliday consisting of about 160 bugamets shall arrive, I'll be able to give you a strong force for Gurjore if absolutely necessary—

I beg to return Spl Comr Waarde's letter as requested I have the honor to be Sir Your most obedient servt Geo Burney Lt Colonel

In tempy Comd of Banskund and Beerbhoom districts

To R Richardson Esqr Collector of Soore

No 2667

From The Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal

To R I Richardson Esqr Collector of Beerbhoom

Dated Fort William, the 2nd October 1855

Sir, Judicial—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Diary of the 28th ultimo and with reference to the information therein contained of the public spirit evinced by Bahoo Hepachur Charlebury in mixing a force at his own expense from among his dependants to aid the Military in the suppression of the Santal Insurrection to inform you that the Lieutenant Governor would be glad to hear more of the circumstances.

I have the honor to be,

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Under Secy to the Govt of Bengal

No 134

Commer's Office Burdwan Dn

Burdwan the 27th September 1855

To The Offg Collector of Beerbhoom

Sr,

During my recent deputation to Beerbhoom, I drew upon your Treasury for 3 sums of 1000/500/ and 250 Rs. Total seventeen hundred and fifty

A copy of these orders will be forwarded to Messrs Bidwell and Ward, to the latter of whom you should report your proceedings in connection with the selection of the men you have been authorized hereon to procure.

I have the honor to be

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Under Secy to the Govt of Bengal

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Under Secy to the Govt of Bengal
No. 267
From The Under Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.
To J. R. Ward Esqr.
On special duty Raneegunge.
D/ Fort William the 3rd October 1855.
Sir,
Judicial—I am directed by the Lieutenant Governor to forward to you the accompanying Extract from the Diary of Mr. R. I. Richardson Collector of Beerbhoom, dated the 1st Instant and to request that you will either convey to the Officer the authority of Government, or act on it yourself, as you may deem most advantageous for collecting as many “Bilars” as may be necessary, reporting hereafter the number that may be entertained and the pay proposed to be given to them.—
I have &c. 
Sd/ A. W. Russell
Under Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal

No. 2678.
Copy forwarded for the information of Mr. R. I. Richardson Collector of Beerbhoom with reference to his Diary of the 1st Instant.
G. G. Morris.
Under Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

From The Secretary to the Government of Bengal.
To R. I. Richardson Esqr.
Collector of Beerbhoom
Dated Fort William, the 3rd October 1855
Sir,
Judicial—With reference to the letter from this office No. 2653 of the 28th ultimo, I am directed to request that before taking steps to engage the additional Pergundares therein referred to, you will communicate with Mr. Ward who, after consulting with Brigadier Bird, has expressed doubts of their being required.

2. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mr. Ward.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
W. Grey
Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 44.
From The Special Commissioner for the Suppression of the Social Insurrection.
To The Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal
Fort William
Dated Bhaugulpore, 26 Sept. 1855.
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2509 dated 21st Instant forwarding copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Ward on the subject of submission made by certain Manjees of Sonthals.

2. His Honor remarks that if the Manjees referred to are leaders, which the Lieutt. Governor is inclined to believe is the case, they are not included in the proclamation; and ought therefore not to be allowed to escape all punishment by submission. This remark being forwarded for my information, I am induced to address you in order to explain, that the more fact that the Sonthal having the affix Manjee to his name must not be taken in all cases denoting him to be the Manjee or head man of a village, much less as constituting him a leader in the insurrection.

3. Properly speaking the Manjee is the headman of the Sonthal village, and is certainly a leader of the people but there are many besides who bear the name of Manjee, without any office just as the affix Mundul is common in parts of Bengal, and by no means designates the bearer thereof to be the Mundul of a village.

4. And even if the Sonthal be the Manjee of a village, though he is certainly as a man of influence more to blame if he joined the insurrection, than the common herd of Sonthals; yet when such a man comes to make submission, if there is nothing forthcoming to prove either active participation in the insurrection, or concern in a case of murder, against him, it would be difficult to refuse to him, conditionally at least, the protection of the proclamation. Moreover the village Manjies holding back, which they would do if they found any of their number seized and punished without specific grounds, on coming in to make submission, would have the effect of deterring any of the common herd of Sonthals from giving themselves up and making submission.

5. I should therefore, unless otherwise instructed, be disposed to receive the submission of Manjees (even actual and not nominal Manjees) who come in to make submission, instructing them that their protection is conditional upon no proof of active participation in the rebellion being adduced against them. Such participation might from their position be held to constitute leadership. The higher class or Pergunnait who are placed above 30 or 40 Manjees stand alone. There are no Pergunnaites by name only. But the submission of even a Pergunnait should I think be received, and protection conditionally granted for there are many Pergunnaites who have never joined in the insurrection—and there is nothing to prevent subsequent charges being preferred against such as may be formed to be implicated either as leaders or murderers.

I have &c.
Sd/ A. C. Bidwell
Spc/ Commissioner No. 2701.

Copy forwarded for the information of Mr. R. I. Richardson Collector of Beerbhoom. By Order of the Lieutt. Governor of Bengal.
Fort William A. W. Russell
The 3rd Octr. 1855 Under Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.