

done

33.1

Government to Board of Revenue on T. Munro Transfer to Ceded Dist

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

I am directed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor in council to inform you that a treaty of general defensive alliance has recently been concluded between the Hon'ble Company and His Highness the Nizam, by which His Highness has ceded in perpetuity to the Company the whole of his territorial possessions situated south of the river Tumbudra, and of the river Kistna after their junction.

and

2. For the administration of the civil government/of the revenues of these extensive territories, the Governor in council has selected Major (p 9481) Thomas Munro, and has appointed him to be principal collector with four subordinate collectors under his immediate controul and authority. Until the Company's authority shall however have been completely established in the ceded countries he will continue to be immediately subject to the orders of the Governor in council.

3. It has not been without much reluctance that the Governor in council has withdrawn Major Munro from the final settlement of Canara according to the principles stated in his lordship's order of the 20th September. But his lordship has no doubt that the complete establishment of the Company's authority in that province with the valuable materials which have been collected and transmitted to the presidency by Major Munro, will enable his successors to assume the administration of affairs without any deviation from the principles already authorised and introduced.

4. The Governor in Council has (p 9482) judged it expedient to appoint two collectors to the districts lately under the management of Major Munro: Mr J.G. Ravenshaw to be collector of the southern Division, and Mr Alexander Read to be collector of the northern Division and Secnda. His lordship in council therefore directs you to state your opinion on the most eligible partition of the provinces and to transmit the fullest instructions to the new collectors for completing the enquiries of Major Munro, and for carrying into execution the orders contained in his lordship's instructions of the 20th September last.

5. The Right Hon'ble the Governor in council has been pleased to appoint Messrs Alexander Stedart, James Cochrane, William Thackeray, and H.S. Grame, to be subordinate collectors under Major Munro, and has ordered those gentlemen to join the principal collector without delay.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen

Fort St George  
1st November 1800.

Your most obedient humble servant  
J. Webbe, chief secretary to Government.

IGR: P/286/46 ( 6.11 to 1.12.1800, pp 9462-10066):Pre 6.11.1800 Board's minute on the above is on pp 9483-4; its letter of instructions dated 13.11.1800 to Read and Ravenshaw on pp 9647-8 and 9648-50 and a letter to Munro obliquely referring to his transfer on pp 9462-3(dated 6.11.1800). In its minute the Board decide to leave the space about Canara's split into two divisions blank to be decided and filled in by Major Munro, he being more knowledgeable on the subject.



33.2

Board of Revenue Minute on Ceded Districts : 2.7.1801  
(Extract)

The Board observe from Major Munro's statement of the circar and Enam lands and the proportions which the Enams bear to the Circar lands that the total government lands are exhibited at SPs 9,30,687 and the valuation of Enams at SPs 5,04,297 being above 54 per cent of the circar land rents, but from what Major Munro observes this (p 7498) is the apparent and not their real value. For even after every proportionate deduction on account of the reputed customs of giving Enams by a measure one fourth or fifth smaller than that used in other lands, and a considerable part of them lying waste, he imagines it to be much greater than ~~that~~ what the Enamdars actually receive. Notwithstanding he has for the reasons above mentioned made an abatement of one fourth of the average rent of the sirkar lands of the villages on the Enams enjoyed therein by the Potails and Curnums, and of those who keep tanks in repair, because their Enams are for the most part cultivated; but that for all other Enams he has taken only one half of the average village land rent on account of the great proportion of waste land.

Major Munro has exemplified, also, this observation by what is stated in the 3rd para of his address, whereof the Enams amounting to SPs 1,86,480 he thinks it likely that a very small portion of them is cultivated and that were (p 7499) one half of them to be resumed upon the principle of their assumption by Hyder and the restoration of them not having been authorised he is of opinion not one fifth of their estimated rent would be added to the revenue, and for the reasons assigned in his 5th paragraph he recommends the resumption may be postponed.

Since the extent of the alienated lands is so indefinite (in the districts of Coety, Chemumpelly, and Wajurkarroor, at the collector's reduced valuation, they exceed the rents of those of the sirkar no less on the average than 36 per cent) and as an accurate knowledge thereof cannot be attained by any superficial enquiry, agreed to recommend to Government that the collector be authorised to commence a survey of the districts, as the only means of developing their resources, and recovering the dues of Government without injury to the just rights of individuals. The Board do not mean to suggest a minute survey, for that would occupy (p 7500) much time, and involve a heavy expence; but they think that a survey upon the same principle as undertaken by Major Macleod of the districts south of the Cauvery would answer the intended purpose.

In the progress of this survey the collector will ascertain the just proportion of tank Enams; where such rights are proved to be possessed the extent of the Dewaustan Enams necessary also for the great pagodas, in order that they may be secured by a sunnud for their support on the same principle as recommended and adopted in Dindigul and Salem; and he will also apportion the Coliga Manniums as a more desirable mode of remuneration than a money payment.

IOR: P3 286/63: Madras Board of Revenue Proceedings (2-16.7.1801, pp 7361-7988): Pro 2.7.1801: pp 7496-500; letter to Government on pp 7550-6. Munro's letters to Board dated 22.6. & 23.6 are on pp 7480-6 and 7486-94. A chart is on pp 7495. The volume also has Munro's letter on Canara Talook survey dated 1.7.1801 on 7940-56, and Correspondence on it with S. Canara collector on 7956-73.



33.3

T. Munro, Collector Ceded Districts to Government: 7.7.1801  
 To George Bushan Esq, Acting Chief Secretary to Government  
 Sir

I enclose for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor in council a copy of a letter from the Right Hon'ble

On my arrival in the Ceded Districts I followed the custom usual under all governments in India of resuming all Enams for a time in order to examine the titles by which they were held. While the (p 9936) revenue had been rapidly declining during the ~~last~~/ten years Enams had been increased to a great extent /last by numerous grants without the knowledge of Government. As the country had been transferred upon the valuation of the Schedule of 1792 it appeared to me that there could not be a fairer principle ~~as~~ assumed for regulating the Enams than that of the standard of that period. I therefore directed that all of a subsequent ~~period~~ date should be reannexed to the sirkar lands. The district of Adoni forming no part of the cession (?) of 1792 I did not limit the Enams there to any particular year but allowed all those to be given up which had been authorized by the Nizam, or by Bussoulet Jung and his descendants. It did not occur to me that His Highness might have granted new Enams in the Ceded Districts, and as no claim ~~is~~ was made to those about which the minister has complained to the Resident they were in the jummabundy.

The sunnuds are all subsequent to 1792 and state that the Enams are continued according to the sunnuds of former sovereigns. They however never had any existence until they were created by the Nizams' sunnuds and as the Bramin to whom they were granted is the (p 9936) Goeroo or spiritual director of Rajah Rajinder Row it is probable that the Rajah availed himself of a misrepresentation in order to obtain them.

They consist of twelve villages which pay a rent of GPs 2,500 and will probably pay a thousand more in three or four years. One of these villages yielding GPs 276 is in Adoni, and the rest in Guddapah.

It is not unlikely that a similar complaint may be preferred by the Gasi of Gumbus who has the Nizam's sunnud for an annual allowance of GPs 1,200. Hyder gave him only one hundred and as was a very sufficient judge of such matters I have followed his example.

There seems to be no more reason for admitting Enams subsequent to 1792 than Jagheers for they are both equally charges upon the country though under a different name. I have however ~~of~~ deferred giving a final answer to the Bramin's claim until I receive the orders of his lordship in council.

I am Sir, your obedient servant  
 Anantpeer 7th July 1801 Thomas Munro, collector. (p 9939)

From Resident to the Nizam to T. Munro, Collector: 23.5.1801  
 To Major Thomas Munro, Superintendent of the Ceded Districts  
 Sir

A Bramin describing himself as holding some charity land in the Ceded countries under a grant from His Highness the Nizam, has arrived here, and represented to His Highness's ministers, that he has been dispossessed since the cession of those territories, which similar grants from His Highness's father, the great Asof Jah have been (as this Bramin pretends) respected in every instance, so as to secure possession to the holders. At the express instance of Auzimul Omrah and in token of the

IOB:P/286/66: Pro 27.8.1801 The above are enclosures to a letter dated ~~in~~ 15.8.1801 ~~is~~ from Government to Board of Revenue. Government letter is on p 9933-6; Board's Minute on p 9941-2.



high respect I bear His Highness the Nizam, I have consented without hesitation, to address you on the foregoing subject assuring the minister at the same time that the Bramin's representations would in all probability, prove on enquiry either absolutely unfounded or grossly misstated.

This letter will be delivered to you by the plaintiff himself the particular of whose case, I will thank you to make me acquainted with for the satisfaction of His Highness's ministers.

(p 9940)

I have the honour to be, Sir  
Your most obedient humble servant

Hyderabad  
May 23, 1801

J.A. Kirkpatrick,  
Resident.

Government Letter to Board of Revenue: 15.8.1801

(Extract)

5. We enclose an original letter from Major Munro on the subject of Rnaums, on which we desire you will issue the instructions that may be necessary.



33.4

T. Munro on Ceded Districts Disbursements to Board of Revenue: 29.6.1802  
(Extract)

(p 6949) ... In the pension list some new pensions were inserted and some old ones strick off. In both cases for the reasons mentioned in my letter on this subject of the 31 July 1801 I have paid little attention to sunuds but been guided by the proof of their having been paid or not during the government of Tippee Sultaun. The (p 6950) amount of pensions is increased by the addition of allowances to various Pelligars recommended in my letter of the 12th March 1802 making a sum of SP 18,049-19-40 of which there has been already authorized

|                   |
|-------------------|
| 13,274-8-32       |
| <u>4,775-11-8</u> |

Remains to be authorized

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| The total pensions in 1211 was | 4,534-25-64        |
| Estimate of 1212               | <u>21,032-3-17</u> |
| Increase SPags                 | 16,497-19-33       |

|                            |              |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| But oppose to this sum the |              |              |
| Pelligars pensions         | 18,059-19-40 |              |
| Reducing Kapital and Ket-  |              |              |
| condah included last year  | 900-00-00    | 17,159-19-40 |

And there remains a difference of SPags 602-0-7 so that there is a reduction of the ordinary pensions equal to SPags 662-0-7. Besides the regular pensions russions amounting to about SP 1,000 are paid by the 2 Sarifmuns (?). They are sanctioned by ancient usage, but were (p 6951) never I believe publicly authorised under the Mysore Government. I shall at a future date occasion submit a statement of them to the Board.

16. The Pagoda and Mosque allowances exceed those of last year by a sum of SPags 2,077-8-78. The detail of this increase is as follows.

In the resumed seminaries of Nassun, Chidaleer and Chetweyl but not included last year because the amount was not ascertained and till after the transmission of the estimates SP 1,239-32-58.

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Ceremony for rain which is either disbursed or not according to the nature of the season | 500-0-0          |
| Additional allowance to various pagodas  | <u>317-21-26</u> |
|  | 2,077-8-78       |

The allowances to pagodas are very inadequate to the support of their usual establishments. But I wish to keep them low until the value of the lands allotted to them is determined by the survey.

(p 6955) Charges for 1211 and Estimated Charges for 1212:

|                            | F 1211         | F 1212           |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Division and District Este | 88,683-10-16   | 95,302-40-76     |
| Others                     | 1,49,775-38-44 | 1,75,347-34-11 ) |

IOR: F/267/8 Madras Board of Revenue Proceedings 15.7.1802 (pp 6849-7585). The complete letter is pp 6937-54, charts 6955-60. Another report from Munro on the Ceded Districts Pelligars is on pp 7308-7501. The Memo on the 80 Poligars is on pp 7352-7463. The letter is dated 20.3.1802.



33.5

From T. Munre, Collector Ceded Districts: 11.7.1806

5. The only actual increase in the pension list is a sum of star Pagodas 2. 44. 44 monthly to Cobind Bhut, who having returned to Roychetti after an absence of several years and proved his having received the pension under the Mysore Government is entered on the list. The increase of star Pagodas 303. 15 to the Polligar of Chitweyl is merely the addition which it is thought may accrue to him from (p 4192) the probable augmentation of the revenue of that district on which he is entitled to receive 10%.

6. The Pagodas and Mosque allowances are estimated at star Pagodas 14, 429. 18. 72 which is higher than last year by BP 1219. 3. 60. This sum is the rent of lands in several districts ordered to be resumed by Tippee Sultaun but privately continued rent free to the different Snaadars by the village servants and now brought forward by the survey. It forms no new charge upon the revenue, because the produce has always been enjoyed by the Bramins &c to whom it was originally allotted. It can not be stopped without reducing considerably the religious establishments of the country which are greatly below what they ought to be.

7. The estimate of tank repairs is Pagodas 68,075. 9. 5 lower and that of tuchavi BP 5,900 higher than last year and the causes of these differences have been explained in my letter of the 18th May and 24th June.

IOR: P/288/41: P 4187-94 (photoed 4231-45, p4252: Ordered to be sent in circulation. )

Minute Board of Revenue:

(p 4444) The foregoing Moyon Zabithah contains a list of pensioners in which the Board observe the name of Hyder Yar Khan. They accordingly conclude that the death of this person which is understood to have taken place has been concealed from the principal collector's knowledge and it is agreed to recommend to Mr Raven shaw a regular examination of the persons receiving pensions from Government, (P/288/41, photoed 4442-3)



33.6

Collector Ceded Districts to Board of Revenue: 11.7. 1806

( Thomas Munro's report of 11 July 1806 is from pp 4187 to 4251. Pages 4187-94 comprise Munro's textual report, pp 4195-4230 of detailed establishment statements, pp 4231-44 is a list of 300 persons receiving what are called 'pensions' in Fusly 1215 and 1216 (the whole of this list photood), pp 4245 gives the talookwise details of temples and mosques allowances (this also photood), pp 4246-50 has other statements, and page 4251 is an Abstract of the district expenses in Fusly 1215 and 1216 and provides the percentage which each expenditure head bears to the gross revenue (this also photood). Following is based on pp 4231-44, 4245, and 4251.

Pensions Munro's abstract of the 'pensions' is as under:

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| pensions to Poligars and Zemindars:     | SP 11,752.38.20     |
| Kaligarrxxxxxeminaxxxx Pr Collector Div | 5,090.28. 4         |
| Harpanhilly "                           | 1,235.18.60         |
| Adwanee "                               | 500. 0. 0           |
| Gumbum "                                |                     |
| TOTAL Poligars                          | <u>18,578.40. 4</u> |
| Total Ordinary                          | <u>3,850.40.28</u>  |
| Grand Total Pensions: Fusly 1216        | SP 22,429.35.32     |

The number of recipients under ordinary is approximately above 250. Of these around half appear to be Muslims and the others Hindocs. Most of these seem to be under sunnuds in Tippee's reign. The purpose of the grant is not specified in this list. Many of these are fakeers, quite some probably teachers.

Allowances to Temples and Mosques: The number of temples etc is not given in this account. The amounts under the main heads are as under:

|                                    | Pr Collector<br>Division | Harpanhilly<br>Division | Adwani<br>Division | Gumbum<br>Division |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| New Punchangun                     | 24.22.40                 | 5.26.20                 | 4.33.60            | 4.33.60            |
| Pagodas                            | 9,585.17.42              | 316. 0. 0               | 439.37.40          | 731.25.40          |
| Mosques                            | 1,432.19.28              | 30. 0. 0                | 865.22.52          | 16. 0. 0           |
| Gourri Gunish                      | 40.11.20                 | 9.11.20                 | 7.33.60            | 7.33.60            |
| Daswra Feast                       | 69. 7.40                 | 18.22.40                | 17. 0. 0           | 17. 0. 0           |
| Holy Feast                         | 25. 0. 0                 | 8.33.60                 | 8.33.60            | 8.33.60            |
| Vyas Poojah                        | 78.22.40                 | 10.22.40                | 11. 0. 0           | 10.22.40           |
| Rumjam Feast                       | 54. 0.38                 | 11. 0. 0                | 7. 0. 0            | 7.11.20            |
| Moherum Feast                      | 30.14. 2                 | 5. 0. 0                 | 10. 5.50           | 10. 5.50           |
| Anwresty or cereme-<br>ny for rain | <u>330. 0. 0</u>         | <u>100. 0. 0</u>        | <u>30. 0. 0</u>    | <u>40. 0. 0</u>    |
| Total                              | 11,669.25.10             | 1,190.15.12             | 1391.26.32         | 853.31.10          |

Grand Total for Fusly 1216: Star Pagodas 14,429.18.72

It is probable that the expenses given under the various feasts are those that are incurred in the various offices of the Government in the district.

District Expenses: The total expected Gross Revenue of Fusly 1216 for the Ceded Districts is given as Star Pagodas 17,30,000.00.00 and the expenses within the district as SP 3,52,367.10.11.

SP 1,11,822.17.56 is on district establishments etc; Sp 27,239 On 'Tank Repairs'; SP 75,900 on 'Advances for Cultivation'; SP 56,064 on 'Military Peons or Revenue Sibendys'; Sp 35,854 as 'Charges Extraordinary'; SP 8,628 as 'Judicial Charges'; SP 22,429. on 'Pensions'; and SP 14,429.18.72 as 'Pagoda and Mosque Allowances'. The details of these two latter are as given above. )

IOR: P/288/41; Pro 28.7.1806: pp 4187-4251: The Ceded districts consisted of the areas separated from Mysore after the death of Tippee. Presently this area is now in Andhra Pradesh and /largely is divided in four districts.