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Aug. 11	Do	Offg. Commr. of Burdwan	Establishment sanctioned . .	Do
Sept. 21	Do	J. R. Ward, Esqr., on special duty at Raneegunge	Rebel leaders not to have the benefits of the proclamation .	Do
Sept. 24	J. R. Ward, Commr. on spl. duty	Collector of Sooree	Salaries of the force . . .	Do
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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.

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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—& am.

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

Beerbhoom
22nd Novr. 1786.

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 I 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

Beerbhoom the
22d. Novr., 1786.

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

Dawk Hirkarraha . . .	Sa. Rs.	24 : .. : ..
Bengal Paper, Pens &c . .		30 : .. : ..
Calcutta Gazette . . .		24 : .. : ..
	Sa. Rs.	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		400 :	
Sa. Rs.		2110 :	

Beerbhoom
1st. May 1787.

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

1787					1787			
April 30th	To Revenue of 1193, Recd. on this account	171	5	0	May 1st. By Charges Collections as per acct. Particulars	2,110	0	0
	„ General Books for Certificates . .	1,010	13	6				
	„ Balance of last month	1,005	13	6	„ Charges General Particulars . .	78	0	0
	Sicca Rupees . .	2,188	0	0	Sicca Rupees . .	2,188	0	0

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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 Rada Kishen Mitra 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
Goonteah

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 Frushard Esq. or order, for One Thousand Sicca Rupees/ Sa. Rs. 1000/ account the Revenue of this District.

I am &c.
Signed/ J. Sherburne

Beerbhoom
May 3rd. 1787.

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. Accompt. Genl. to the Revenue Department or order the Sum of Sicca Rupees Eight Thousand/Sa. Rs. 8000/ for value in account as per advice from

Gentlemen

Your most obedt. Servant
Signed/J. Sherburne

Messrs. Graham, Crommelin &
Moubray
Calcutta.

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
Collr.

Beerbhoom
4th May 1787.

To
Mr. J. C. Audibert Chambon
At Soopoor

Sir,
Notwithstanding the intimation given you by Mr. Foley, that the hoisting your National Flag at Soopoor and its Dependencies, is prohibitted by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, and that he formerly pulled it down: I am concerned to (hear) it has been hoisted within these few days; I therefore think it necessary to repeat the Intimaton you before recd, and thus to protest against your Conduct, so repugnant, in this Instance (to the) Orders of the British Government.

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

Beerbhoom
May, 21st. 1787

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

Gentlemen,
I have the honor to enclose you copies of Letters which have passed between me and the French Resident at Soopoor, in consequence of his having hoisted his National Flag at that place and its Dependencies. . . . abide by The orders of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and Council under date the 13th Oct. 1786 and not proceed to the extremity of . . . . Please down, until I receive your sanction for so doing.

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

To
Mr. George Arbuthnot

Sir,
You will herewith receive Copy . . . . Honble the Governor General in Council—in consequence immediately proceed to Soopoor to enforce them. You will . . . . degree of delicacy and attention, the nature of your Duty . . . . and I flatter myself you will meet with no opposition on his part . . . . force necessary, or the execution of your commission disagreable.

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

Beerbhoom
May 30th 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 he has my directions to shew you every Degree of Delicacy and attention, in the Discharge of his Dnty, I flatter myself He will not meet with any opposition on your part, that may render it disagreeable.

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

Beerbhoom
May 30th. 1787

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

In obedience to your Orders of the 18th Inst. I transmit Towjee account of Mahomedshy for Chyte. The General Account Jumma Wassil Bakee which accompanying my Letter informing the Board of my having delivered over charge of the Collectorship, included the demand for Chyte—as I delivered over charge previous to the period of transmitting the Towjee Acct. of that Month, and could not be in the receit of any money, on account of and subsequent to the date of the General account, a mistake may possibly arise, and create some confusion from the necessity I am under to state the whole Kist in Balance, when most probably it has been collected except from the 12th: 16th Division, by my Successors to the respective Mehals and included in their Towjee accounts.

I have the honour to be &c.
Signed/ J. Sherburne
Late Collr. of Mahomedshy

Beerbhoom
May 30th. 1787

Towjee Account of the Collectorship of Mahomudshy for the Month of Chyte B. Y. 1193—

Mehals	Jemindars Farmers	Shut of Chyte	Balance last month	Total demand chyte	Receipt	Balance
Mahomudshy 12. 16.	Mohinder Sunker Deo	9,003 13 18½	96,550 0 0	105,553 13 18½	..	105,553 13 18½
„ 3. 4.	Govindey Deo	2,861 11 10½	4,334 0 0	9,195 11 10½	..	9,195 11 10½
Mohobutpoor Bundacolah	Bowanrsy Churn	296 2 2	300 0 0	596 2 2	14 0 10	582 1 12
Nassir Enaitpoor	Ram bassnt Bose	56 7 15	..	56 7 15	..	56 7 15
Dhoradah	Moumdram	76 11½	..	76 11½	76 11½	..
„	Dococury Byearry	78 3 5¾	..	87 3 5¾	..	78 3 5¾
Simparah	Ram Needy	14 10 17¾	..	14 10 17¾	..	14 10 17¾
Obeypoor	„	7 2 12½	..	7 2 12½	..	7 2 12½
Paunch Rucky	Ram Gopaul Roy	3 9 10	..	3 9 10	3 9 10	..
Sultanpoor	Banisser Ram Chund	73 8 0	..	73 8 0	73 8 0	..
„	Dabey Churn	3 8 0	..	3 8 0	3 8 0	..
		14,475 8 12	101,184 0 0	115,659 8 12	171 5 ¼	115,488 3 11¾

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. G. Arbuthnot to proceed to soopoor 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. Chambons answer to my letter, and the protest delivered by him to Mr. Arbuthnot.

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

Beerbhoom
June 2nd. 1787.

To
James Frushard Esqr.,
at Goonteah

Sir,

The Gomastahs of Ramjiwanpoor and Oulcoorah inform me "you have established a new Haut at Goonteah; 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
Collr.

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 failure to liquidate them within the time limited, to immediately dispossess him of the Management of his Zemindary, and offer the Settlement to Dummodar Singh at the Jumma of 1193. These orders I punctually executed, and in consequence of Chyton Sings 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
Collr.

Beerbhoom
June 4th. 1787.

To
Mr. John Farquhar

Sir,

I am favored with your Letter of the 16th Instt. as a Reason for the Rents of Your Farm of the Iron Mehal, 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 allude loan Allow in the Charges Zemindarry, made by the Government for the Maintenance of Bergundosses 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 Bergundosses 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 reasonally be expected that Government should be at a charge of 2500 Rs. per Annum, for this protection of a Mehal, from which there derive only 766—Four Gomastah having in several Instances forfeited his Engagements, with respect to the Payment of the Rents, and the Board of Revenue's Orders of the 13th 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 Mehal—

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 Gomastah to comply with my demands of Revenue.

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

Beerbhoom
24th June, 1787

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

Gentlemen,

Enclosed I have the honour to transmit account particulars of my 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 Pateet Jaat, stated to have been collected on waste Lands forced upon the Ryotts, or from others under this Pretence to whom no waste Lands were allowed"

The jaat Pateet, differs in name only from the Najye pheraning, or contributions levied in other districts, on the remaining Ryots, to gather up the deficient Jumma of those who have deserted other lands the Ryot holds here by the amounts of his Village, this is answerable without excuse for the Rent of extending his Cultivation beyond this Quantity, he is assessed in Proportion but every Imposition of Land on him, over and above his original Quantity, and beyond his Means or ability to cultivate, is equally oppressive, and its operation this same with the other Tax, I have mentioned

"That with respect to the Nuthbustee, the whole of it ought not to have been remitted last and at all events part of it should now be brought Account"

This Tax is precisely of the Nature you have mentioned —Its principle was just but its Operation partial, affecting scarce any other than lower and poorer Class of Ryotts In some of the Pergunnas it was severely felt In another Sooroopsing, the (*tax*) might not have been altogether Necessary I have not however re-imposed it—The Confidence of the Natives who can judge only from appearances is easily destroyed, and no doubt has been severely shaken in observing the hitherto fluctuating system of management I have therefore considered it more advisable to endeavour to regain their Confidence, and establish a Faith in the wisdom and permanency of your present system and Regulations than to confirm an of its Instability by immediately re-imposing a Tax the repeal of which had diffused general joy, and satisfaction and appeared to have the sanction of your Authority—I must further take leave to express my Belief, that whatever I might have gained by the re-establishment of the Tax, I should have lost in the agreed for Increase—

Your Expectations of from the Abaad Bushee, which I impute to the remissions granted last year, I have the pleasure to observe, are not disappointed With respect to the Kefayet Batta, there is no doubt the Zemindar derived some advantage from this Article, which assisted him in the payment of his jumma, and was a little resource in the case of Failure of any of his under Rentors—Substituted in the plan of the Zemindar, but with a responsibility infinitely more serious from the Consequences involved in unsuccessful Management, I will confess Gentlemen, I entertained hopes that my Resources would not have been curtailed and that with more difficulties to encounter, you would not have The Means to surmount or provide myself against thes[e] The Kefayet Batta arises from the local Circumstances That the Loss at Rupee is the Currency of the district in all Commercial Transactions, and in consequence bear a premium about the usual Rate of Batta, and the Zemindar to make his payments could therefore More he received in his Collections for siccas, with some Profit This advantage you are pleased to may be introduced as an Article of the Jummas, but which I have omitted to do, not only because its Extent cannot from its Nature be ascertained but because I am confident, that whenever the Management of the district, reverts to the Zemindar, it will be, doubly assessed on the Ryots as in Mahomudshahy and will then prove fatal to the future prosperity of the district, and be attended with infinitely great Loss to Government, than any temporary Benefit it can derive from it—Therefore, Gentlemen, I humbly propose to make my Remittances in that price I receive In the proceeds of the sales, 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 Ghur, which are also proposed to make an Article of the Jumma, I apprehend have been greatly exaggerated—The Collections on ready Money I am informed amount to from 3 or 4000 Rupees per annum, that with Goats and Cows is appropriated to the Maintenance and service of the shrine—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 Pilgrim of distinction with a motley variety of Trash, the Zemindar received a Proportion, too insignificant, I judge to merit your slightest Notice This 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 this I have done with the less hesitation from observing the General dissatisfaction the Rumours of your Intention excited, and from an Opinion that if the Assessment does not depreciate the sanctity of this shrine 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 Neeyjote Lands with the Farms, but separate Accounts will be kept of the Collections of them The saveck Noabad I have continued in the possession of the Zemindars

The Board will observe I have estimated the Revenues of sarhaut Deo Ghur, at 2000 Rs nett Than the Receipts of last year, but not at, Its full Jumma, which I do not find has even 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 Bishenpore 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 Beeter Jaal Khass Damooder Singh could not comply with the Conditions offered him The heir 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 Gose, on my part to superintend Chyton Sing's Mofussil Settlement and Collections—

I have the honour to be
Sir
Signed/ J Sherburne
Collr

Beerbhoom
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 Pooneah of this Province and that Rs 51,000 were Collected on Account of the Kists of Bysaak, Jyte and Assar The Mofussil Pooneah has not yet been held in Bissenpoor of course these Kists not yet Collected—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Signed Jon Sherburne
Collr

Beerbhoom
26th July 1787

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 re-imposing the "Outbundee Nimick Bushee, but with its partical 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 invidious 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 Outbundee, but pervades every part of the Jumma. I shall confine myself at present to one Instance of its extensive Effect in Sooroop Sing. The Jumma of this Purgannah in 117th (Sic) on 61,000 Begas of cultivated land, amounted to 1,02,000, in 1193 on 60,500 Begas only 58,001—To discover the Cause of this very striking defalcation, we must look into the detail Amounts of every Villages, where it will be found that the Mundolls with their Connexions and the Wealthy Ryotts, have collusively sunk me half their Jumma, and thus they are too frequently exempted from the Payment of the local Charges of Collection, which are consequently accumulated on those who are least able to support them. To eradicate this extensive abuse, which has been gradually increasing for many years, probably from the Company's accession to the diwanny, is Worth of Time, and requires much labor, and close application. The Jerreef of last year has furnished me with part of the crude Materials for it, and my own Researches among Thousands of Reams of obsolete Papers, promiscuously piled together, have helped me to some others, tho' not yet to this Extent of my Expectations. With these however under your Auspices, I hope to effect the Tack, I have imposed on myself, of making a complete Jummabundy of the Province on liberal and equitable Principles. I must however take liberty to observe, that with the assistance only of my established Amlah/ barely adequate to my Current Business/ my progress in this undertaking must be very tedious, and so far from a Prospect of deriving any essential Benefit from it during the present Year, I fear to flatter myself it can be completed for your use, in any Arrangements you may have in Contemplation for the ensuing one. In a few days I hope to be prepared to say my Plan before you, with the extra Charge I have incurred for Amlah in the pursuit of it—A Consideration of its Utility or Inutility will direct your Judgment whether I should be re-imbursed, and whether you will be pleased to admit of any additional Establishment to prosecute it.

"The Board deem Government fully entitled to the advantage of Kifayet Batta In respect to the Mode it has been my Misfortune to differ but the Candid Interpretation given to my Arguments where they appeared in explicit claims my Acknowledgments. A Mind less diffident than I possess, habituated to consider its Objects in the most unfavourable point of view, might feel without Reproach, some anxiety for the success of the settlement of a district, which has for a length of Time ceased to be regulated by any fixed, or determinate Principles, and I am therefore free to confess that had this local advantage left at my disposal, I would have relinquished, applied it wherever I found it necessary for the security of this settlement, and brought this surplus if any, to the Credit of Government, and in this use of it I am not aware, I should have committed myself with respect to either of the obligations adverted to.

Upon Enquiry I find the Receipts in small Rupees

Annas amount to about 2,50,000 Rupees, and the advantage of Exchange to be from 5 to 5½ per cent—The Rentees are too quick sighted not to understand this and the advantage can only be secured by stipulating with them, for the above, or some other proportion of small Rupees in their Payments, which I understand to be the Board's Resolution. In their Words "This advantage the under Rentees have no sight to, should They ever of late have engrossed it." The Estimate of 33,000 Rs. in the Khalsah Records appears to have been made on the whole Jumma, and a Batta calculated on the sicca Rupees, which I apprehend is not your Intention, the rentors Engagements being for Sicca Rupees, Your Expectations however they have been apprized of, and this point waits your Ultimate determination.

In considering the assessment of Deo Gur, the Board will make a distinction between the Malguzzary Lands of the Gautwals per Re., and the Churrow, or Contributions to the shrine, of which no part has hitherto been included in this Jumma. The publication of the Authority which I understand to be given me in your letter of the 15th June/ not received/ has brought down several of The Gautwals, but I dispair effecting a settlement. That will answer your apparent Expectations as some of the Mehals are Khass, and Reductions were admitted which it will be difficult to recover The Nature and disposal of the Offerings at the . . . of Deogur, I explained in my letter of 20 July, but not having received the Instructions of the 1 July which you advert to, I confess myself at a loss what arrangements to make, or what to propose. The Number of Pilgrims with the Extent of their Contributions is altogether uncertain, and I can only devise two Modes, by which Government can convert the latter to a source of Revenue 1st by determining what proportion shall be the Right of Government and setting that Portion to Farm—2nd. by employing an Ammil to collect it and disposing of such articles as I mentioned in my letter of the 20 July by public sale—

I duly attend to your strictures on the Amount Settlement, but I hope you will pardon me if I apprehend you may 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 trifling 1 to 1¼ per Ct. and I think might be continued, with the exception of the Chokies on the Rivers, without prejudice to the Inland Trade—

I have the pleasure to inform you—I have formed the saveck Bazee Zemmi and Chakran and deny Bazee Zemmin the latter for 1,400 Rs. more than my first Estimate of it.

The further Explanations you require, shall be transmitted with the Corrected Bundibust, as soon as I can come to a fixed settlement with the Gautwals.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Beerbhoom Signed/ Jos. Sherburne
14 Augt. 1787 *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 evidently to be compared 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 Pergunnahs only—In the Prosecution of this Plan the present Jumma of some Villages will be reduced, others considerably increased, but The inferior Class of Ryotts will in general be relieved of and I conclude The Jumma of the Province will not fall short of 7,50,000—but if it exceeds the Amount you may deem reasonable should be drawn from this district, the Remedy is easy in the Reduction of . . . . The Nimick or the Number of Months Abwabs—

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
			250

inclusive of Paper &c.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
Beerbhoom Signed/ J. Sherburne
16 Augt. 1787. *Collr.*

Village Burrouah in Pergunh. Sooroop Singh	Jumma 1192			Jumma 1193			Jumma 1175			Proposed Jummabundy			
	Ground in cultivation	Rs. as. p.		Ground in cultivation	Rs. as. p.		Ground in cultivation	Rs. as. p.		Ground in cultivation	Assul agreeable to the Nimick	Abwabs on the Assul	Jumma bundy
Neez Gang . . .	1,204 13 5	1,599 4 9		1,257 1 10	1,303 10 0		411 2 0	0 0 0		1,508 18 17	903 10 2	1,807 4 4	2,710 14 6
Beer Gird	1,451 6 10	1,291 7 17		1,486 3 10	989 0 2		1,970 6 6	0 0 0		1,253 15 0	700 0 16	1,050 1 4	1,750 2 0
Mokuwarah	120 2 0	32 9 0		128 15 0	36 2 12		0 0 0	0 0 0		137 4 0	80 7 2	40 3 11	120 10 13
	2,776 1 15	2,923 5 6		2,852 0 0	2,328 12 14		2,381 8 6	5,598 2 5		2,899 17 17	1,684 2 0	2,897 8 19	4,581 10 19
											4 Per Cent.		183 4 0
											Nett Jumma on this Plan		4,398 6 19

Proposed Abwabs

On Neez Gang — The Ryotts of the Village 24 Months
Beer Gird — Ryotts of Neighbouring Villages 18 Months
Pyckast — Ryotts of Neighbouring Provinces not Residents 12 months
Mokurarah — Ryotts oholding sunnuds. 6 Months

Beerbhom 16 Aug. 1787

Nimik of Berbhoom 1175 B.Y—

			Rs. as. p.
Khynehole	Ground producing Rice with a Crop of other Grain	per Behgha	0 14 0
Sallu Mat	Paddy Ground	1 sort	0 7 0
		2 Do	0 6 0
		3 Do.	0 5 0
Zole	Ground situated as to be innundated and retain the Water		
		1 sort	0 12 0
		2 Do.	0 10 0
		3 Do	0 9 0
Soonah		1 sort	0 12 0
		2 Do.	0 10 0
		3 Do.	0 9 0
Zole hazzah	Ground on the districts of hills, water retained by dams		0 9 0
Zey Cappass	Cotton Ground	1 sort	0 12 0
		2 Do.	0 10 0
		3 Do.	0 9 0
Do Cappass	Producing 2 Crops of Cotton	1 sort	1 0 0
		2 Do	1 0 0
		3 Do	1 2 0
Do. Oook	A Crop of Cane with a Crop of Grain		1 2 0
Toot Cappass	Mulbery & Cotton Ground		
		1 sort	1 6 0
		2 Do	1 2 0
		3 Do.	1 8 0
Bast	Spots of Residence		2 8 0
Oud Bast	Inclosures of horses		2 8 0
Teercarry	Culinary Plants		1 10 0
Sursu	Mustard Seed		0 10 0

Beerbhoom
16 Augt. 1787.

Abwabs of Beerbhoom—

	Rs	As.	Gans
Assal Jumma—1175	1	0	0
Abwab with per Rupee	0	15	14
	1	15	14
6 haut for three Months of the above	0	7	19
	2	7	13
Gramtaithy 5 Couries per Re of Do Months Chits Ks	0	0	3
Durhy bad 4-10 of 2.7.13	0	15	5
	3	7	1
Batta — Ans Guns 1—12 per Rupee	0	5	10
	3	12	11
Nayye — 1½ Month of the above . .		7	11
Anny — 1 anna per Rupee of the above .		3	16
Teyhany — 10 Gandas per Rupee of the above .		1	18
	4	9	16
Haldary — 1 Month of the above . . .		6	3
2 ans. per Re. of the above . .		9	3
	5	9	2
Russoons 2 Gundas per Rupee of the above . .	0	0	11
	5	9	13

Beerbhoom
16 Augt 1787

To
John Kilnock Esqr ,
Judge and Magistrate of Burdwan

Sir,

I experience many Inconveniences detriment to the Collections from the Charge of the Adaulut and Phousdary Court of Bissenpoor-not having been delivered over to me As my appointment to these departments is publickly 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 &c &c
Signed/ J Sherburne
Collr

Beerbhoom
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 Sumpoo Naut Chuckirbutty sezawal, and Bunkoo Beehary Roy Ammin The first to make the Collections of sarhaut Deo Gur, the latter to measure and make an hustabood of the lands of the Gautwals who have not came in I have thought it necessary to dispossess Bundor Sing, Gautwal who is in Balance and has declined to be responsible for his Jumma-Rupees 1,389-10-18

Bridjoobonns Sing and Roop Narain Sing, Gautwals of have been allowed a deduction from the year 1182 of 680 Rs , on Account of the Chokies at which the Pilgrims to Deo Gur paid a Toll, abolished by Major Brown when Collector of the Jungle terry A proposal has been made me to pay 5000 Rs per Annum, for the Re-establishment of these Chokies, 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 Trial/ third of the Cherrow—The Toll I consider the most certain Resource, and most Consonant to the Ideas of the Natives, 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 Burranaed of Amlah appointed to sarhaut &c

I have the honor to be
&c
Beerbhoom
19 August, 1787
Signed/ J Sherburne
Collr

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

1	Sezawal	Sumboonaut Chuckerbutty . .	Rs. 30
1	Sheristadar	Chundy Churen Mookerjee . .	20
1	Mohrer	Ramlochun Dutt	7
1	do	Bucklass Dass	7
1	Taseldar	. . . . .	10
	Podar	. . . . .	2
2	Peons	. . . . .	5
	Ink Paper &c.	. . . . .	2
			Sa Rs 83
1	Ammeen	Bunkbeenod Roy . . .	20
1	Mohurer	Ram Kissoor Malick	10
2	do	. . . . .	17
			Sa. Rs. 44

Beerbhoom
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—Sarhaut Deo Gur is rated in this Account at its full Jumma, deducting the Syer Chelluntah 1224-3-14 but I am obliged to hold it Khass as no person will farm it without such considerable Reductions as you have already signified your disapprobation of—Noal Sing, Gautwal of 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 dispossess 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 Chokies at Deo Gur, or to make any other arrangements with respect to the last, a separate account Settlement will be necessary, every day's delay however with respect, to the first, is attended with a loss, and The Year is so far elapsed, that it will hardly produce half The Jumma—The Churrow Deo Gur being in the Month of Phaulgun, an immediate arrangement is not necessary—

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,
&c. &c.
Signed/ J. Sherburne
Collr.

Beerbhoom
29 Augt. 1787

To
B. Aplin Esqr.
Seccy to the Board of Revenue.

Sir,

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

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

Beerbhoom
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 Moorshidabad 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
&c. &c.
Signed/ J. Sherburne
Collr.

Beerbhoom
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
Collr,

Beerbhoom
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

Kist of Assin							
Beerbhoom				61,081	0	0	
Bishenpoor				24,500	0	0	
						85,581	0 0
Account Balance of 1193							
Beerbhoom				1,000	0	0	
Bishenpoor				5,000	0	0	
						6,000	0 0
				Total Receipts		91,581	0 0
Disbursements							
Charges Collections for Sept. 3,285 0 0							
Charges General for Sept. 3,285 0 0							
Adawlet	575	0	0				
Fouzdary	250	0	0				
Contingent Charges	700	0	0	1,525	0	0	
Charges Zemindarry for Assin				410	0	0	
						5,220	0 0
				Net Receipts		86,361	0 0

Bishenpoor E.E. (Signed) J. Sherburne
Octr. 5th, 1787. *Collr.*

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

Gentlemen,

I wrote you yesterday under the pressure of the Calamity that within these few days has fallen on these and I fear the neighbouring Districts and which from the proudest and fairest 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 moveable. To repair the Damage if possible I could visit the Board to give me discretional authority to recede a little in the ensuing Months from the strict Terms of the Renters 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 Bishenpore 20,000 in order to relieve their Distresses, and to enable them to retrieve their losses in the Rusbee Tussil.

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

Bishenpoor
Octr. 7th. 1787.

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

Gentleman,

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

I am
With great Respect
Gentleman
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Jos. Sherburne
Collr,

Beerbhoom
March 5th 1788

Beerbhoom & Bishenpore Price Current in February 1788

Beerbhoom	S Wt. 58-10	Bishenpore	S. Wt 620
	Md sr ch.		Md sr ch.
Coarse Rice	1 15 0	Coarse Rice	1 6 8
Fine Rice	1 5 0	Fine Rice	1 0 0
Finest Rice	0 37 8	Finest Rice	0 35 0
Paddy	3 0 0	Paddy	2 20 0
Collye	0 30 0	Collye	0 27 0
Boot	1 0 0	Boot	0 32 0
Salt	0 11 0	Salt	0 9 0
Oil	0 7 8	Oil	0 5 0
Ghee	0 6 0	Ghee	0 4 0
Tobacco	0 13 0	Tobacco	0 9 4
Sugar	0 8 0	Sugar	0 6 0
Round Pepper	0 1 4	Round Pepper	0 1 6
Beetle Nut	0 6 0	Beetle Nut	0 6 6
Turmerick	0 23 8	Turmerick	0 20 0
Couries Cohun	4 0 0	Couries Cohun	4 4 0

Beerbhoom
March 5th, 1788

Signed/Jos Sherburne
Collr.

To
Richard Johnson Esqr
Accountant General to the Revenue Department

Sir,

I have the pleasure to enclose you a Bill on Messrs Grahams & Moulbray Sicca Rupees Forty Thousand (Sa Rs 40,000/-) account Revenue of this Collectorship—

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Jos Sherburne
Collr

Beerbhoom
25th March 1788

Beerbhoom 25th March 1788

Sa Rs 40,000/-

At fifteen Days sight of this my only Bill of Exchange, Please to pay or cause to be paid to Richard Johnson Esq Accountant General to the Revenue Department or Order the Sum of Sicca Rupees Forty Thousand (Sa Rs 40 000/-) one half in Silver Sicca Rupees for Value in Account as per advice form

Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Jos Sherburne
Collr

To
Messrs Grahams & Moubray
Calcutta

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

Gentlemen,

I have had the Honor of your Letter of the 19th Ultimo upon the Subject of Sarhaut & Deo Gur

I shall have occasion in a few Days to address you respecting Cherrow, and in the Interim enclose You a List of Jaggeerdars, occasionally called Gautwalls Some of them hold their Lands by Sunnud from the Zemmdars of Beerbhoom, granted previous to the Honble Company's Accession to the Dewanny, Others hold by Pottahs from Major Brown when Collector of Jungleterry 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 this Country in General to consolidate the Revenues for both Malguzary and Jaygeer 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 Prejudice and ultimate ruin 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 which in the event of the Malguzarry Lands being brought into Cultivation would be sufficiently moderate It depends entirely upon the Conduct of the Gatwalls 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 26th 1788

Sarhaut List of Jaggeerdars

Talooks		Jaggeerdars	
Banmongong	9 annas	Nowl Singh dead	His eldest Son Bucktore Singh not yet confirmed in the succession report of the Balance of 1193 remaining unpaid
	7 annas	Chutter Singh	
Luckunpoor . . .		Chutter Sing	
Lakooreah . . .		Anund Das and Droop Das	
Daolee		Bundao Sing	
Jicktee		Khass	
Patsole . . .		Dig Bijye Singh	
Kookoorah . . .		Sunker Sing and Davy Sing	
Gwrsarrah . . .		Khass	
Goomroo . . .		Anund Sing	
Sawldae		Panchoo Roy	
Boorye		Bhekun Sing	
Madgeturry . . .		Seeb Sing	
Sarhaut Proper . .		Khass	
Foolchouah . . .		Dhurrum Bhoktar	
Dao Gur Badd & Doobrah . . .		Doomun Sing	
CooGoorah . . .		Dhuckul Sing	
Parrooah & Goorbarry		Bhatoo Roy	
Govindpore . . .		Bishen Chowdry	
Kodgrah		Koodun Sing	
Darrumpore . .		Kerpa Roy	
Kernah . . .		Munnoo Roy	
Bahorah		Munnoo But Roy	
Gudguddee . . .		Khass	
Bishenpoor . . .		Jungal Sing	
Moodunjoory . . .		Khass	
Bagduh . . .		Ram Sickdar	
Corrung . . .		Jaggur held by Monee Cutwal rem g Lands by Baboo Ram Bhutt as Khyraat	
Churruckmarah . .		Bishen Dutt Duaree	
Doomdoomah .		Bundoo Sing	
Bower Chundee . .		Chutter Sing	

Beerbhoom
March 26th, 1788,

(Signed) Jos Sherburne
Collr,

Statement of the Beeter Jaat

Chyton Sing	Damoodar Sing	Total Jumma
49,027 12 12	49,245 1 15	98,281 14 7

Disposal

Chyton Sing's Share—			
Malguzary	23,675	0	0
Deb Khurruch	11,662	11	16
Assignment to his Family	12,697	7	13
Petty Charges	992	9	3
	49,027	12	12
Damoodar Sing—			
Malguzary	23,675	0	0
Deb Khurruch	5,227	1	14
Family assignment	17,332	2	6
Petty Charges	2,244	2	6
	49,254	1	15

Indoss
6 April

(Signed) Jos. Sherburne
Collr.

To

John Shore Esqr
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 Beerbhoom

	Claimed	Unclaimed	Total
Savick Molipore	718	970	1,688
Cuttengah	389	469	858
Sunbhoom	218	363	581
Burrah	80	152	232
Loaney	172	345	517
Jenenjal	255	325	580
Mullarpore	125	409	534
Khusney	86	107	193
Allmagore	356	516	872
Durry Molepore	452	1,004	1,456
Poorunderpore	83	128	211
Itchapoocore	164	302	466
Total	3,098	5,090	8,188

Beerbhoom
2 May, 1788.

To

John Shore Esqr
President &ca 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 Zemindar of this Province, in his Zemindary, on Condition of his Liquidating his Balance of 1192, and paying a Jumma of 6,11,321, without deduction for the Current Year

The Zemindar 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 entered on it 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 Jummabundy, The Board will be pleased to take into Consideration that I could proceed no further in this measure than to ascert 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 Ryot 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 Mohrers 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 Bissenpore 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 Hesilrige to proceed to Bissenpore There to receive proposals for the Farms on the adjusted Jumma of 1182 and to conclude a Settlement on the 15th of Assar unless You should be pleased to transmit me any Orders to the Contrary or to signify your Pleasure respecting a Settlement with the Zemindar—I have reverted to the Bissenpore Jumma of 1182, 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 Bazee Zemin of Bissenpore for the Zemindary may not yet complied with your orders of the 23rd October 87 to deliver authentic Ones by the 20th May 8339 Beghas appear to have been granted since 1178 but from the 51st Article of the Instruction of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to the Board I am under some doubts whether I am authorized to resume them The same Doubts occur with respect to any Excess that may appear on the final adjustment of the Accounts of this Province

A Proposal has been made to me to furnish Sarhaut & Deo Gur exclusive of the Offerings at the Shrine, for 5 Years —

The 1st Year at the present Jumma 18,664-9-16 each succeeding year at 20,664-3-16 I consider the Proposal very Advantageous to Government any Receipts/last Year excepted/ since the Company s Accession to the Dewanny have seldom exceeded 15 000 *rs* per Annum, and that if accepted it would be attended with great Improvement in the Lands And Benefit to the Ryotts The extra Expence of Amlah would likewise be saved by it which must otherwise be Continued as no person will farm these places in their present state for so short a period as one Year—I hold the proposers in suspense till I have your Pleasure—

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient & Humble Servant
Sigd J Sherburne

Beerbhoom
10th June 1788

To

John Shore Esq ,
President &ca Members of the Bd of Reve
Fort Wilham

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 are the Additions Built by my Predecessors Messrs Foley & Sherburne the Original Building being on Mud Walls, could not possibly now have been in Existence, had not those Gentlemen been at great expense in relaying & repairing the Terraces &ca My Predecessor made His Predecessor a consideration for the expences He had incurred, in this Acct , on the conviction

of being Reimbursed by Govermt. & 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 Inducement to put the House in Complete repair, in hopes of being reimbursed the Expense by my Successor, I must therewise, 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 accommodation of my Servts.

I am
With great Respect
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

Beerbhoom
4th Dec. 1788.

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 &Ca in the Districts of Beerbhoom & Bishenpore from the 15th to 30th of Novr. 1788—with a Persian Translate.

I am &ca.
Signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

Beerbhoom
5th Decr. 1788

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

Beerbhoom		Bishenpore	
Coarse Rice	. 1 2 0	Coarse Rice	. 0 27 4
Fine Rice	. 0 38 0	Fine Rice	. 0 21 0
Finest Rice	. 0 30 0	Finest Rice	. 0 19 0
Paddy	. 2 4 0	Paddy	. 0 0 0
Collye	. 0 35 0	Collye	. 0 27 0
Boot	. 1 0 0	Boot	. 0 25 8
Salt	. 0 10 0	Salt	. 0 9 8
Oil	. 0 5 8	Oil	. 0 4 8
Ghee	. 0 5 8	Ghee	. 0 4 0
Tobacco	. 0 9 0	Tobacco	. 0 9 0
Sugar	. 0 7 0	Sugar	. 0 6 8
Round Pepper	. 0 1 8	Round Pepper	. 0 1 10
Butle Nutt	. 0 5 0	Butle Nutt	. 0 5 12
Turmerick	. 0 20 0	Turmerick	. 0 0 0
Conries 4 Cohun		Couries 4 Cohun	
8 Pones		13 Pones	

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

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to inform You that in consequence of the representation of the Zemindarry Dewan Lalla Ram Naut, I have thought proper to depute Ram Narrain Soor, 2 Mohrers & 2 Peons, to Enquire into a stated excess of Nankar Zumun in Molutly, amounting to Bigahs 27000. The Burraward or Establishment Deliver'd to the aumeen I now transmit for the Information of the Board.

I am &Ca.
Signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

Beerbhoom
the 10th Decr. 1788.

Establishment

1 Aumeen	. . . . .	Rs. 16
2 Mohurrers	. . . . .	12
3 Peons	. . . . .	6

Estimate of Probable Receipts & Disbursements of the Collectorship of Beerbhoom & Bishenpore from the 15th to the 31st of December 1788-

Receipts			
Balance of last Month	„ „ „ „		
Revenue of the Year 1195			
Beerbhoom Kist of Augron	1,21,001 „ „ „		
Bishenpore Kist of Augron	90,028 „ „ „		
Balance of the Year 1194			
Beerbhoom	1,482 9 5 „		
		2,12,511 9 5	
Disbursements			
Mr. Hesilrige Extra Allowance as Pr. Order of Board	1,272 „ „ „		
Charges Collections	3,585 „ „ „		
Charges Zemindarry	200 „ „ „		
Charitable Allowance	3 „ „ „		
Charges Dewanny Adawlut	556 „ „ „		
Charges Foujdarry	250 „ „ „		
Charges Extraordinary	200 „ „ „		
Bill of Exchange in favor of Mr. James Frushard or Order Dated 20th Novr.	5,000 „ „ „		
Payable to Mr. James Frushard by Order of the Board, Account the Silk Investment for 1788	25,000 „ „ „		
		36,066 „ „	
Balance of Probable Receipts		1,76,445 9 5	

Beerbhoom E.E. Signed/C. Keating
Decr. 15th 1788 *Collr.*

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

Gentlemen,

The Derogah of the Nezamut Cutcherry having reported the arrival of the Nazim's fetwah for the Execution of two Delinquents taken up in Bishenpore, & His fears of an Attempt to Rescue them on the road should His Peons only attend, requiring the Assistance of a Military force is Considering the benefit of Example by Executions being on the Spot where the Crimes were Committed, & the Probability of such Rescue being Attempted, One of the Delinquents this Day made Application to the Commanding Officer of the Detachment. at this Place, for such Military Escort as He may deem necessary for this Duty.—

I ah &ca,
Signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

To
Matthew Dawson Esq.,
Collr. of Moorshedabad

Sir,

The Perwannahs which You Issued in consequence of my Letter of the 24th Ult. merely direct the Pyecaust ryotts of Beerbhoom residing in Your District to pay the Reve. agreable to former Years—As the Jummabundy of this Province has been established by Order of the Board, I have to request you to Issue Order that it be Strictly complied with by persons Resident under Yr. Authority who Cultivate Land in Beerbhoom & that they Repair to Sooree to take out fresh Pottahs.

I am &ca.
Signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

Beerbhoom
15th Decr. 1788

N.B. One of the same tenor & Date sent to Mr. Peter Speke—

To
R Adaeir Esq ,
Collr of Bhoglipoor

Sir,

I beg leave to Enclose You Copy of an Arzee presented to me by Lalla Ram Naut the Zemindarry Dewan of this District, & request the favor of your giving Orders for Bridjubhookun Sing & the other Gautwalls of Sarhaut who have taken refuge within the Limits of Your jurisdiction, to be given up agreable to the 87th Article of the General Regulations

I am &ca
Signed/ C Keating
Collr

Beerbhoom
16th Decr 1788

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

Gentlemen,

Upon a reference to my Predecessor's correspondence I find the Charge for Cossids from hence to Bishenpoor by way of Burdwan, has not yet rec'd Your Sanction I therefore forbear to insert it in my Accts but must take the Liberty to observe, that unless an establishment is admitted of my Communication with Bishenpoor as well as the Presidency, will meet with constant Interruptions, & the receipt of Yr Command be frequently delayed I therefore request Yr permission for enserting a Charge of 54 Sa Pr Mencem for a Cross Dawk from this Station

I am &ca
Signed/ C Keating
Collr

Beerbhoom
19th Decr 1788

To
F Mure Esqr ,
Sub Treasurer
Fort William

Sir,

The Seapoys who Escorted Treasure from hence to the Genl Treasury in the 1st Inst , have returned without any receipt, or Letter from You I request therefore to be Informed if you have recd the Despatch of Treasure intrusted to their Charge & shall be Obliged to you in future to Note to me the Time of the arrival of my Escort from hence at the Presidency

I am &ca
Signed/ C Keating
Collr

Beerbhoom
20th Decr 1788

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

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to transmit You the Price Current of Grain &ca in the Districts of Beerbhoom and Bishenpore—from the 1st to the 15th of Decr 1788—with a Persian Translate

I am &ca
Signed/ C Keating
Collr

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

Beerbhoom				Bishenpore			
Coarse Rice	1	6	0	Coarse Rice	0	33	0
Fine Rice	1	2	8	Fine Rice	0	31	0
Finest Rice	0	30	0	Finest Rice	0	3	0
Paddy	2	2	8	Paddy	0	0	0
Collye	0	35	0	Collye	0	31	0
Boot	1	11	0	Boot	0	28	0
Salt	0	11	0	Salt	0	11	0
Oil	0	5	12	Oil	0	4	0
Ghee	0	5	8	Ghee	0	5	0
Tobacco	0	9	0	Tobacco	0	6	1
Sugar	0	7	0	Sugar	0	6	1
Round Pepper	0	1	1	Round Pepper	0	1	1
Butle Nutt	0	5	0	Butle Nutt	0	5	12
Turmerick	0	27	0	Turmerick	0	0	0
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Beerbhoom
20th Decr. 1788.

Signed/C Keating.
Collr.

To
John Shore Esqr ,
President &ca Members of the Board of Reve
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to transmit Enclosed Copy of a Letter from Mr Chas Kegan Surgeon at this Station requesting the grant of a Pottah for Four Begahs of Waste Land for the purpose of Erecting a Dwelling House thereon, and have to request Your Permission for Complying with His request

I am &ca
Beerbhoom
30th Decr 1788
Signed/ C Keating
Collr

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

Gentlemen,

I have been honored with Your Letter of the 12th Ulto directing me to advance to Mr Js Frushard on Actt of the Companys Silk Investment for 1788, the Sum of Sa Rs 25,000 but as Mr Frushard only transmitted me a receipt for Current Rupees 25 000 I have not judged it expedient without Your further Orders to tender the difference to this Agent at Gonatea

I am &c
Beerbhoom
1st Janry 1789
Signed/ C Keating
Collr

To
Lawrence Mercer Esq ,
Magistrate,
Burdwan

Sir,

I have been honored with the receipt of the Right Hon'ble Governor General in Council orders under Date 24th Ulto Accompanying Extract of a Letter from the Acting Magistrate of Burdwan & Copy's of the Petitions adverted to relative to the Robbery's & Depredations of the Dekoits—with instructions to adopt such measures in concert with the Magistrate of Burdwan & Pachete as may be deem'd adviseable for accomplishing the wishes of Government Not having heard from You or the Magistrate of Pachete on this subject—I request You will inform me, what plan of operation You have in agitation for the purpose of accomplishing the desired purposes that I may exert my utmost endeavours in its favor

I am &ca ,
Beerbhoom
the 8th February 1789
(Signed) C Keating
Magistrate

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 informing me of your preparing a party for the purpose of apprehending them—Account the Depredations of the Dekoits in this district I have to inform You that am using my utmost exertions in..Collecting a force to send against them—in Order that no impediments from altercations as to the boundrys 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.

I am &c.,
Beerbhoom (Signed) C. Keating,
February 16th 1789 *Magistrate.*

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 Choudry 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 Expence Your reply will Determine their continuance on this Duty or Recall.

I am &c
Beerbhoom (Signed) C. Keating,
March 14th 1789. *Magistrate.*

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 Effusion (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 Charge of Mahrue Chowdry that he Ajeet Lall harbours and is the Protector of Dekoits. Appeared that the altercation is whether Ajeet Lall being a Tallookdar under Me is to be kept in Charge by Mahrue Chowdry & carried to Burdwan or sent to Me. On Mahrue Chowdreys . . . the Subadar to send Ajeet Lall that he might see him it as complyed with under guard of two Sepoys—these with Ajeet 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 Mahrue Chowdry's Party with fixt Baynets & lighted Matches —& expected every moment to begun an assault, nothing however occur'd and 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 Ajeet Lall with Mahrue Chowdry charge to me—or otherwise He and the party are Ordered to return bringing Ajeet 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
Sir
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
Beerbhoom (Signed) C. Keating,
March 19th 1789. *Magistrate.*

P.S. 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 course. Unless some Ostensible person from you arrives within the time specified, the Sepoys & party from hence will return.—

To
John Cheap Esqr.,
Resident at
Soonamooky.

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 &ca.,
Beerbhoom (Signed) C. Keating,
March 31st 1789. *Magistrate.*

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

Beerbhoom				Bishenpore			
Coarse Rice	0	36	0	Coarse Rice	0	24	0
Fine Rice	0	34	0	Fine Rice	0	22	8
Finest Rice	0	29	0	Finest Rice	0	22	8
Paddy	1	32	0	Paddy	0	0	0
Collye	0	36	0	Collye	0	23	8
Boot	0	36	4	Boot	0	33	0
Salt	0	12	0	Salt	0	9	8
Oil	0	6	8	Oil	0	6	0
Ghee	0	4	8	Ghee	0	3	12
Tobacco	0	8	0	Tobacco	0	9	8
Sugar	0	7	0	Sugar	0	7	8
Round Pepper	0	1	8	Round Pepper	0	1	7
Butle Nutt	0	5	8	Butle Nutt	0	6	2
Turmerick	0	20	0	Turmerick	0	0	0

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N.B. The Seer is of 58.10 Sa. Wt.

Conries 4 Cohun 10 Pones

N.B. The Seer is of 62 Sa. Wt.

Beerbhoom Signed/C. Keating,
the 5th April 1789. *Collr.*

To
John Shore Esqr.,
President &ca. Members of the Bd. of Reve.
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have been Honored by the Receipt of Your Letter Under Date the 9th Janry., desiring me to furnish the Collr. of Rajeshy with a Statemt. of the Sums Due from the several Pykaust Ryotts on the Engagements Entd. into at the Commencement of the Year, & of Yr. having Directed the Collr. of Rajeshy to Enforce Paymt. of the same, or in Case of Objections being Offer'd to Insist on the attendance of the Ryotts on me, or such Officers as I might Appoint for the Adjustmt. of their Accts., or should no Engagemts. have been Entd. into, & the Ryotts Claim to pay agreable to former Years, that I should again submit the questions, & report at the same time the difference between the Amt. Due from them severally according to the rates of former Years & the rates of the Jummabundy lately Established.

In Obedience to Yr. Orders I did myself the Honor of Addressing the Collr. of Rajeshie, & sent accompanying a Vakeel on the part of the Zemindary Dewan, with all the Papers & Particular Accts. relative to the receipt & Balances of the Pykaust Ryotts of his Division. Copy of my Letter is Enclosed No. 1 from the Vakeels Acct. nothing has yet been done in the Business, nor have I been favor'd with any answer from the Collr. to my Letter, or Information of any Objections stated again the Claims on them for Reve. From what I have been able to learn very few of the Pykaust Ryotts of this District enter into Written Engagements, of Course as the Season was far advanced before the Establishmt. of the Reve. agreable to the Jumabundy, thus situated, 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 Jummabundy together with the Acct. Revenues Rd. by them for the Years 1192, 1193 & 1194 B.S.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom — Signed/ C. Keating,
the 6th April 1789. — *Collr.*

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 were stopt by Collector's Guards on Chokeys who instead of assisting the business prevented their advancing into that District—shelter'd some of the banditties followers—They are handed by Jeebnah and others, the particulars are not yet arrived. The Sepoy tells me that in consequence of this conduct of the Pacheat people—ours have thought it expedient to seize four or five of them who are coming into answer for their Conduct—

The Orders of Government was issued on this business in consequence of a representation from your Division and my instructions are to act in concert with the Magistrates of Burdwan & Pacheate—presuming therefore that You had adjusted the plan with the Magistrate of Pacheate that he * might Act in Concert with us—I have not hitherto addressed him on the Subject—request therefore that You will inform me whether you have & of any and what steps have been taken in this business—that I may act accordingly on the arrival of the Pacheate People before specified—

I am &ca..
Beerbhoom — Signed/ C. Keating,
April 9th 1789. — *Magistrate.*

To
Thos. Graham Esqr.,
Act. of President Khalsa.
Fort William.

Sir,

I am Honor'd by the receipt of Your Letter Under Date the 3rd Inst. observing that the Muchulka's from the Zemindar of Bishenpore & Zemindars Dewan of Beerbhoom mention'd to have been Enclosed in my Letter of the 1st of Febry. 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 mislaid.

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 Vakeel 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—lest 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.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom — Signed/ C. Keating,
April 11th 1789. — *Collr.*

To
John Shore Esqr.,
President &ca. Members of the Bd. of Reve.
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 Purwannahs to prevent any anticipation of the assets of 1196 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 Purwannahs have this Day been Dispatched to this Effect throughout the Districts under my Charge.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom — Signed/ C. Keating,
the 11th April 1789. — *Collr.*

To
John Shore Esqr.,
President &ca. Members of the Bd. of Reve.
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

The Zemindar & Sezawull of Bishenpore having by their Vakeels represented, that the late Peashkar Dupnerain Kerr 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 Payment of the Balance of Reve. 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 Soonamookey Draft, or remitted to the Prsidency.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom — Signed/ C. Keating,
the 11th April 1789. — *Collr.*

To
John Shore Esqr.,
President &ca. Members of the Bd. of Reve.
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

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

The accompanying Abstract which I beg leave to Submit to Yr. Consideration Exhibits the Jumma of the Pykaust Ryotts in the Year 1195 at Sa. Rs. 58,898.6.15. the Amt.

Collected the present Year Sa Rs 28,691 7—which leaves a Balance of Sa Rs 10,090 11 4—the Deficiency to be expected in Case the Pykaust Ryotts should be permitted to pay according to the Rate of assessmt in the Year 1194 instead of the Established Jummabundy

The Acct Particulars of the Amt Due from the Pykaust Ryotts Inhabitants of Rajeshy, Cultivating Lands in the District of Beerbhoom, I had the Honor to transmit You Ltr Copied Under Date the 6th Inst

I am &ca
Signed/ C Keating,
Collr

Beerbhoom
the 13th April 1789

To
John Shore Esqr,
President &ca Members of the Bd of Reve
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have been Honor'd with Yr Letter of the 9th Inst informing me of Yr having Adverted to my Towjee for Phaulgon, & Observing that the Balances on the Ct Demand Due from the Mehalls Under my Charge to that period are

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& that the Arrear 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 Kists—& Directing me to report my Opinion how far these respective Balances well (sic) as the Demands to the End of Choite are likely to be realized.

In reply I have the Honor to inform You that I have little Doubt of the success of my exertion in realizing the full Amt of the Reve Due from Bishenpore Acct the Bengal Year 1195—previous to transmitting You my Towjee for Beerbhoom, should the Ryotts of Burdwan, Rajeshy & Moorshedabad Cultivating Lands in this district be allowed to pay agreeable to the Custom of former Years, but none if it be Yr pleasure to direct the Collection of the Amt Due from them according to the Established Jummabundy

I am &ca
Signed/ C Keating
Collr

Beerbhoom
the 13th April 1789

To
Lce 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, agreable to the Establish'd Jummabundy, I beg leave 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 Dewan of this District to attend at my Cutcherry for the adjustmt of their Accts or should it be thought more expedient that you will Depute as conveniently as possible an Aumeen Act with the Zemindars Aumlah on this Business

I am &ca
Signed/ C Keating,
Collr

Beerbhoom
the 21st April 1789

To
Peter Speke Esqr,
Collr of Radshie

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 agreable to the Establish'd Jummabundy, I beg leave to transmit You Copy of the Bd of the 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 supose that the operation of them will from the Number of individuals who must be affected, occasion great clamour, disgust and in many instances distress

My observations have hitherto been confined to the Baze Zumeen of Beerbhoom, but I believe they will equally apply to the Lands in Bishenpoor, when Bighas 8339 only appear by the Zemindary Records to have been Granted since the Date of Dewanny Sunnud, tho I have every reason to believe that Lands to a much greater amount have been alienated from the Rent of Government, and granted as Dabutter, Bermutter &c&c of which no notice is to 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 Zemindar so far back as the 23rd of October 1789 never having yet been furnished

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obede Hum Servant
Signed/ C Keating,
Collr

Beerbhoom
the 23rd April 1789

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

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 Assesment which has been fixt upon them

On reference to the Accounts & records of the late measure ment, I find Mr Frushards' lands stated as follows, In cultivation Bighas 1081-C7—Putteet or uncultivated B499-C17 Distroy'd by the Inundation B288-C2—Incapable of Cultivation B635-C3—for the two former of which making B1581-C4—& B160-C13-G3 of Resumed Bazee Zumin Mr Frushard has been asses'd as a pykaust Ryott agreeable 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 expence he has been at in embankments & others precautions taken, the lands, from the body of Water at times rushing down the More River would be continually washing away, to prevent this a heavy expence 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 Assesment—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 B499 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 it 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 Zemindarry Dewan for his accounts receipts of Revenue from Mr Frushard for the Current Year, it appears the sum of SaRs 1500—has been paid and agreeable to the Jummabundy as a Pykaust Ryott the remains due from Mr Frushard the sum of SaRs 1188-7-2 which presence You will deem expedient to direct the payment of

I am with the Greatest Respect,
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed/ C Keating,
Collr

Beerbhoom
the 26th April 1789

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 24th January a Party of Sepoys was sent out from here to apprehend the Several Persons mentioned by Jeebnah in his Depositions taken before the Acting Magistrate 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 Ojeet Lall, uncle of the Talookdar of Mulliarah 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 he so richly merits. I also beg leave to inform you, that a number of Decoits who have been lately taken in this District having accused Murdun Sing a Talookdar of Burdwan with being their Chief, of their having * * acted in all the Robberies committed by them, agreeable to his Orders, and of having deposited 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 adviseable that the Naib Nazim should be also requested to * * transmit the Proceedings in the Trail 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 you 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 Measures were immediately Adopted for the Apprehension of the Persons concerned in the Murder of the Dawk Hircarrah in Bisshenpore and I have now the pleasure to acquaint you that 2 of the Party have been taken & committed to the Nezaumut for Trial—From their Confessions it appears that the Party consisted but of three in all the two that are taken and one Sagrah who made his Escape, and that they were in the pay of Punchoo Bhudun of Roosoon 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 Ojeet Lall of Mulliarah, and Murdun Sing a Talookdar of Burdwan had been apprehended and now beg that you will inform his Lordship that from Intelligence I have just received from the Soubadar commanding a party of Sepoys from hence that Jeebnah, who lately made his escape from Burdwan is retaken—

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

Beerbhoom
June 2nd 1789.

To
John White Esqr.,
Remebrancer 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 Illumbazar made thro the Commercial Rsident Mr. Cheap under Date 24 Instant I have this Day sent off a Guard of Sepoys from the Native Infantry stationed at this place to protect them from incursions & Depredations of the Dekoits who molest, Plunder & Destroy their Looms from the neighbouring Skets (sic) of the Burdwan District, the Guard consists of a Naiek & Six Sepoys—

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

Beerbhoom
June 27th 1789.

To
M. Leslie Esqr.,
Magistrate of Pacheat.

Sir,

Oodoo Mangey the Head of a Gang of Decoits who for these two years past has plundered the Districts of Burdwan & Beerbhoom having taken refuge in Doomreah Village, Pergunnah Mysrah under your Jurisdiction, I have particularly to request that you will cause him to be seized & sent here for Trial—

I am &ca.
(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 Durkhaust requiring the Assistance of a Military Guard for the Protection of his Jails, which are crowded with Delinquents 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, That on conviction of the necessity of such precaution—The Number of prisoners being 140, I have this Day requested of the Commanding Officer of the Detachtt. of Native Infantry at this station to furnish a Guard for the above purpose—which I hope will meet with his Lordship's Approbation.

I am &ca.
(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 Chupfrassus Kyfeaut Nama, and Renters Muchulkas, relative to the attendance of the Pykaust Ryots of your District, attending on Me to adjust their balance for the last or Bengal Year 1195. To this Day only 42 Pykaust Ryotts residents of the villages Nynah, Sumsutt, Budduah & Aumeerpoor in Pergunnah Auzmutshie have appeared and settled their balances

In the event of their Non attendance, you request me to propose measures for enforcing their attandance, 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 & Peromptory Perwannah for the immediate adjustment of their Account & Balances at the Mofussell Cutcherrys, or in the event of altercation appearing personally before me at this place, for that purpose, this Perwannah to be given in charge to two, or more of your Chupfrasses with strict injunctions to enforce the same, without attendance to frivolous excuses, or Delays of any kind. On this . . . . (torn)
deputed with them to the respect . . . . (torn)
given.

I am &ca.
(Signed) C. Keating,
Collr.

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 Bishenpoor, being desirous of receiving your instructions & specific Orders relative to the settlement of the Bheterjaut Mehalls, I beg leave to lay before you the following Enclo-

sure No. 1 Copy of Mr. Hesilriges letter to me under date the 17th Ultimo. No. 2 Copy of my answer thereto under date the 21st Ultimo. No. 3 Copy of Mr. Hesilrige's reply under date the 29th Ultimo, and request to be favor'd with your determination thereon. The Report alluded to by Mr. Hesilrige relative to the Bheterjaut &C. Mehalls was transmitted by my Predecessor to the President of the Khalsa, & is dated the 7th September 1788.

Enclosure No. 4 is Copy of the statement transmitted to me with and refer'd to by Mr. Hesilrige in his letter No. 3 before mentioned, the Confirmation of the Debutter, Bermutter &c. Grants must depend on your decision and Ultimate orders.

The Kulletah Mehall as represented in the aforesaid enclosure No. 3 opened a scene of Exaction, & Villany, that is but too frequently practised upon the Hendoos in general, and is a source of Gain to the Natives in authority and altho this Mehall may now appear part of the assets for the Maintenance of Memu 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 Recovering of Cast, failure in Marriage Contracts, Religious altercations & defamations, appertain to, & are provided for in the Courts of Dewanny & Foujidarry Adawlut. The salary on Marriages taking place, is a Tax imposed of a Fee paid to the Zemindar or person in authority for a Sunnud, or Warrant authorizing performance of the Ceremony, in direct contradiction 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. Hesilriges letter on this subject, these Matters as an establish kall (sic) yeilding Revenue to . . . . Sing on the Rajahs family was unknown me I shall however until honor'd with the receipt of your instructions/Mr. Hesilrige having stated it as an assett of the Bheterjaut/decline any immediate process in my Judicial & Magisteral capacity, on the full conviction that the circumstances of the delay will fully acquit me of neglect in those Department.

I am &ca.
(Signed) C. Keating,
Collr.

Beerbhoom
the 1st August 1789

To

The Right Hon'ble Charles Earl Cornwallis K. G.
Governor General &ca. &ca. in the Foujidary Department, 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 Country by which it is bounded, claims the most serious attention of Government. I doubt not 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 Boorkoonah in Pergunnah Joynujaul as also on Pergunnah Soopoor where they Murdered Pursaud Roy the Tannadar's Father, & Wounded with an arrow one Surroop Roy the Dewan of Annud Chund Ghose in the Village Luckpoor in Pergunnah Kurney Burrerah & Village Bhurkoorey in Pergunnah Shaw Allumpoor have also been plundered & two Persons Murdered.

On receipt of the above information I immediately in my capacity of Collector issued positive Purwannahs to all the Gautwauls immediately to supply their quotas 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 to have in employ by the Records of the District. I have also called on the Tallokdars of the Mokurrery Talloqks of Pubbia and Paynerah to supply their Quotas of Men with all possible expedition. With these people every possible exertion shall be made—altho' at least they are but a Rabble and must necessarily Act with the Tannadars & their Establishment who I have reason to fear are but too much in League with the Robbers that are to be Opposed, and I am sorry to say that I am authorized in my suspicions from some things that have come out in the . . . . now pending before me, account the Depredations and Murders before described. I shall also address the Commanding Officer 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 Commercial Resident of Soonamookey for the Protection of the Company's Property & Weavers at Illumbuzar, a Guard is stationed for the protection of the Nezamutt Jail, and a Guard at Collector's Treasury.

The Guard at Illumbuzar I presume is of too great consequence 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 Calender 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 off.

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 Effected by Drafts from the Tannadary & Gautwaul Establishment, they being as I have before observed a Rabble & most probably the first to fly. The Robbers generally enter the District by the way of the four following Ghauts. Burreree, Ruttunpoor, Gundah Gong & Jummaulpoor, Adjacent to the Ojie River dividing this from the Jungly parts of Pacheate & Sunparry in Burdwan.

I therefore beg leave to submit to your Lordship's consideration the benefit that would arise, not only in the preservation 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 Tannadarry & Gautwaul establishment, will I think be fully sufficient effectually to prevent the Grievances stated, but this cannot be effected unless 2 Companies of Native Infantry are stationed here.

The Criminal Court Jails at this station are full, the Number of Delinquents now in Confinement being 176. Many of whom I am sorry to say, by the Calender appear more deserving of Condign Punishment than being simply confined, & wellfed in a Jail their Number are daily increasing and unless additional Buildings are Erected they must inevitably smother each other.

It is with peculiar satisfaction that I avail myself of this opportunity of informing your Lordship of the Care & Attention of the Naib Nazims Derogah which alone has hitherto prevented such a Calamity.

My Lord
Your Lordship's
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 likewise necessary to inform that I have apprehended Oodoo Mangey of Mullvarah, a Man impeached by Jeebna Dekoit 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 &ca.
Beerbhoom, (Signed) C. Keating,
the 2nd November 1789. *Magistrate.*

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 Tilluck 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 Puckurhauss has been here & states that the Thieves to the No. 150 are assembled in the Pergunnahs of Barbuck Sing & Cootoolpoor, 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 issuing 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 Cattuah. Orders have been sent to the Tannadar of Sooroopsing to apprehend them, when they shall be sent over to you under a Guard.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom (Signed) C. Keating,
November 9th 1789. *Collector.*

To
The Right Hon'ble Charles Earl Cornwallis,
K. G. Governor General &c. &c. in the
Foujedarry 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 Gummediah in Bishenpoor, to collect such Evidence as he could in the Mofussel & attend at the Cutcherry. 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 Hurreyram the Tannadar of Pikeparah to apprehend and send him to Soorey. On the 4th Octr. Hurreram 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 th Kote Mehal in Bishenpoor, In Consequenc of this on the 5th October, Ten Peons were sent with order on the Tannadars of Borrow Hazarey, Soonamookey 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. 1 was on the 31st Ultimo written to Mr. Hesilrige, I yesterday received his answer Copy of which No. 2 I also enclose, and have in consequence requested of Captn. I. Bradshaw 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
Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Beerbhoom (Signed) C. Keating,
November 24th 1789. *Magistrate.*

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
the 1st July 1790. *Collr.*

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

Beerbhoom	mds.	srs.	chs.
Coarse Rice	1	31	0
Fine Rice	1	26	0
Finest Rice	1	12	8
Paddy	3	22	0
Collye	1	10	0
Boot	1	20	0
Salt/Madras/	0	19	0
Oil	0	10	0
Ghee	0	6	2
Tobacco	0	12	0
Sugar	0	9	0
Pepper	0	1	0
Buttle Nutt	0	4	0
Turmerrick	0	20	0
	Ths.	Srs.	Gs.
Cowries	4	4	5

Bishenpoor	mds.	srs.	chs.
Coarse Rice	1	8	0
Fine Rice	1	3	8
Finest Rice	1	3	4
Wheat — the seer of 72 S. Wt.	1	5	8
Collye	1	12	8
Boot	1	17	0
Oil	0	6	12
Jaggry	0	26	0
Salt	0	13	0
Ghee	0	5	4
Tobacco	0	13	0
Sugar — the seer of 60 S. Wt.	0	8	0
Buttle Nutt	0	5	14
Turmerrick	0	17	0
	Ths-Srs-Gs.		
Cowries	4-3-10		

Beerbhoom,
the 1st July 1790, Signed/ C. Keating,
Collr.

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 Deputation under date the 30th Ult and beg leave to solicit your instructions

Permit me Gentlemen to observe If the stress laid on the *Terms* of the Jummabundy not having been known, is allowed to the Pyckaust Ryotts—The Kood Kast Ryotts have every just claim to the same indulgence it being impossible that the *Terms* or *Rates* of the Jummabundy could be made known until confirmed by your Board —

I am &C
Beerbhoom Signed/ C Keating
the 2nd July 1790 *Collr*

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 30th ultimo advising me of its being intended to establish cross Dawks to the stations of the several Officers of Government to be put under Charge of the Post Master General, instead of the present Establishment of Cassids, Directing me to Report what Dawks are already established in these Districts, to what places therein 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 up Soorey or Hydrabad in Beerbhoom to Burdwan, and from Indoss in Bishenpoor to Burdwan, from which place the Dispatches were forwarded to the Collector of that District—The Distance from Soorey or Hydrabad to Burdwan is about fifty miles, and from Indoss to Burdwan is about fifteen miles —

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

I am &C
Beerbhoom, /signed/ C Keating
the 5th July 1790 *Collr*

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 Gonatea, directing me to report thereon, & to furnish the Information required of me in your letter of the 22nd 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 16th Ultimo

Mr Frushard having remarked that this statement was in conformity with the Measurement 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 denomination 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 Purgunnah Surroop Sing, & Tallook Ichapooker the Nerrick or established Jummabundy rates of which, differing somewhat from each other—I have drawn out, & have the honor to Enclose, a seperate Statement, or Jummabundy for each portion of Land agreeable to the Measurement at the Pykaust rates of the Jummabundy of the District having considered Mr Frushard as a Pykaust Ryott agreeable to the Board's resolution of the 3rd 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 1407 3 4 The Aumeens Measurement states the Land then in Cultivation to be Begahs 1369 9 4 & Putteet or Waste Land fit for Cultivation Begahs 1199 10 6 making Begahs 1868 19 10 The Quantity of Steril Land by Mr Frushard's Account is Begahs 1097 2 6 & by that of the Aumeen including Roads Water Courses &C is only, Begahs 635 10 making a difference of Begahs 444 added to which, it appears by the Jumma Wassil Bauky of 1194 that an Except of Begahs 160 13 3 of Bazee Zumeen was included in Mr Frushard's Grant which was that Year resumed, & one Hundred Rupees brought to account the Revenues of the District

The Jummabundy, as a Pykaust Ryott, of the Land, stated to be in Cultivation by the Aumeen's Account, is Sa Rs 2538-12 to which if added the Amount of the resumed Excess of Bazee Zumeen, being agreeable to the Jumma bundy Rs 210 11 14 , the just Demand of the Zamindar agreeable to the Jummabundy will be Rs 2748-12-6 exceeding the Demand made for the past Year in the sum of Rs 68-12 6

The Zemindar pleads, that the 499 Begahs of land stated by the Aumeen as Putteet, or Waste has been brought into Cultivation , he therefore Demands the revenues of it, as in the Event of Mr Frushard's not having retained it he should have received the benefits arising from it as a Khoodkaust instead of a Pykaust Ryott Mr Frushard acknowledges in 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 amount Collected as stated by Mr Frushard, for the 444 Begahs, in the B Y 1196 Exceeds the Amount Jummabundy of the 499 Begahs by the sum of Rs 25-3-12 Allowing therefore, that the 55 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 Jummabundy of the 288 Begahs in the same manner & form as for the Cultivated Lands the Revenues of which as a Pykaust Ryott Amount to Sa Rs 550-1-19 which deducted from the amount Revenue of the Cultivated Land, Ex the sum of Sa Rs 2883-6 12 as the Annual sum justly due from Mr Frushard for his Lands as a Pykaust Ryott —In addition to which Mr Frushard agreeable to the established Custom 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/Balley Choppah/destroyed by sand accumulation by Inundation , It in the event of Land of equal Quality laying waste, in the Vicienty of the Village where the Ryott may reside obliged to Cultivate as much Land as he may have lost—should no such Land be laying Waste, the Ryott is there 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 there indentical 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 thereto on demanding for the same Lands the annual sum of Rs. 2680—I 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
sd/- C. Keating
Collr.

Beerbhoom
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 Beerbhoom for his proofs of the fact affirmed by him, that in the month of Chyte 1194. the Ryotts were informed by the former's that for the ensuing Year 1195 a Jummabundy 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 acquiscence.

On Receipt of the above Order, I called upon the Zemindarry Dewan by a public Purwannah for the proofs required and have now the honor to transmit enclosed Copy & Translate of his answer, together with Copy and Translates of the Depositions on Oath of 13 Persons taken by me on this subject.

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

Beerbhoom
the 27th July 1790.

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—and trust that this further address on the subject of Bishenpoor will not be deemed an intrusion—more especially as I am uged to it, by my fears of a failure in the Revenues of that District for the Current Year.—

From the Circumstances of my assistants absence and ultimate removal, I have hitherto been prevented from going to Bishenpoor. Mr. Armstrong my present second Assistant I expect daily, & on his arrival purpose leaving him in charge of this part of my Collectorship, and proceeding personally to Bishenpoor To Effect the following points.

The holding the Mofussell Pooneah, and Collecting the Demands of Government which to this period Amounts nearly to one lack of Rupees.

2d. To Investigate into the assertions of the Etmaumdars & others that the Balances appearing, and stated to be due from them is not Caused by a Deficeing in their payments, but from sums of money have been deducted & stopt from those payments by the Officers employed in the Conditions for the past Year, most of whom, I am sorry to say had fled before Orders for their Detention could reach Bishenpoor.

3d. An Investigation into the Charges of Chyton Sing against Ram Connie Cor. in Conformity to the Orders of the Right Hon'ble Governor General in Council, conveyed to me in your letter date the 21st of June last.

In Order to accomplish the first & most material part of this business—I beg leave to represent to You Gentlemen, that, I have this day transmitted publication's to be Issued throughout the District of Bishenpoor proclaiming my intentions directing the Putecarrys' & Ryotts to meet me at Indoss with the Amount in demand of their Revenues on the 1st day of Bahdhoom ensuing, where it will be received on Account until the conclusion of the settlement.

I trust Gentlemen in meeting Your every indulgence, for urging a point which to me appears/in the Event of the settlement of Bishenpoor being made with Rajah Chyton Sing/so essentially necessary for the security of the Revenue's, & prosperity of the District. His immediate Return, and permission to form his Mofussell Settlement, subject to 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 settlement 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 Bishenpore in the 8th Instant.

I am &C
/signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

Beerbhoom
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 sum of Sa. Rs. 2,680, is a Moderate Rent for the Lands held by Mr. Frushard—Directing Me to ascertain from the Zemindar's Manager whether he is willing to accept the Annual sum of Sa. Rs. 2,680 as the fixed Rent of those Lands during the remainder of the proposed Lease to Mr. Frushard.

In Obedience to the above Orders, I immediately, by Perwannah informed the Zemindar's Dewan, as Manager and have the honor to transmit Enclosed Copy & translate of his answer thereon.

I am &c.
/signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

Beerbhoom
the 4th August 1790.

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

Gentlemen,

I was duly 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 30th 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 inforce obedience to this regulation."—

The Views of Government in the Order are humanely directed to the Interest & Relief of the lower Class of People, & consequently to the general Welfare of the State-Feeling this principle. I have endeavoured acurately to ascertain the Person 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 altercations between the Farmer, & the Ryott, & the Delays not to say Losses that would necessarily be the Result of such Altercation. The following Instalments I submit to yr. Consideration as best Calculated for this purpose.

Should this plan meet vr approbation I shall proceed to carry it into execution immediately—

Instalments	Beerbhoom Annas	Bishenpoor
Bysack		
Joyte	2	–
Assaur	–	3
Shrawbun	–	–
Bahdhoon	½	1
Assin	1½	1½
Cartick	2	2
Augrun	4	3
Poose	4	4
Maug	1	1½
Faulgrun	1	–
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This Instalment I have Calculated for the Mafussil but I further beg leave to propose that the Seedder Instalment may vary One half or One Quarter of an Anna from the Mafussil Kistbundy, as It were I trust be the means of pre venting Balances appearing in the Monthly Accounts and at the same time give the Proprietors an opportunity of grants of Indulgencies to the inferior Ryott —

I am &c
/signed/ C Keating
Collr

Beerbhoom
the 16th September 1790

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

Gentlemen,

I was duely honored by the receipt of your Order dated the 23rd ultimo Enclosing Copy of a Petition delivered to your Board by Rajah Chyton authorizing a suspension of the Amount of his Claims on Dupnarain Kurr, to be from the Balance due from him Account 1195 —Until your Board shall have been determined thereon—& further to Release him from confinement on his engagement within a reasonable time, to period agreed upon —Requiring the sunneed granted to Gomastahs for Reestablishment of the Kulleetah Mehalls with the two Receipts for sums Collected as stated by Mr Hesilrige, to be transmitted, together with such enquiries into the transaction as may appear necessary to enable you Gentlemen to determination 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 Renting the whole of the Zemindary of Bishenpoor but directing that he be settled with for his own share of the Beeterjaut,. .. . .
. equal in Value to their respective Annual Incomes and possess the same henceforward separately directing me to obtain their answers in sorting and transmit the same with my 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 Currents of Rajah Chyton Sing & Rajah Damoodah Sing, directing that such part of the Balance of Rs 563-10-1 appearing due to the former, as 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 Hesilrige 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 this Jumma for Ten Years exclusive of sayer, with an exception of Rajah Damoodah Sing's share of the Beeterjaut & the Talooks entitled to be separated under the Orders of the Right Hon'ble Governor General in Council —That from Mr Hesilrige's explanation of the Collections made under the Bazee Zumeen Dufter it appears advisable that this separate Chamber of the Receipt of Rents should be discontinued, and that the Mehalls now paying their Revenue thro' that Medium should be reannexed 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 Bazee Zumeen from which Collections are now made by the Zemindar under the Head of *Sooderaum Mehall* 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 these Lands
into the Heads of Deduction in Mr Hesilrige's abstract account Jumma Wassill Baukey, composed of suspensions & claims to remissions & result desiring to be informed whether any part of the balance of Rs deemed pro curable by Mr Hesilrige 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 for the B Y 1195 He made many objections relative to the profits of Beeterjaut Land's 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 requision (requesting to be?) allowed the period of one month for the Discharge of it, this I com plied was his delivering a written Engagement to that Effect-in which it is on failure of payment his Beeterjaut 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 Diammodah Sing's Share of the Talooks & Mahurreress authorized to be separated was fully explained offered to Rajah Chyton Sing, and agreeable to his request, twice allowed consider of it-he has accepted of the terms, and having delivered the writing under his hand, and seal was accordingly put in possession of the District

Purwannahs have been issued to Rajah Chyton Sing and Rajah Damoodah Sing strictly injoining them immediately to the all Mehalls the Revenues of which are now Collected under the Head of Bazee 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 Purwannah been prohibited from making any further Collections from the Lands comprized under the Head of Sooeraswn Mehall —

With respect to the given to Gomastha as also the two Receipt stated by Mr Hesilrige to have been granted for the reestablishment of the Hullictah Mehall they are not be found in the Records, nor have I been enabled to ascertain from the Officers present to what Gomastahs the same was granted, or by whom the Receipts was given— Nemie Sing who formerly enjoyed this Mehall has denied any Knowledge of it —All the Officers however sure to be acquainted that there were such Papers, which Mr Hesilrige got possession of and on a reference to Mr Hesilrige's Letter under date the 1st April last, in which this circumstance is alluded to his words are "Have come into my "possession and are now by me ' from which I am led to conclude they are still in his possession, and on being obtained from him & transmitted will enable me fully to investigate and Report on this matter

Your Orders Gentlemen relative to Rajah Damoodah Sing's share of the Beeterjaut Lands, only direct that he be separately with for the same—The Annual Revenue fixed by him is Rs 23,654-4 including sayer estimated at Rs 2749-12-16

Rajah Damoodah Sing had engaged under his seal & signature/ in the event of his being but in full possession of his share of these Lands agreeable to the Decree of Government, to pay a Nett annual Revenue of Sa Rs. 25,000 exclusive of sayer—which turns on the presumption that the Decree stands confirmed, I have assented 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 Wassill Baukey Account for . . . . . The Balance of the Mehalls held kuss under Sizaweels are not calculated, the Jumma at which the Mehalls stood but on the Actual Receipt for which alone the Officers employed can be deemed answered. I have therefore stated the Amount of the Actual Receipts by the . . . . . from each Mehall Agreeable to the Mofussell Accounts delivered by the . . . . . & Gomastahs, and have given credit for charges serinjamy & all sums into the Treasury to the present time.—The particulars of claims for Account sums invoiced & remitted as Revenue, not 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 Mehalls 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 Bearers Land and Teynants . . . . . put upon them, they objected to it, declaring their inability . . . . . good.—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 Kurrary or . . . . . Mehalls are caused by an access put on them some years since . . . . . am Sircar when Sezawull, and altho never realized have been brought . . . . . on in Account and appear an assett of the Jumma the demand is . . . . . unjust I have however taken security for the Amount until your pleasure. . . . . known.

With Respect to the suspensions or Balance appearing due from the Mehalls under the Bazee Zumeen Dufter—the Account particulars & Remarks transmitted by Mr. Hesilrige correspond with the Zemindary Records—but I presume that Mr. Hesilrige preferred stating them at 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 assets by the Records it appears, that in different Years, salamys and increases have been put on these Mehalls 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 Turruff from which they were separated. Again Putteet or waste Land Debwutter & Bermutter 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 Mehalls—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 Shumshier was authorized, and has since been adjusted by your Board.—

The suspension of the Balance on the village Mungulpoor, was authorized by your Board under date the 19th April last being a Bashee imposed by Gunnisham Sircar.—

The suspension of the Balance on the Mocurrery village Bistnobatty, appears to be account the Bashee imposed on the Mokurrery Aziem Shaw 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 Wassill Baukey. Under the head of resumed Bearers Lands, & Teynant Foujdaray, nothing can be done until....Gentlemen shall have determined on the farmers objections.—

Of the Balances of the past year Rs. 3,830-2-14. have been realized to the present time.—

I am with the greatest Respect
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
/signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

Beerbhoom
the 28th September 1790.

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

Beerbhoom				Bishenpoor	
					Torn
Coarse Rice	1	26	4	Coarse Rice	. . .
Fine do	1	20	–	Fine do	. . .
Finest do	1	7	8	Finest do	. . .
Paddy	3	30	–	Wheat	the seer of 72 S.W.
Collye	1	10	–	Collye	
Boot	1	20	–	Boot	. . .
Wheat	1	12	8	Oil	. . .
Salt/Madras/	–	16	–	Jaggry	. . .
Oil	–	10	–	Salt	. . .
Ghee	–	7	–	Ghee	. . .
Tobacco	–	16	–	Tobacco	. . .
Sugar	–	10	–	Sugar	. . .
Pepper	–	1	8	Buttle Nutt	. . .
Buttle Nutt	–	5	–	Turmerrick	. . .
Turmerrick	1	15	–		

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N.B. the seer is of 58.10. S.W.

/signed/C. Keating
Collr.

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

Gentlemen,

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 Hon'ble 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 advertizement, that they will be disposed of at the Khalsah by Public Sale this limited time afterwards extended to the period of three Months.

Independent of the Ground taken up by the Hon'ble Company's House at Indoss in Bissenpoor and the Commercial factories in Beerbhoom & 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 Hon'ble Company's House stands 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 Bigahs are on the outside of the Ditch, but not defined waste, & pays no Revenue.—

The Commercial Factories in these Districts with the Subordinate are as follows—

In Beerbhoom	
Head Factory	Soorool
Subordinate	Illumbazar
„	Gurgoreah
„	Essurpoor
„	Allundah
„	Hurrypoor
„	Dubraeyepoor
„	Huzretpoor
„	Hella
In Bisshenpoor	
Factory	Pittersyer
Subordinate	Roybagney
„	Gopaulneygur
Factory	Soonamookey
Subordinate	Baumunden
„	Raeyehaut

To the above Factories there is no Cultivated Lands attached, excepting two small spots that has been made into Garden Ground by the different Residents—the Records do not specify either the Boundaries or Quantity of Land belonging to each Factory, nor do they pay any Revenue—

I am &C.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating
the 12th. Oct. 1790. *Collr.*

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

Gentlemen,

In obedience to the Order transmitted in your letter of the 23d August last, directing me to propose to the Zemindars Rajahs Chyton & Damoodah Singh a Division of Territory equal in value to their respective Annual Incomes, and to possess the same henceforward separately, instead of the present made of participating the rents in a manner.

The Talooks of the Gautewals are comprized Partly of Malguzzary and partly of Jaghire Lands, but there are no Records, or any Documents be to ascertain what is Jaghire, and what Malguzzary. I have therefore deputed on.....to make this Enquiry, in Order that the Balance may be liquidated by the sale of part of his Jaghire, and no mistake occur, by which Any Part of the Malguzzary Lands might be alienated from the Zemindar, & in so doing, I hope I act in .....Obedience to Your Commands.—

I am with the greatest Respect
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
Beerbhoom Humble Servant
the 12th. November 1790. /signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

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

Gentlemen,

On fully considering the Orders of Government respecting Talookdars, it was reasonable to suppose that the Gautwahls of this District would come under the description specified, and entitle them to Pay their Revenues only to the Collector. Notifications were accordingly issued but no one came at that time to produce their Title Deeds or to offer any Reasons for the Indulgence held and to them. But on holding the Poonea the Vakeels of two appeared and tendered Money in Account asserting that their Constituents with the proper Documents would speedily follow. The Money consequence of this Assertion was received but no Constituents or Documents have been produced. From hence it is just to conclude no Title Deeds exist and that the assertion of the Vakeels was false. But the Orders of the Governor General in Council direct. "That where Talookdars have no Title Deeds "to produce, but ground their Right upon long Possession the Collector separate them "from the authority of the Zemindars and conclude Engagements with them as actual "Proprietor, unless the Zemindar thro' whom they now pay their Rents shall object "to such 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 Government 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 lineal 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 thro' the Zemindar of Beerbhoom. The History is enveloped in much Obscurity, 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 is a Division of Pergunnah Seaure formerly appertaining to Neerhutt Samay and belonged to Lutchmynarain Sing, who during his life time paid his Revenues at Kurruckdeah— his sons Kullian Sing & Ahjieb Sing succeeded him, and in consequence of some internal Briefs and attempts to dispossess them. Kullian Sing made application to Assud Ullah Khan ancestor to the present Rajah for assistance & in the Event of success engaged to separate his Lands from Kurruckdeah & pay his Revenues at Beerbhoom is the point was gained & the separation accomplished but Kullian Sing having some time afterwards thrown off his Alligiance Assud Ullah Khan made a Conquest of Sarhaut and drove out Kullian Sing/this is supposed to have occurred about the B.Y. 1111/ Assud Ullah Khan afterwards found himself obliged to come to Terms with the Relations & Dependants of Kullian Sing and it was agreed between them that half the Lands should be held as Jaghier and the other half pay Rent. He divided it among several persons into Hoodahs, and to Khoodshaut Sing Brother of Kullian Sing he gave Baumungong. But the Gautwahls from this argument can only claim on Hereditary Right to their Jaghier Lands for it appears that the Malguzary the Chiefly managed by Gautwahls has been at times held Khass or farmed by indifferent Persons and the..... has been fixed at no Regular Assessment, as will be seen by such a Companies statement of the Jumma during the last 19 Years as I have been able to procure and which I have now the honor to Enclose, little dependance can however be on it from the Circumstance that very few Original Records are forthcoming to.....it Exactness as I before remarked only two have laid claims to be exemptions from the Authority of the Zemindar—a compliance to which I have thought it adviseable 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 Ryotts, and of Government, to be exempted from the authority of the Zemindar, and to pay their Rents immediately to the Collector. Mr. Hesilrige in his Account of Sarhaut remarks that on Enquiry about the Putteet Lands they were invariably alleged to be Malguzary, and those in Cultivation Jagheir, and that it was difficult to prove if the assertion was false. This Putteet Land is always brought forward as an excuse for the deficiences in payments, and Government have recommended without Effect that they be Consolidated. If this could have been effected, the best consequences might have been hoped for, and that it would have been the Interest of the Gautwahls to cultivate all equally alike. The Face of the Country might have worn a better appearance instead of the Wretchedness visible althrough Sarhaut excepting the Kyraut village and Lands of Kurrai For here there is an appearance of Plenty, the natives look happy and contented, and the Traveller is pleased to leave the disolate waste Country of Sarhaut and to enter this well cultivated tract. For the causes of the difference we must look to the oppression by

the Zemindars servants when deputed to make the Collections. This Cause would not affect the Jaghier 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 Malguzary. 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 Jungles always afford an Easy & safe Refuge. There is a President as Major Brown held Sarhaut & Deogure 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 Latter will be in proportion to the progressive Improvement of the Former. This among many Reasons may be alledged 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 Durkausts dowls & Cuboolats intered into 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 entreat, to be favored 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 Sezaweell to superintend the Collections, until from Actual observation and enquiry on the spot and from a revision of the Jumma I shall be enabled to adjust such an Equitable assessment as may Meet Your approbation.

I am &C.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating
the 18th. November 1790. *Collr.*

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

Gentlemen,

I was duely honored by the receipt of your Orders under date the 3d. Ultimo, in Answer to my Letter and Enclosures transmitted to your Board under date the 28th of September, on the Bishenpoor Balances for the past year and shall strictly attend to your instructions.

I have now the pleasure to submit abstracts No. 1 & 2 of my investigation into the Balance stated against Talooks Mulliarah & Shawjoorah which I trust will meet your approbation.

Nothing appears to have been paid amount Serinjamy to the two first Sezawulls, employed in Mulliarah, nor are they present to make any claims for such allowances, or answer to the assertions of the Talookdar, that his Talook has been Ruined by their Exactions, or the sums collected by the third Sezawull, & not brought to amount, I have stated from whom they appear due, and await your decision on what further part you may deem to be demandable from the Sezawull, whose person is attached.

I am &C.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating
the 16th. Dec. 1790. *Collr.*

To
J. H. Harington Esqr.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
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. 69,350.8.11. 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 Mortification to know, that I have unwittingly committed another error, by not making the Remark required, in my accounts, for the Past Month, where the Balance of my Treasury appears Rs. 1,28,885.8.2.2. 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 Sa.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. 1,24,000.—has been this day Dispatched like General Treasury under a.....

I am &C.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating
the 10th January 1791. *Collr.*

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

Gentlemen,

I am honored by the receipt of your Secretarys letter Under date the 5th Instant, Enclosing Extract Copy of a Letter from the Governor General in Council to Your Board, Dated the 31st December 1790, directing me to retain the Lands of the Gautwauls of this District under my own Management and receive the Revenues thereof Annually.

The Orders of the Board coincide with the Intentions I had formed of visiting Deogur about the 15th of Next Month. My Object was to ascertain from local observation how far the Regulations for Pilgrims as communicated by You on the 8th of September last, may be applicable to Deogur ; and now I go up somewhat earlier than I originally intended, in Order to make such unequivocal settlements in the several Gautwaully Tallooks as may meet your Approbation, & prevent any future Balances. In the present Year I am apprehensive there will be some considerable Defalcation, for which reason I could wish that the Collections may be continued, until this Year is expired of which there remain only three Months, and that afterwards they may be paid as you direct. The necessity of this Measure I hope will appear to the Board ; as it will be impossible for me in less Time to arrange Matters as I could wish. My Endeavours nevertheless will not be wanting to realize the apprehended Balance and hope for Your Permission to act in the Manner I have pointed out.

I am &C.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating
the 11th Jany. 1791 *Collr.*

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 Gautwauls 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 Gautwauls with the Zemindar for the Revenues of their Maulguzary lands for the Current year, other informed & some held Khass under Charge of a Sezawul stationed there for the purpose of Receiving & Remitting the Boards

I am &C
Beerbhoom /signed/ C Keating
the 18th Jany. 1791. *Collr*

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 Hesilrige's letter and account transmitted to your Board in Explanation of the Defeciency of Rs 242-15- in the Bishenpoor Treasury, communicated by me in my letter of the 11th September last, "directing me to transmit" the Account required by Mr Hesilrige, and furnish you with such remarks in "explanation as may appear necessary"

No regular Accounts having been received from Besshenpore 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 accomptant'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 Hesilrige indirectly charges me with embezzelment of his salary for June, that which was paid to Mr George Arbuthnot on his tendering Mr Hesilrige'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 solicit that Mr George Arbuthnot may be publickly called upon for an explanation of the Receipt & Repayment of Mr Hesilriges salary for the Month of June last from & to this Treasury, which I trust will prove fully satisfactory to your Board.

Mr Hesilrige 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 neces sary for me to inform you, that about a day or two after Mr Hesilrige arrived at Beerbhoom, he sent me a Letter to peruse which he had received from Mr Larkins, it was relative to the Forgery of Rampersaud Shaw & others who were supposed to be in about Bishenpoor, the Tenor of this Letter being of moment & Mr Hesilrige informing me that if I could immediately furnish him with Bearers he believed he should be able to seize Rampersaud Shaw, the Bearers were furnished, & Mr Hesilrige proceeded to Bishenpoor, from (torn)

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

Sir,

I shall be obliged to report for Deogur by the 20th Instant at farthest, & am consequently in anxious Expectation of the final Orders of the Board Respecting the Gautwally Tallooks 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 Gautwauls 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 Departure being so near at hand, permit me thro' you to be honored by the Com mands of the Board Relative to this subject, as early as possible —

I am &C
Beerbhoom /signed/ C Keating
the 10th Feby 1791 *Collr*

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 82773-8-6 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 Revenue Regulations & have accordingly this Day issued a Dustuck in the name of the Zemindar Rajah Chyton Sing 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 into Custody & brought up the place to await such further Orders as your Hon'ble Board may deem it expedient to issue which I humbly request I may be favored with, without delay as possible

I am &C
Beerbhoom /signed/ C Oldfield
the 25th February 1791 *Act of Collr*

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 Bishenpore, 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 aumeen for that purpose —

In reply I beg leave to inform you that a Perwannah to that purport was issued to the Zemindar's Dewan Ramcaunt Roy at the same time with the Dustuck for attaching the person of the Zemindar, which however I am extremly sorry to inform you I have since been again obliged to inforce 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 had 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 is a step I do not deem myself authorized to take without your orders —

I am &C
/signed/ C Oldfield
Act of Collr

Beerbhoom
the 10th March 1791

To
William Cowper Esqr,
President &ca 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
Coll

Beerbhoom
the 1st September 1792

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

Beerbhoom	md	sr	ch	Bishenpoor	md	sr	ch
Coarse Rice	–	32	–	Coarse Rice .	(Torn)		
Fine -do- . .	–	30	–	Fine -do- . .	(,,)		
Arwah -do- . .	–	25	–	Arwah -do- .	(,,)		
Maush Kullie . .	–	32	8	Maush Kullie . .	(,,)		
Boot -do- . .	–	30	–	Boot -do- .	–	24	–

N.B. Weight 60 Siccas to the Seer

N.B Weight 72 Siccas to the Seer

Beerbhoom,
the 1st. September 1792.

(signed)C Keating,
Collector.

To
William Cowper Esqr,
President &ca 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 opinion thereon

2nd During my late Circuit, this 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 /sherwah/ 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 Quality & Quantity 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 Ryott, 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 abolitions, there was by the Nerrickbundy now established a further saving to them of Abwaubs in the different Pergunnahs, of from five to Eight Gundahs of Couras in the Rupee and further, that by this new system of Tallook they became individually independent, and were no longer liable to the Chicanery & fraudulent practices of the Mundulls, Kutkinneydars and Cowrie 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 Dhurrfir 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 Adawlut, that the Ryott holding such Pottah, had not taken it out agreeable to the Quality & Quantity of the Land Bonafide 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 this, 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 Bulmooktah Pottahs & put an End to the altercations on this Point between the Landholders, Farmers & Ryotts It is ordered, that all Ryotts shall deliver wither 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 /Dhurrfirdey/ statement in 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 statements hereby required, 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 representing 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 satisfactory to all publicly transmitted it to the landholders & distributed copies throughout the Pergunnahs, with attested Copies of the /Nerrickbundy/ Rates

6th From Bishenpoor, I came into & Commenced the Circuit of Beerbhoom, & found, that the Circulation of the new Form of Pottah, had not taken place to any 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 returns 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 Jummabundy, 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 business, and of course had rather empeded than promoted the Measure foreseeing /I presume/ that by such Pottahs the Zemindar ascertains to an exactness his real assetts

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 & taking up of the Pottahs agreeable to the approved Form, annexing thereto, the same obligation as in Bishenpoor 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

the Current & succeeding Years made by the Ryotts not holding Bulmooktah Pottahs against the Landholders, Farmers or under Renters for undue exaction of Revenue would be heard or attended to Requiring all Ryotts to whom Bulmooktah Pottahs had been refused to appear & prove the same before the Mehl Court when their expenses would be Repaid and the offenders punished agreeable to the Regulations This last Order has proved the most efficacious, & the returns of Pottahs issued as made by the landholders are as follows —

Beerbhoom—Mahmud Zumaun Khan Zemindar	25 345
Bishenpoor—Lotta Jeevun Loll Manager on the Part of the Joint Zemindar	10,456
Tallook Shawjoorah—Namie Neraın & Tallookdars	60
Tallook Mullearah Jaysing Eauderjee Tallookdar	350

8th The Tallookdars of Paunrah & Pubbia in Beerbhoom have not issued any Bulmooktah Poottahs, & the reason given by them is, that the Nerrick or Rates of their Lands which were never measured, have been from length of years established at one fixt Rate, without variation, that agreeable to these Rates the Ryott has ever paid his Revenue that they experience no trouble or altercation on this account and as their Ryotts from its hitherto not having been the Custom are averse to taking out Pottahs it has not been done yet should it be injoined they are Ready to use their utmost endeavours to Enforce it What require to these Tallook I must observe, that the Ryotts hold them lands rather as Mocurreresdars than otherwise, & they pay a Loll Sindy or quit 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 held it there will scarcely be found a complaint Filed account the Revenues of these Tallooks the Nerrick /or fixt Rates/ of the lands of these Tallooks have been approved, and Copies distributed, the necessity of Enforcing the Pottahs the Ryott on the foregoing observations, rests on the Decision of the Board, so far as my Judgment suggests considering the Revenues paid by the Ryott as a Lollbundy or Quit Rent, I do not see the necessity of it

9th The Zemindar of Beerbhoom in his answer to my Purwannah accompanying his Return of Pottahs, states, that he is convinced of the advantages resulting to him from the issuing of these Pottahs, & hopes by his exertions shortly to accomplish the complete delivery of them, that hitherto he has met with many impediments from the Chicanery of his Farmers & under Renters, who foresee that on the accomplishment of it, their profits will be fully ascertained and ultimately that their will be little or no occasion for their interference or services added to this that much time has elapsed in adjusting the lands of those Ryotts who have in the Course of the two or three last years made amicable exchanges of parts of their Lands with each other

10th The Zemindar of Pergunnahs Barrohazaree &ca in Bishenpoor 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 issuing of them, but that he has not yet received from the former Zemindar of his Purchase the Mofussell accounts particulars of his lands, & without such accounts he is unable to ascertain Quality of the lands in the Possession of each individual Ryott nor has he as yet ascertained it On this account the Delivery for Pottahs has not taken Place That on the Receipt of the Form of Pottahs and Copies of the orders issued, he deputed his officers into the Mofussell for the purpose of preparing & Delivering them, but that the Ryotts of Ballsey &ca will not Deliver statements of the lands, nor can he bring them to do it, he therefore solicit an order may be issued on the Ryotts of Barrohazaru &ca directing them to attend his officers & take out their Pottahs agreeable to the Orders & Form issued

11th This answer has surprized me, & I am totally at a Loss to account for the neglect & Inattention of the Zemindar 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 been furnished with every Paper & existing Record of these lands to be found in the former Zemindar's Dufter added to which, the attaching Sezawull on putting the Zemindar in Possession made over the Putwaries & Other Mofussell Officers with their Records, Had the Zemindar conformed to the Tener of the orders & Proclamations issued, Copies 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 & Willing to deliver in their /Dhurr Firdies/ Respective statements on Oath I am however led to believe, that the real cause of this neglect is the Zemindar's not having paid any attention to his Purchase, 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 assetts being ascertained as also by the influence & association entered into with the Mookey Preysahs/ Persons answering the Description of Mundulls in Beerbhoom/by the Farmers & unders Renters the inferior Ryotts have hitherto been prevented from making any Representations, I shall however in the event of Your Board seeing no impropriety in Tenor of my last order issued, strictly abide by the Letter of it in all future investigations & Decisions on Causes that may be brought before me, on the fullest Conviction of its efficacy & Effect

12th The Zemindar of Currusoondah in Bishenpoor, Doorgah Churn Puckarassey, resides in Calcutta, his lands are under the Charge of a Naib & Other Officers, who in answer to my Purwannah requiring return of the Bulmooktah Pottahs issued by the Zemindar, 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 immediately commence, that 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 Division of Bishenpoor excepting only One small Hoodah has been held Kass by the Zamindar 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 issuing the Pottahs Ordered, at least during the course of the past four months The observations made by me on Barrohazaree is I really believe equally applicable to the /Mookey Preysahs/ Mundulls & Zemindars' Aumlah in Currusoondah and I am free to say, that I have reason to suppose it necessary that some notice should be taken by Government of these Zemindars to enforce their immediate obedience to the Orders issued, as also that they in consequence 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 Zemindaries

14th The Proprietors of Tallooks Shawjoorah & Mullearah give 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 Tallookdars do not state it Yet I have reason to suppose that their Ryotts have delayed taking out their Pottahs until the Zemindary Ryotts should set the Example, I am however of opinion that a monthly return will expedite the completion of the Delivery in these Tallooks also

I am with the greatest Respect
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant,
/signed/ C Keating,
Collr

Beerbhoom
the 4th September 1792

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

Gentlemen,

I have been honored by the Receipt of your Letter under Date the 5th Instant requiring me to transmit an abstract account of all Charges in these Districts of every Description which were heretofore paid by the Zemindars & Farmers, and which by the late Regulations for the Decennial settlement are brought on the Sudder Jumma and are now Disbursable 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 the Board that 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 &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
the 21st September 1792. *Collector.*

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President &ca. 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.—

Beerbhoom Zemindary	50,719	0	0	0
Tallook Paunrah	37	0	0	0
Tallook Pubbia	7	0	0	0
Bishenpoor Zemindarry	22,141	2	10	0
Barrohazary &ca.	41,950	0	0	0
Currusaondah	3,888	6	7	2
Tallook Shawjoorah	469	0	15	0
Tallook Mullearah	1,056	6	10	0
Total Sa. Rs.	120,268	0	2	2

I am &ca.

Beerbhoom /signed/C. Keating
the 21st September 1792. *Collector.*

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President &ca. 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 their 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 Cretical 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 Dusits in Despite of the Vigilance of the Guards have been extremely troublessome & 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 Inhabitans of Beerbhoom & Bishenpoor to Constant anxiety & Danger, I cannot in my own mind consent to the Reduction of the Military Force more especially at this Cretical Juncture.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating
the October 13th 1792. *Collr.*

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

Beerbhoom	Mds.	Sr.	Ch.	Bishenpoor	Mds.	Sr.	Ch.
New Rice . .	1	30	–	New Rice . .	1	2	8
Coarse Rice .	1	10	–	Coarse Rice .	–	–	–
Fine Rice . .	–	–	–	Fine Rice . .	–	14	–
Arwah Do. New	1	5	–	Arwah Do. New	–	29	–
Maush Kullye .	1	5	–	Maush Kullye .	–	27	–
Boot Cullye .	–	25	–	Boot Cullye .	–	26	–

N.B. Weight 60 Siccas to the Seer.

N.B. Weight 72 Siccas to the Seer.

Beerbhoom, (signed)C. Keating
the 1st November 1792. *Collector.*

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

Gentlemen,

I was duly honored by the Receipt of your letter of the 17th of August last transmitting me Copy of a Letter to your Board from the Sub Secretary to the Governor General in Council, with an Extract from the Board of Trade contain ing 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 in Bishenpoor Causes have operated to prevent an Early Reply, which indeed I should have delayed some Days longer, if I had not received your Secretarys Letter of the 30th Ultimo, urging a speedy answer I accordingly submit it promising that the statements as far as they regard Bishenpoor are not so correct as I could have wished to have made them

The first point is—"The number of Beghas of sugar "in these Districts, specifying the measure of the Begahs "

3rd In Beerbhoom the Malguzzary lands appropriated to this Purpose amount to 11,000 Begahs, 400 of Nankar, and Lackerage Lands may be added making 11,400 Begahs In Bishenpoor the returns state 2 447 Begahs but on these Returns I have no Reliance, 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 enquiries on their own parts, have simply returned the abstract of their Mofussil Aumlah, & 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 3263 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 'and whether exported "

4th Land appropriated to the Cultivation of sugar Cane are of various Qualities distinguished into first, second & third agreeable 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 13 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 2 Maunds, 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 48252 Maunds 36 Seers calculated on the standard Weight of these Districts which are for Bishenpoor 72 Sicca Weight to the Seer , & for Beerbhoom 60 Sicca Weight to the Seer , which brought to the standard of eighty Sicca 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 Goor 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 Vizt

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

Making the Estimate Product of sugar in these Districts Factory Maunds 18,798-16-15 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 Raujhaut in Bishenpoor is esteemed the best by the natives, and bears 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 causes still existing all the Exports will be in that Channel, and as a necessary Consequence the Consumption in the District will Diminish, and more Goor 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 suit 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 Bulmooktah Pottar 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 Preceding 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 &ca
/signed/ C Keating
Collr

Beerbhoom
the 11th November 1792

To
William Cowper Esqr ,
President &ca 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 Sudder Canongoes 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 Canongoes, requiring Particulars under their hands & seals which having been delivered, I have now the honor to submit in abstract, drawn out in English from which it will appear that neither the Establishment or Salaries are Correct & that agreeable to the Returns made the Mofussell officers are in Balance

I am &ca
/signed/ C Keating
Collr

Beerbhoom
17th Novr 1792

Translate Abstract Return of Receipts and Balances of Salary of Sheaupersaud Mojindar 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.

Establishment	Salary per Month	Amount per Annum	Amount for 3 Years	Receipts for 3 Years	Balance
Naib, Sheaupersaud Mojindar	30	36	1,080	1,003	77
Mohrir, Sumboonaut Mojindar	10	120	360	340	20
Mohrir, Shubnaut Bose Mojindar	10	120	360	340	20
Total	..	..	1,800	1,683	117

Beerbhum,
16th November 1792.

(signed) C. Keating
Collr.

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

Establishment	Salary per Month	Amount per Annum	Amount for 3 years	Receipts of 3 Years	Balances
Naib Goor Doss Roy, Remains at the Sudder	30	..	..	..	..
Under Naib Bisshoonaut Mojindar	13	156	468	25	443
Mohrir, Byrub Mojindar in his room Bowanny Persaud Mojindar	12 8	150	450	..	450
Peon, Denluish Mahmud in his room Deybee Roy	2	24	72	..	72
Total	..	..	990	25	965

Beerbhoom,
the 16th November 1792.

(signed) C. Keating
Collr.

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 realized 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 /on whom he might have relied/ and to appoint in his (place) Room Bancheram 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 Demand is very Ill Jugged, but the present appointment is more so as it gives great Dissatisfaction to the Farmers many of whom have publicly expressed a Wish to resign their Farms.—I pointed out to the Zemindar the Impolicy of His Conduct & the ill Effects that would most likely ensue. But he has paid no attention to my advice and the Dismemberment of his 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 Decennial settlement to interfere in the appointment of the Zemindarry 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.
/signed/ C. Keating,
Collector.

Beerbhoom
the 30th Novr. 1792.

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. Heavens

wishes, he has the permission of Government to settle in that District.—

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
the 20th December 1792. *Collr.*

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.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
3rd January 1793. *Collector.*

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.

3rd. In Bishenpoor of the Balance stated there are due Sa.Rs. 52,048-17- of which sum Sa.Rs. 29,627-12 are due from the Manager on the part of the Joint Zemindars Rajahs Chyton Sing, & Behader Sing. On the 16th of May or 26th Ultimo I issued Dustucks for the immediate Payment of the amount/Balance then in Demand, the measure proving ineffectual. I dispatched my Tents, and shall proceed thither tomorrow. My personal Residence will Deprive the Landholders of the advantages for Cullusion given them by Distant situation & the Liquidation of their arrears, I trust will be the Effect of my strenuous Exertion.

4th. Since Closing the Towjee & monthly accounts for January 1793 the following sums have been received.

Beerbhoom	10,000	-
Barrohazary &ca	9,500	-
Mulluarah	220	8
Sa. Rs. .	19,920	8

which leaves the Real Balance on the Hall Towjee this day Sa.Rs. 57,127-8-17. The Board may rest assured that no attention shall be wanting on my part towards realizing the amount in Demand.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
4th Feby. 1793. *Collr.*

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

Sir,

I have been duly favored by the receipt of your Letter under date the 8th Instant transmitting me enclosed by order of the Board, Extract Copy of a Letter from the Governor General in Council under Date the 11th Jany. 1193 relative to the separation of Bishenpoor from my authority, require of me with all practicable Dispatch to furnish the Board with the Information required in the 6th Paragraph.

2nd. In obedience to the above Orders, I have now the honor to transmit Enclosed an Abstract statement of the Jummas of the Mehalls comprizing the District of Bishenpoor.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
the 20th Feby. 1793. *Collr.*

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

District	Mahals	Proprietors	Annual Nett Revenue per annum
	Zemindarry of Bishenpoor	Rajah Chyton Singh & Damoodah Sing Zemrs.	176,476 15 5 2
	Zemindary Pergh. Barrohazarey &ca.	Maha Rajah Teaji Chund Zemr.	191,271 6 14 3
	Zemindary Pergh. Currusoondah	Doorgachurn Puckarssey Zemr.	22,874 11 16 1
	Tallook Shawjoorah	Nemei Nerain &c. Tallookdars	4,000 - - -
	Tallook Mulljarah	Jay Sing Eauderjie Tallookdar	4,946 8 9 2
		Total Sicca Rupees	399,570 10 6 -

Bishenpoor
the 20th Feby. 1793

(signed)C. Keating
Collr.

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

Gentlemen,

Agreeable 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 Rents, and the Landholders complaining of the Opportunities for Collusion held out by the Distraining Regulations. They alleged, that where they have exerted the Power Authorizing distress, they have usually found an empty House with little or no Property/Good care having been previously taken if there was any to remove the whole where it would remain secure from the landholders/and that in such Cases all the answers they can get to their just Demands were an Inability to Discharge the Rents, and a Recommendation to attach the Property. Those are the Excuses usually held out, and wither (sic) my own Knowledge they are not unfounded. All Innovations and established Customs are at first attended with some disadvantages, & however Ultimately propitious the one alluded to may be to the Prosperity of the Country, the Board will probably have foreseen the inconvenience 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 Receipts to this date appear to be Rs. 1,59,695.8—the Remaining 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 Mofussell of Rs. 28,789.12.1.2.—

3rd. By his Jumma Krutoh account d...rawn 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 subsistence of themselves, and families, the sum of Rs. 16,277.11.14.2. which tho' nearly equal to the estimated Amount of their Malickannah is by no means adequate to their Support, and I daily see them in the greatest Distress, and Indigence. The manager however cannot possibly allow them a further sum, until the Revenues are paid as the additional Expenses incurred by himself and aumlah exceeds the amount Malickannah allowed & leaves Insufficiency of assetts for the Just Demands of Government.

4th. This Mahl dispersed and scattered thro' the District requires great activity on the part of the Manager/and tho' the Balance is heavy, I cannot as yet discover that he has been indolent, or in any degree culpable. He has filed many Plaints and most of his stated Balances are acknowledged by the Renters, who again urge their Mofussell Balances, and require Time, Their request has been hitherto indulged, & the Consequence has been the Receipt on an average of about 500 Rs. Pr. Dum. The Recovery of the sum from the Ryotts tho' trifling would be frustrated by Decrees passed against the Renters, who must consequently be Confined and the Sale of their Effects would go very little towards liquidating their Balances. I cannot precisely inform the Board what may be the amount due at the Close of the Year from this part of Bishenpoor, I hope my exertions will make it less than my apprehensions conjecture.

Pergunnah Barrohazorrey &ca. the Zemindarry of Rajah Teaji Chund.—

5th. The Sudder Jumma of this Mehal is Rs. 1,91,272.6.14.3. The Zemindars Payments account the Current Year amounts to Rs. 1.60.833.—leaving a Balance in Demand to this date of Rs. 23,653. On my arrival the Zemindars Naib attended with an abstract of his Mofussell Jumma Wassool Baukey drawn up to the Day exhibiting his Mofussell Balances to be upwards 50,000 Rs. he urged the Plea before Stated of the Ryotts refusing Payment, & the consequent inability of the Renters, & Claimed Time which was granted on the same Principles as with the foregoing Mehal. For some Days it had the same Effect, & the sum of 2997 Rs. was remitted by the Zemindar to the Treasury & is included in the foregoing statement but from this Time, he has withdrawn his Vakeel, & Officers hearing I suppose that the District is to be separated, and I receive no Report of the Progress he makes in his Collections. He has filed no Plaints for Balances from whence it is reasonable to Conclude they are realizing—I should have proceeded to inforce the 23rd article of the general Regulations, had I not been honoured with the Receipt of your Orders under Date the 20th Inst. wherein you await, "the Result of my visit to this District prior "to giving any Orders on the subject of the Balances due from the Mehals "comprizing it," I now await your orders.

Pergunnah Currusoondah Zemindarry of Doorgachurn Puckarassey.

6th. This Mehal is under Charge of a Naib, the Zemindar being an Inhabitant of Calcutta. The Collections at a stand 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.

Tollook 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.—

Tallook Mulearah—

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

9th. Having concluded my Report of the Result of my Visit, I await your Commands.

I am with the greatest Respect,
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
/signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

Bishenpoor
March 1st 1793.

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

Sir,

Accompanying I have the honor to transmit for the Consideration of the Board a Petition from the Zemindar of Beerbhoom 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 Collusive advantages taken by the Backeydars.—

3rd. As the time required by the Zemindar for the Liquidation of the prevent 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 assetts but such as results from his Zemindarree, I am induced by such Considerations 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.
/signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

Beerbhoom
March 26th 1793.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President &ca. 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 Enclosure received from the Sub Secretary to the Governor General in Council—"desiring that I "will deliver over Charge of the Mehal 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 Mehal to the Collector of Nuddeah, that I will "deliver over with it all separate Records relative thereto, and a "Jumma Wassil Baukey made up to the day of delivery.

Para 2nd. This Division of Bettie forms a part of the Zemindary of Beerbhoom, is solely 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 proprietory 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 Nuddeah, to whose Jurisdiction this part of his Zemindarry will at the Close of the Current Year appertain. I beg leave to submit an answer to this proposition the period of separation being near at hand.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating
the 2nd April 1793. *Collr.*

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

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to inform you that from a failure in the realization of the expected receipts of this Treasury owing to the Balances due from Bishenpoor and the indulgence of time granted to the Zemindar of Beerbhoom for the Liquidation of his Balances. The assetts will not be equal to the Discharge of the following assignments.

One In favor of the Commercial Resident of Soonamookey for Ca.Rs. 30,000.—included in the Accountant to the Board of Revenues Estimate under date the 3rd January 1793 as payable in the Current month April.

One In favor of the Commercial agent of Gonatea for Ca. Rs. 34,314.—included in the Accountant to the Board of Revenues Estimate under date the 3rd January 1793 as payable in the Current month April.

One In favor of the Commercial Resident of Soonamookey for Ca.Rs. 16,469-3-10. as pr. Letter of advice from Accountant to the Board of Revenue under date the 5th April 1793 payable in order of Preference.—

One In favor of the Commercial agent of Gonatea for Ca. Rs. 14,043-8-3. as per Letter of advice from Accountant to the Board of Revenue Dated the 5th April 1793, payable in order of Preference.

2nd. Independent of the foregoing demands the Commercial Resident of Soonamookey hold assignments on this Treasury amounting to Ca.Rs. 40,000—which is liquidating and will be discharged in full from the expected Receipts of the Current Bengal Month of Baiṣakh.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating
the 5th April 1793. *Collector.*

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

Gentlemen,

In obedience to the orders of the Acting President of the Khalsa under date the 12th Instant, I have the honor to submit to your Board the following Report, on a Petition No. 2969 delivered into the Khalsa by Rajah Teaj Chund Zemindar of Purgunnahs Barrohazaree &ca. in Bishenpoor.

2nd. The Rajah in his Petition/translate Copy of which I herewith enclose/states, first, that he has not been put in possession of his purchase in conformity to the Tenor of his Kamilnomah by which I presume he means his Sunnud or Bill of sale granted him from the Khalsa. Secondly that he has not been put in Possession of his Chaukeraunt meaning as I presume the servants & their Lands 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 Choppresses with a Dustuck was sent by me to make him pay the sum of 28,000 Rs. not justly due from him. These four points with a general declamation 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 Comprized the Jumma of Matalluck Mehal of Khalsa Jumma, being 963-15-Villages of which he the Rajah was put in full possession and can have no further claim on that account, unless he means to ground it on the Sunnud or Bill of sale granted him from the Khalsa by the Warding of which he obtains upwards of Two thousand Villages more than was Bonafide 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 altercation between the Zemindar of Barrohazaree &ca. 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 account particulars of the Chaukeran—termed Gram Serinjamy, Digwarhs &ca. which he had delivered up as appertaining to the Lands Sold—On the part of the Zemindar of Barrohazaree &ca. an abstract only of the Chaukeran claimed by him was produced from which no particulars could be understood. In consequence and as the Barrohazaree &ca. Vakeel 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 Chuckeran delivered in by the Manager on the part of the Joint Zemindars—and after "Investigation in the Mofussell he the Zemindar of Barrohazaree "should find, that he is justly entitled to further claims account "the Chuckeran, He do draw out a List in detail thereof on "the same favor & manner as the Copy now given him, "which on being submitted to the Court will be duly Investigated. "It was further orderd that a Perwannah be written "to the full Effect of the order of Court, and transmitted "to the Zemindar of Pergunnah Borroohazaree &ca. The which "Purwannah as appears by the Records was issued on the 8th July 1792 "by being delivered into the hands of his then Vakeel by name "Rahdakhunt Sircar, from that period the 8th July 1792 "to the present time. Nothing further has been adduced to the "Court on this account by the Zemindar of Pergunnah Barohazaree.

5th. In answer to the third point Punchuckey-Jumma first promise that from time Immemorial the former Proprietors of this Zemindary established a/Beak/Charity or Abwaub, under the head of Punchuck, which was . . . . from the Lakerage Lands as a kind of quit Rent as also on those lands held at a Depreciated Jumma under the appellation of Deywutter, Bermutter &ca. likewise from the Shanger Peasha/ servants of various descriptions. The Ordrs of Government and the Establishing of the new form of Pottah, Bealmooktah has so provided that no further claim can be made from the Cultivator of the Land by the Proprietor of the soil, than the sum stated in his the Cultivators Pottah. The Lands on which this Panchuck Quit Rent on Abwaub was formed does not appertain to or form any part of the Lands sold yet appears that although the Cultivators of the Lands aforestated paid their Revenue to the Buterjaut, this Abwaub or Punchuck was in many Instances separately paid to the Mehal or Khalsa Cutcherrys and stood as part of the assetts thereof, in consequence the Zemindar of Barrohazaree for the first year from not having issued the Bealmooktah Pottah may have Collected such part as stood on the Records Pergunnahs purchased by him. The Bealmooktah Pottahs being now enforced the Collection is done away by the Lands not comprizing part of his Purchase. On this amount his Mufussell Jumma Wessil Baukeys will Exhibit some loss but nothing equal to the Exaggerated sum stated. This has occurred by the Establishing of the Bealmooktah Pottahs. It is however to be considered that the Zemindar of Barrohazaree &ca. by the same Pottah become a very Considerable gainer, as the whole of these Lands purchased by him which/ thro' the mismanagement of the former Proprieter/ was held at a depreciated Jumma now pays its full revenue agreeable to the Established/Nerrickbundy/Rates—so much so that a Purgunnah Byntutt, the Revision/at the sait of the Purchaser/ of the Narrick given in by the former Proprietor which formed the Jumma at which it was sold on the fullest Investigation, was found to be depriciated in every description of its soil. A new Nerrickbundy for this Purgunnah was accordingly formed by which the Zemindar gain an Increase of Jumma of from Twelve to Fifteen Thousand Rupees in this Pergunnah only.

6th. To the fourth Point—I can only answer that the Dustuck was issued to the Nazir of the Court for the purpose of enforcing your orders transmitted me under date the 6th Ultimo. This Dustuck was served not in the manner insinuated but by regular application to the Collector.

7th. I come now to the Zemindar of Barrohazaree &ca. general Declamations. Imprest with an inward conviction of the propriety of my Conduct towards him, I leave the point to the Judgement & final Decision of the Board. Only observing that from the hour it became known to the Zemindar of Barrohazaree &ca. that Bishenpoor was to be separated & until two or three days after the writing of my Letter under date the 1st Ultimo I experienced from him & his officers the greatest Contempt finding however that I had wrote to the Board, He the Zemindar sent over the person stated to negociate but as no part of the Revenue accompanied him, I refused to see him.

8th. The Petition thus delivered by the Zemindar of Pergunnahs Barrohazaree &ca. to the Khalsa appears to me morally an evasion of the Payment of the small Balance of Revenue from him. I shall therefore prepare a Statement of his Lands & submit it with a proposition for the same being sold to make it good.

I am &ca.
/signed/ C. Keating
Collector.

Beerbhoom
the 20th April 1793.

To

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

Gentlemen,

Rajah Teajj Chund Zemindar of Purgunnah Barrohazaree &ca. having failed in the Liquidation of his Balance of Revenue for the past or Bengal Year 1199, I have now the honor to submit a Statement of part of his Lands for the purpose of Being sold in liquidation of the same. The amount due is Sa. Rs. 6,786-6-14-3.

2nd. The Jummas of the Lands state are taken from a Copy of the Zemindar's Billabundey or Settlement delivered me under the signature of his Officiating Officer in the Purgunnahs and exhibits the Nett Revenue receiveable by the Proprietor of the soil free of all Mofussell Charges.

I am &ca.
/signed/ C. Keating,
Collr.

Beerbhoom
the 25th April 1793.

Statement of Lands submitted to be sold for the Liquidation of the Balance of Reve. due from Rajah Teaji Chund Zemindar of Pergunnahs Barrahazaree &ca. in the District of Bishenpoor account the Bengal Year 1199 English State 1792-3

Mehalls	Villages	Nett Jumma as per Zemindars settlement for the Bengal Year 1199	Deduct 1/11 or 10 per cent Malickanahs	Remaining Jumma
Purgunnah Ballsey	51	19,135 9 13 –	1,739 9 13 –	17,396 – 1 –
Purgunnah Byntull	47	34,664 7 10 2	3,151 5 – 3	31,513 2 9 3
			Total Sicca Rupees	48,909 2 10 3

Statement of the Balance due from the Zemindar of Pergunnah Barrohazaree &ca. Rajah Teaji Chund for the Bengal Year 1199

1199 Bengal Year		Demand	Receipts	Balance
Kist of Faulgun	Sa. Rs.	6,786 14 3 –	„ „	6,786 6 14 3

Beerbhoom,
the 25th April 1793.

(signed)C. Keating,
Collector.

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

Gentlemen,

1st. Doorgachurn Puckarassey Zemindar of Pergunnah Currusoondah in Bishenpoor having failed in fulfiling 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.

I am &ca.
/signed/ C. Keating,
Collr.

Beerbhoom
the 25th April 1793.

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

	Villages	Nett Jumma as per Zemindar's settlement for the B. Y. 1199	Add Russud for the B. Y. 1200	Total Nett Jumma for the Bengal year 1200	Deduct 1/11 or 10 percent Malickanah	Remaining Jumma
Hoodah Darnah .	22	3,601	16	3,617	328 13 1 3	3,288 2 18 1
Hoodah Currusoodah	5	2,705	19	2,724	247 10 3 2	2,476 5 16 2
Hoodah Audoolpoor .	2	1,175	42	1,217	110 10 3 2	1,106 6 16 2
Hoodah Gerindpoor .	3	1,207	6	1,213	110 4 7 1	1,102 11 12 3
					Total Sicca Rupees	7,973 10 2 0

Statement of the Balance due from the Zemindar of Pergunnah Currusoondah Doogachurn Puckarassey for the Bengal year 1199

1199 Bengal Nett	Demand	Receipts	Balance
Kist of Mug	2,000 0 0 0	1,300 1 17 0	696 14 3 0
Kist of Faulgun	812 11 16 1	„ „ „ „	812 11 16 1
		Total Sicca Rupees	1,509 9 19 1

Beerbhoom,
the 25th April 1793.

(signed)C. Keating,
Collector.

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 Sa. 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 Ulto. relative to my proceeding to Calcutta, to take the Oath of office and directing me to wait on the judge of the Dewanny Adaulut of Beerbhoom for that purpose.—

3rd. In reply I have the honor to inform you that the usual Revenue Oath was administered to me by the judge of Dewanny Adaulut at this station yesterday the 24th Instant and so soon as I shall receive charge of my appointment from Mr. C. Keating I will duly inform you thereof. As however from the multiplecity of Records, which the present Collector will have to prepare a List of prior to delivering over charge, it will be impossible for it to take place as soon as the 1st May next I shall therefore esteem it as a particular favor if you will inform me with as little 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 magte. as hitherto—after the above date, or not.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your very Obedt. humble Servant
/signed/ C. Oldfield.

Beerbhoom
25th April 1793.

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

2nd. These Balances are payable by Instalments agreeable to the permission of the Governor General in Council conveyed in your Letter of 28th Ultimo—The first is due in all 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	...	32,899 15 11 0
Balance account suspensions	...	10,724 0 0 0
		43,623 15 11 0

My Residence at Indos 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 assetts for Destraint, no other prospects remain of liquidating the Balance but by regular Process in the Mahal Adawlut. The Business of this Court I attend to with all the assiduity in my power, but have found the Despatch impeded by Delays occasioned by References to papers and Documents at Bishenpoor from whence it is several days before they can be obtained. This is a Collusive advantage generally taken by the Dependants, and which I shall obviate by assuring the Parties—that as they know the Cause for which they are prosecuted, I shall in future pass my Decision on the Evidence produced without waiting for accounts which they must have known were necessary to their Defence—Except in this way which is in itself extremely precarious and by which it is impossible to state what may be the amount recoverable, no way remains to liquidate the Balance but by a sale of Part of the Zemindaree. If this step is deemed adviseable I shall await the Boards Orders to carry it into Execution—

Pergunnah Barrohazaree &ca. in Bishenpoor—

Balance due account the Current Year Sa. Rs. 6,786-6-14-3.
Purgunnah Currcesoondah 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 Instant. I had the honor to address the Board transmitting Statements of lands of the Zemindars to be sold in Liquidation of the Demand Due.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
the 27th Apl. 1793. *Collr.*

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

Gentlemen,

1st. I have been honored by your secretary's Letter dated 17th Instant directing me immediately to furnish the Board agreeably to your Requisition of the 13th of January with such Remark as may have occurred to me on the 2nd Paragraph of the Governor General in Councils Letter of the 23rd of January last; & further to furnish you with an abstract of the applications for the advances for the purpose of digging Tank, and constructing Water Courses, also the Reports regarding the Execution of much work, as required by the Governor General in Courts Letter above alluded to.

2nd. This Letter I received while I was on the Circuit investigating into the Damages done by the Drought of that season, and as I proceeded I carried the Intentions of the Governor General in Council to be made known and at the same time sent notifications in Bengal & Persian thro' both Districts. "That I was "authorized to advance money to any Landholders, or Cultivators for "the purpose of repairing or enlarging the existing Tanks, or "Reservoirs, or for digging new ones where necessary under "Certain specified conditions."

3rd. Since the Time these notifications were made known, not a single application has been made to me for the purposes therein specified.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
the 28th April 1793. *Collector.*

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

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to inform you, that Doorgachurn Puckarassey Zemindar of Purgunnah Currusoondah in Bishenpoor has this day paid the sum of Sa. Rs. 395. In part of the Balance due from him account his Revenues for the B.Y. 1199.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
the 30th April 1793. *Collector.*

To
Mr. Robert Campbell,
Clerk to the Committee of Stationery,
Calcutta.

Sir,

I beg leave to Enclose you a small Indent of stationery required for the immediate use of this Collectorship—which I request you will be so good as to send to my attornies Messrs Barber & Palmer—I also beg leave to enclose the exact size of the paper that is required for the Treasury &ca. Accounts.

I am
Sir,
Your obedient Humble servant
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Oldfield,
the 1st May 1793. *Collector.*

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

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, & I have in consequence of his failure issued a Writ for the attaching of his Person, agreeable to the 24th article of the Reve. Regulations & with all possible expedition shall transmit a Statement of his Lands to be sold in Liquidation of the Rs. 40,000 now due from him.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
12th May 1793. *Actg. as Collector.*

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

Gentlemen,

Rajah Mahmud Zumaun Khan the Zemindar of the District having failed to Discharge the stipulated Payment of the Balance of his Revenue on Acct. the Bengal Year 1198 & 1199. I have the honor to submit the Enclosed statement/ in English & Persian/ of the Lands that I propose should be sold for the Liquidation of the Amount Sa. Rs. 40,000.

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
the 14th May 1793. *Actg. as Collector.*

To
A. Spottiswood Esqr.,
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 Zumaun Khan Zemindar of Beerbhoom for his Ten anna division of Bettie 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 Bettie. 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.

Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating
May 18th 1793. *Acting. as Collector.*

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

Gentlemen,

1st. 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. 6,305-10-10 in which is included Sa. Rs. 5,053-8-6 this day received from the Zemindar of Beerbhoom, in part payment of the amount due from him account his Balances of last and for which I have granted my receipt, together with an acknowledgement for the person of the said Zemindar now in arrest for the recovery of the remaining Balance due from him.—

2nd. With respect to the Records they are so very voluminous that altho the late Collector has for these last 25 days past been constantly employed both day and night in drawing out—the detailed List of those belonging to this Division, he still notwithstanding his deligence and indefatigability has not been able to prepare a fair Copy thereof for the Board, for which reason and as the original List delivered to me will be required for the purpose of completing it, I have not as yet granted my receipt for the same as directed by the Orders of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council communicated in your acting Secretary's Letter of the 8th April last—when however it is concluded I trust it will itself prove sufficient excuse for the delay in the transmission of it.

3rd. Allow me now, Gentlemen, to request your Instructions with regard to my Conduct in the management of the business of the office entrusted to my Charge, and particularly so far as relates to the judicial part of it. My reasons for so doing is owing to there being no mention made in the Establishment for the office of Collector transmitted with your acting Secretary's Letter of 29th Ulto. of either the necessary officer for administering Oaths to the natives, or of those for a Jail or place of confinement for such as Decrees may be passed against, account Balances of Revenue and as it is will known that the simple depositions or ipse dixit of the natives of this country cannot in any manner be confided in, I am consequently lead to suppose that it is not intended I should—act in a Judicial Capacity as Collector—as however the amount Balances for which suits have already been instituted is considerable and the realization of the Balances of last year must materially suffer by their not being decided on, I hope you will excuse my requesting your Orders on this head and that I may be favored with them as early as possible.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Beerbhoom Your very Obedient humble Servant
23rd May 1793. /signed/ C. Oldfield
Collr.

I Christopher Oldfield Collector of Beerbhoom, do hereby acknowledge to have received over in Charge from Mr. C. Keating the late Collector, the person of Rajah Mahomed Zemaun Khaun Zemindar of Beerbhoom, now in Confinement for the recovery of a Balance of Revenue due from him on account of the Bengal Year 1199—as Witness my hand.

Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Oldfield
23rd May 1793. *Collr.*

Received from Christopher Keating Esqr., late Collector of Beerbhoom, the sum of Sicca Rupees Six thousand three Hundred and five ten annas ten Gundahs (Sa. Rs. 6,305-10-10) being the amount Balance in the Treasury of the Collectorship of Zillah Beerbhoom this day delivered over to me.

Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Oldfield
23rd May 1793. *Collr.*

To
W. A. Brooke Esqr.,
Acting as Collector of
Burdwan.

Sir,

Accompanying 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 leave to inform you that the amount Balance due from Rajah Taej Chund account Pergunnah Barrohazaree being 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, has been received 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,
25th May 1793. /signed/ C. Oldfield,
Collector.

To
Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Acting as Collector of
Burdwan.

Sir,

1st. I have been favored with your Letter of this date informing me you are at length enable to deliver over charge of the Mhal Department of this District, and request my attendance at the Cutcherry tomorrow morning for that purpose; that from the Records being so voluminous a fair copy of the English Detailed List still remains to be drawn out and that you will therefore require the original for a few days to complete the same.

2nd. In reply I beg leave to inform you I shall be ready yet as the money was tendered at this Treasury and the Zemindar in case of a sale of his lands might have availed himself of the circumstance and it cannot be of much consequence at which place it be paid in, I have theretore thought it best for the present to comply with the Vakeel's request until I am favored with your Orders relative to the disposal of it, and hope it will meet with your approbation. In the meantime I have informed the Collector of Burdwan thereof that he may give the Zemindar Credit for the amount to whom I have likewise transmitted an Extract from your letter of 22nd Inst. so far as relates to Pergunnah Bishenpoor.

3rd. I am also happy to inform you that a further sum of sicca Rupees 5,000 was this day received from the Zemindar of Beerbhoom in part payment of the Balances of 1199 B.S. payable in the month of Bysack which reduces the demand on him for that month to Sa. Rs. 30,000—I wish it was in my power to give you any hopes of that sum being speedily liquidated but the Zemindar meets with such difficulty in realizing the amount Balances due from the several Farmers & under renters who have almost all of them failed in their engagements to him and he himself is so totally without resources that unless be be indulged with the further period of one month, or to the end of Assaur to pay it in, I really see no likelihood of its being realized except be a sale of his Lands—if however that Indulgence be granted to him I have little doubt, but he will be able to discharge not only the Balance of the Instalment for Bysack

but also that of the Month of Jiete the after your orders of the 5th Ulto. it would be—presumption in me to recommend it—

I am &ca.
Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Oldfield,
25th May 1793. *Collector.*

To
William Cowper Esquire
President &ca. 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 Predecessors proposition for doubling the amount of the present Tax on the Manufacturers & Vendors of spirituous Liquors in this District & the sum 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 Pattahs 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, which is produced from Rice by fermentation, with the addition of certain roots & Chillies to give it a flavor, & is 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 Expences of about 6 Gundahs, or 1 Pun 4 Gundahs 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 & sells at the rate of about 2 as. per seer & the second from Rice and which sells at about 1 anna 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 dependance can be placed for the realization of the Tax & that again is so very cheap, being no more than Gundahs 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. 136-14 per annum and in those of the Mofussil at about half that amount.

Agreeable 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 Sooreés 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 adopted to this District but also from a conviction that it is at present as much *as the manufacturers & Venders 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 ⅓rd this I expect the doubling of the Tax will itself occasion & I have accordingly only stated the amount expected Receipts at ⅔rds 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 Venders 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,
Beerbhoom Your most Obedient Hble Servt.
4th June, 1793. /signed/ C. Oldfield,

No. 1. Comparative Statement shewing the annual amount receivable by the adoption of Mr. C. Keating (the late Collector of Beerbhoom)

Proposition for doubling the amount of the present Tax on the manufacturers and venders of spirituous Liquors in Zillah Beerbhoom, and the sum which might be produced by Taxing the stills or Shops at the lowest rate authorized by the Regulations.

	No. of Stills or Shops for which Pottahs were taken out in 1199 B.S.	Amot. receivable supposing no decrease in the numbers of shops at 6 as. per Diem or Rs. 156-14. per annum on each shop in principal Towns & 3 as. per Diem or 68-7 per annum on those in small Towns	Amount receivable supposing no decrease in the number of shops at 40 Rs. per annum on each shop in the principal Towns & 20 Rs. per annum on those in small Towns	Probable receipts supposing the Tax be fixed at Rs. 40 per annum on shops in principal villages & Rs. 20 per annum on those in small Towns being 2/3rds of the total amount Tax	Amount realized in 1199 B.S. at the rate of Rs. 20 on each shop in the principal Towns & Rs. 10 on those in the small or Mofussil Towns	Probable increase on the Jummah of 1199 B.S. supposing the Tax be doubled as proposed by Mr. C. Keating late Collector
Principal Towns or Hydrabad proper & the adjoining villages	33	4,516 0 0 0	1,320 0 0 0	880 0 0 0	660 0 0 0	220 0 0 0
Small Towns or Mufussil villages	556	38,051 4 0 0	11,120 0 0 0	7,413 5 6 3	5,555 0 0 0	1,858 5 6 3
	589	42,567 4 0 0	12,440 0 0 0	8,293 5 6 3	6,215 0 0 0	2,078 5 6 3

Beerbhoom,
4th June, 1793.

(signed)C. Oldfield.
Collector.

No. 2. Estimate of the Probable sales, Disbursements and profits arising to the Manufacturers and Venders of spirituous Liquors in Zillah Beerbhoom 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.

	No. of shops	Estimated amount sales at 8 as per Diem in the principal Towns and 4 as. in the Mofussil Towns	Value of Grain required to produce the same at the rate of 1 md. 20 srs. of rice per rupee & 6 sr. of rice to 1 md. of Liquor	Amount Tax as proposed by Mr. C. Keating late Collector	Total Disbursement	Remaining Profit to the Venders per annum including Rottswood &ca.
Principal Towns .	1	182 8 0 0	73 0 0 0	40 0 0 0	113 0 0 0	69 8 0 0
Small Towns .	1	91 4 0 0	36 8 0 0	20 0 0 0	56 8 0 0	34 12 0 0

Beerbhoom,
4th June 1793.

(signed)C. Oldfield, *Collr.*

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

Gentlemen,

I have been favored with your Secretary's Letter of 27th Ulto. 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 Beerbhoom, & desiring I will inform you whether the Jumma inserted in the Statement transmitted by the late Collector on the 14th Ulto. be apportioned, in the manner pointed out by the Governor General in Council's Orders of 22 Feby. last in the proclamation lately transmitted to him; also directing me to publish the rate of the Lands in question on the Spot & at the Head Cutcherry to take place as the Presidency on the 29th Inst. but without specifying 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 Doul or settlement made with the Farmers of the said Pergunnah; to which I have the honor to inform you he has replied in the negative as however upon a perusal of the original settlements it appears that the period for which these lands have been let in farm is not yet expired & that agreeable thereto, (in case they be not sold) the present proprietor is this year entitled to an Increase upon the Jumma of last year of Sa. Rs. 1,337-13-1-1. I have accordingly taken the liberty of submitting to you another statement,* in which the same is included, that should you deem the latter the most equitable Jumma & more consonant to the Intentions of Government, the lands may be sold agreeable thereto.

I further beg leave to inform you that publications relative to the rate of the Lands have been made agreeable to your orders & a Sezawal sent to sequester the same until the Day of sale, at the monthly Establishment of Sa. Rs. 40—Vizt.

1	Sezawul Per mensem	Sa. Rs.	20	0	0 0
1	Mohsir -do-		10	0	0 0
2	Peons at 4 Rs. each -do- . . .		8	0	0 0
	Paper, pens & Ink &ca. . . .		2	0	0 0
	Total P. Mensem	Sa. Rs.	40	0	0 0

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedt. H'ble Servt:
/signed/ C. Oldfield
Collr.

Beerbhoom
6th June 1793.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President & 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 Beerbhoom 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 in full by the end of the Current Month.

I am &ca.
Zillah Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
the 21st June 1793. *Officiating as Collector.*

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 Beerbhoom—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 &ca.
Zillah Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
the 24th June 1793. *Collector.*

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 Beerbhoom has this day paid into this Treasury the sum of Sa. Rs. 4,600-14-16 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 Surroopsing was attached and advertised to be sold.

2nd. The Balance now in Demand from the Zemindar for the year 1198 & 1199 B.S. is the amount Instalment of the past month of Jaysti being the sum of Sa. Rs. 10,451-12-19-1 of which sum I am assured a part will be paid Tomorrow & the whole completely liquidated in the Course of a few days.**—

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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 Mahmūd Zumaun Khan, Zemindar of Beerbhoom, on account the Bengal years 1198 and 1199—

Pergunnahs	Villages	Chucks	Mahals	Total villages Chucks and Mahals	Nett Jumma as per zemindar Dowl Bundobust or settlement for 1199 B.S. clear of all charges	Add Ressud or increase for 1200 B.S. agreeable, to the Farmers Dowl Bundobust or settlement clear of all charges	Total Jumma of 1200 B.S.	Deduct 1/11th or 10 percent Malikannah to the Purchaser	Remaining net Jumma of the Current year 1200 B.S.
Pergunnah	159 0 0 0	38 3 0 8	0 0 0	197 3 0 3	66,345 8 13 0	1,337 13 1 1	67,683 5 14 1	6,163 0 10 1	61,530 5 4 0
			Total Sa. Rs.		66,345 8 13 0	1,337 13 1 1	67,683 5 14 1	6,153 0 10 1	61,530 5 4 0

Statement of the Demand of Government—
as per Zemindars Engagement—

Accot. the Reve. of Bengal year	1199–19,991	0 0 0
Accot. suspensions of all B.Y.	1198–10,000	0 0 0
Total Sicca Rupees	29,991	0 0 0

Errors Excepted
(signed) C. Oldfield,
Collector.

Beerbhoom
6th June 1793.

3rd. In consequence of the foregoing amount Sa. Rs. 40,000 having been liquidated, and having no cause to doubt the Demand for Jaysti being paid up in full as promised by the Zemindar—and considering that in the event of failure in the full discharge of this Demand of Rs. 10,451-12-19-1 a very small portion of the Zemindar's lands will be required to be sold for the purpose of making good the balance that may remain—I have on the principles of the Regulations taken off the attachment from Pergunnah Surroopsing.

I am &ca.
Zillah Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
the 25th June 1793. *Offg. as Collector.*

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

Bengal Years	Zemindars Demand account the Revenue of Gonatea	Receipts	Balance	Deduct Remissions of Government granted to Mr. Frushard	Remaining Balance of Revenue due Acct. Gonatea
1195 . . .	2,680 4 2 0	1,492 3 15 0	1,188 0 7 0	– 0 0 0	1,188 0 7 0
1196 . . .	2,680 4 2 0	..	2,680 4 2 0	– 0 0 0	2,680 4 2 0
1197 . . .	2,680 4 2 0	..	2,680 4 2 0	– 0 0 0	2,680 4 2 0
1198 . . .	2,680 0 0 0	..	2,680 0 0 0	1,180 0 0 0	1,500 0 0 0
1199 . . .	2,680 0 0 0	..	2,680 0 0 0	1,180 0 0 0	1,500 0 0 0
Total Sa. Rs..	13,400 12 6 0	1,492 3 15 0	11,908 8 11 0	2,360 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 atwhich time Mr. Frushards Jumma was made Moucrery or fix for his Lease at the sum of 1500 Sa. Rs. per annum.

(signed)C. Keating, *Offg. as Collr.*

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 recess 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 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 Erroneous the demand in same Kists, particularly the first for Jayste being more than his Mofussill assetts, "having from the Records & existing Documents then before me, submitted the Kistbundey now in force to your Board, and the same having in consequence been Confirmed. I could not be induced to address the Board on the subject until convinced of its Justice & propriety. The Detailed Mofussell accounts which I have with much labour & attention not only Collected but also translated carries the fullest Conviction of the Justness of the Zemindars Remark—as will be clearly seen by the accompanying Enclosure, which in its first column of figures Exhibits the actual Monthly Mofussell demands of the Zemindar agreeable to the Reaping & selling of the crops. The second Column contains the amount Sudder Instalment or Kistbundee now in force. The third Column Exhibits the sudder Instalment or Kistbundey calculated on the Fussilbundee that might be Enforced. To which I have added a fourth Column being a Proposed Sudder Instalment or Kistbandee 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.
Zillah Beerbhoom /signed/ C. Keating,
the 1st July 1793. *Offg. as Collr.*

Zillah Beerbhoom

Months	Mofussell Demands Calculated as per Bielmooklah on the Herstabood	Kistbundey or Sudder Instalments in force	What the Zemindar's Kistbundey or Sudder Instalments might be Calculated on the Fussillbundey or Reaping of the Crops	Proposed Kistbundey or Sudder Instalments to be paid by the Zemindar
	Rs a g c	Rs a g c	Rs a g c	Rs. a g c
Bysack	2,717 4 2 0	..	2,460 8 12 2	..
Jayste	65,847 13 6 1	77,600 0 0 0	57,576 9 16 2	40,000 0 0 0
Assaur	4,222 1 6 0	..	3,936 13 16 0	17,000 0 0 0
Shrawbun	6,306 12 18 0	..	5,905 4 14 0	12,879 0 0 0
Bahdoor	8,122 15 2 0	19,500 0 0 0	7,381 9 17 2	7,381 0 0 0
Assin	13,975 5 12 0	59,000 0 0 0	12,302 11 2 2	12,303 0 0 0
Cartick	87,678 9 7 3	78,000 0 0 0	77,753 0 11 0	77,000 0 0 0
Augron	2,39,441 9 12 1	1,50,000 0 0 0	2,10,130 0 11 2	1,80,000 0 0 0
Poose	2,39,099 3 15 0	1,50,000 0 0 0	2,10,130 0 11 2	2,00,000 0 0 0
Maug	10,550 1 6 0	38,000 0 0 0	8,857 15 1 0	27,778 0 0 0
Faulgon	6,508 7 5 2	38,000 0 0 0	5,413 2 19 2	27,778 0 0 0
Choite	34,358 8 0 2	19,897 12 19 1	28,049 15 5 3	27,778 12 19 1
Total Sa. Rs. . .	7,18,828 0 13 1	6,29,897 12 19 4	6,29,897 12 19 1	6,29,897 12 19 1

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 1st July 1793.

(signed)C. Keating,
Offg. as Collr.

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

Gentlemen,

1st. The accompanying Petition was delivered me on the 15th 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 Illucidating the Zemindars Demands.

I am &ca.
/signed/ C. Keating,
Offg. as Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom,
18th July, 1793.

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

Since the promulgation of the Distraining Regulations, considerable balances have accrued in the Mofussell and are justly due to me, wined (sic) by Decrees passed in my favor and the Renters accounts, and altho' I had assetts, 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 20,000 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 Assin, It is due from & must be paid by me.

Further Mr. Frushard holds Hoodah Gonatea which appertain to my Zemindarry. 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 Perwannah you informed me, that agreeable to the orders of the Sudder of the Revenues of the Hoodah aforesaid the sum of Rupees 1,180-4-2 would be allowed me as a Remission in my Revenues to Government, and the remaining part of it Jumma being Rupees 1,500. I was to receive annually from the aforesaid Gentlemen. 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 Hoodah aforesaid is still a part of my Zemindarry or has been separated and made independant of me, as also whether the Regulations published, apply only to my Zemindarry independant of that Hoodah, 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 Gentleman 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 Gentlemen, agreeable to the Regulation, or otherwise that this my Requisition may be sent in translate 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 intitled to.

Seal of
: Rajah Mahmud:
: Zummam Khan:

True Translate
/signed/ C. Keating,
Offg. 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. Frushards 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 Annual Jumma of which having been formerly fixed at Rupees One thousand five hundred by Orders of the Governor General in Council according to which Jumma 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 1193 to 99 inclusive and the Jumma 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 of 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 or Government 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 Jumma 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 inforcing that part of Your Order and hope Gentlemen you will deem them admissible.

I am &ca.
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
September 5th 1793.

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date 30th Ultimo, in reply to the late Collector on the subject of Aubkarry Tax and according to your Orders contained in the 2nd Paragraph fixing the Tax on Putchoye at three annas per dum desiring me at the same time to give my opinion whether it ought to be assessed on the shops in which this article is sold or on the Persons by whom it is manufactured, I beg leave to sumbit it as my opinion that the Tax should be levied on both as the manufacturers keep shops as well as those who purchase to retail.

According to your Orders contained in the 3rd Paragraph of your letter for submitting to you a list of Rates 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.

I am &ca.
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 11th September 1793.

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

Sir,

I was favored with your Letter dated 2nd September enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Civil Auditor addressed to the Board of Revenue respecting Poolbundee & the Bissenpoor Zemindar's Mooshaira. I have to inform you that Bissenpoor was separated from the Zillah before I took Charge of it and annexed to Zillah Burdwan, consequently no charges are exhibited in My accounts respecting Bishenpoor.

I am &ca.
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
8th October 1793.

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to submit to your consideration a Copy of a Letter I received this day from my assistant Mr. John Battye in consequence of my refusing him leave of absence without the previous sanction of your Board according to your orders transmitted to me by your Secretary Mr. John Rawlins under date the 1st Instant.

I am
Sir
Yours &ca.
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 11th October 1793.

To
The Hon'ble F. Fitzroy,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

It is a very unpleasant thing for me to be obliged to request you to procure me leave from the Board to go down to Calcutta especially as I have been so little time absent from it but as I am obliged to attend the Supreme Court the 22nd of this Month on a criminal prosecution and likewise am concerned in another suit I hope you will request the Board to give me their consent, as it would be a very severe loss to me were I not to obtain it. This, I assure you sir, is the only reason for my wish to go down. I likewise beg you will assure the Board I will quit Calcutta the instant the Business is settled, and that I request to be honored with their answer.

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient Humble Servt.
/signed/ John Battye
Assistant.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 11th October '93

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

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to submit to your consideration a copy and Translation of a Petition which I received from Rajah Mahamud Zumau Khawn in reply to my Purrowanah 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 Assin 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 seven thousand three hundred and sixty seven which has been made by the Rajah over and above the Kyst of Assin in part advance for the Kyst of Cautic the Total amount in demand for which month is Rupees seventy seven thousand but it would appear by his Petition that if the Balance should be deducted from the amount now in deposit that he will find difficulty in liquidating the Revenues of the present year and as this Balance appears to have arisen from the calamity of the season in year 1198 and not from any misconduct of his Probably the Board may be disposed to grant him the indulgence of extending the Period of Payment untill he may obtain inforcement of the Decrees passed in his favor for the Balances of Revenue due to him or untill he shall be able to realize some part of the Balances still outstanding in the Moffussell.

I am &ca.
/signed/ F. Fitzroy, *Collector.*

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 17th October 1793.

Translation of the Petition of Rajah Mahamud Zummaun Khaun—

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 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 1199 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. 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 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.

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 Collocetion will become very difficult and must fall greatly in balance which will occasion me great trouble and Distrress 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 Malick and if you will properly investigate into my affairs and take the necessary measures all will be right otherwise I am hopeful that you will transmit this Petition to the Board for their orders.

Rajah
Mohomud Zummaun
Khawn Behadur

Seal

A true Translate
/signed/. F. Fitzroy, *Collector.*

To
The Hon'ble F. Fitzroy,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

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 Beerbhoom 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 Disrespect 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 Obedient humble Servant
/signed/ John Battye,
Assist.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 19th October 1793.

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

To
Mr. John Battye.

Sir,

I have received your Letter of this days date 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 previously obtaining this sanction you will excuse me if I observe that by proceeding thus precipitately you run the risk of encurring their most serious displeasure.

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 19th October 1793.

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

Gentlemen,

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

I am with the Greatest Respect Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 20th October 1793.

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 Orders 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 Obedient Servant,
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 27th October 1793.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President &ca. Members 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 assessed the Putchouy Three annas P..... throughout the District and the stills in which Ful Mud &: Mud mentioned in Your Letter of the 20th September and all other spirituous liquors are Manufactured at Six annas P. diem in the Muffussul and Twelve annas in the village of Soory which being the Sudder Village in the district and the station of the Cutcherry tho 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 Collctors have been furnished with Extracts of accompanying the Orders of Your Board under Date 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 no longer manufacture or sell Liquor but that they would resign their former Licences I informed them that it was by no means the object of Government to increase their Revenues by incouraging the sale of so pernicious an article but on the contrary that these motive for raising the assessment was in as much as possible to check the inordinate use of Liquor and that I had no orders to allure or persuade them into a compliance with the increased assessment but if they did not chuse to continue the Trade I would receive their resignations upon their Paying in the Balances due from them &c. They remained for several days round my house Forming Parties setting up shouts. At length however they have taken Licences according to the new assessment which has raised the amount assessed on each still to more than double what was formerly and will in all probability increase the annual Revenue to Government nearly double the last years Jumma exculsive of the advantage arising to the Public in General from the Chuk to disorder and disturbances which this new assessment must effect by raising the price of Liquor and reducing the shops wherein it is sold to half their Former Number.

The following Paragraph is an extract from Your Secretarys Letter of date 20th September containing Your Orders in reply to my Leter 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 Abkurry 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 Pr. mensem the footing on which this Collection then stood in this District not requiring more than one or two Persons to manage it and as such an establishment is totally inadequate to the expence 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 there that allowed by the Regulation which from the expected increase will be fully sufficient.*

*Continued to page cliii.

Abstract Statement of the New assessment on the Abkarrye Mehaul of Zillah Beerbhoom from the beginning of September 1793 E.S. to the end of Chytte 1200 B.S.

Mehauls	Jumma agreeable to the late assessment for 1200 B.S.	Increase agreeable to the new assessment	Balance on distillers to the date of their resignation according to the late assessment	Total	Collections			Deduct disbursed for Establishment to the end of October 1793	Balance Carried to Acct to the end of October 1793	In demand from the end of October 1793 E.S. to the end of Chytte 1200 B.S.	Excepted demand for Establishment to the end of 1200 B.S.	Balance to the end of 1200 B.S.
					From new assessment	Balance Collected from distillers to the resignation theirs according to the late assessment	Total collection to the end of October 1793					
Zillah Beerbhoom	4,650 0 0	5,573 12 0	950 0 0	11,173 13 0	2,846 0 0	950 0 0	3,796 0 0	238 0 0	3,558 0 0	7,377 13 0	662 0 0	6,715 13 0
Total Sa. Rs.	4,650 0 0	5,573 13 0	950 0 0	11,173 13 0	2,846 0 0	950 0 0	3,796 0 0	238 0 0	3,558 0 0	7,377 13 0	662 0 0	6,715 13 0

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 14th November 1793.

Errors Excepted
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

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—requisite 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 expiedents 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 Obedient Humble Servant
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collr.

Zellah Beerbhoom
the 2nd November 1793.

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

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th Ulto. 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 1196 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 1196 B.S. on account of Bessenpore and not since.

I am Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
/signed/ F. Fitzroy
Collector.

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 Zemaun Khaun Zemindar for 1198 and 1199 B.S.

Purgunnah	Villages	Chucks	Mehauls	Total villages chucks & Mehauls	Nett Jumma as per Zemindars Doul Bundobust or settlement for 1200 Clear of all Charges	Deduct 1/11th or 10 per cent Malekanah to the purchases	Remaining Jumma
Seinbhoom	102 14 0 0	115 0 0 0	3 0 0 0	220 4 0 0	40,308 11 1 0	3,664 6 16 2	36,644 4 4 2
				Total Sa. Rs.	40,308 11 1 0	3,664 6 16 2	36,644 4 4 2

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 15th November 1793.

Errors Excepted
(signed) F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President &ca. 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 orders under dates the 30th of August & 20th of September last exhibiting the amount accrueing to Government beyond the former Jumma in consequence of the increased assessment.

I am with the Greatest respect Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 15th November 1793.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
President &ca. 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 Obedient Servant
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 16th November 1793.

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

Gentlemen,

I have this day (?) been favour with your Letter of the 12th Instant containing your approbation of the assessment on the Abkary Mehauls of this Zellah in the following Terms.

*Prepage.

Vizt We approve the assessment fixed by you on the Putchoye and on the spirituous Liquors manufactured in your District we deem it necessary however to desire 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 Putchoye" *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 descrimination between the Vendors & manufacturers of Putchoye in my advertisement of the new assessment for, had I declarded 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 Vizt They would have all declared themselves simply manufacturers and none would have avowedly kept shops tho this artifice would only have served as a Temporary evasion still I found that it could have lasted long enough to occasion much delay in establishing the new assessment and consequently considerably 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 Putchoye 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 of Persons of the concern I therefore deemed it most expedient to fix at once an assessment on all vendors of Putchoye generally without discriminating between the shops in which it might be sold or where in it might be manufactured which was the best way I could devise, have 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 List 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 Putchoye fearing that it would too partially affect poorer sort of Abkaurs 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 Putchoye is so certain that the Tax would fall only on those who Drank it by reducing the Quantity and increasing the price without even for a day preventing the poorst manufacturer from continuing his Trade, and reaping ample profit for his maintenance

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

I cannot help before I conclude my Letter remarking to your Broad 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
/signed/ F Fitzroy,
Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 18th November 1793

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

Established charges during the former settlement—			
Paid to Omlah from May to July 1793 being 3 months—			
@ 22 Rupees Per Mensem	66		
Ditto for August 1793	22		
	88		
Ditto fixed Establishment for September Commencing with the new assessment—			
1 Tehsuldar 50			
2 Muhurrers 18			
Paper, Pen, Ink &ca. . . 7			
—	75		
Ditto for October as above . . .	75		
	—	238	
Ditto for November as above . .		75	
Extra persons Employed and Contingencies in Establishing the new assessment from the 1st September to 15th November 1793—			
Paper Pen Ink &ca	52		
6 Mohurrers @5 8. each for writing out Cobbooluts Security Bonds &ca.	55		
12 Peons @ 3 Rs each for summonsing Abkary &ca.			
Checking the sale of Liquor without new Pottahs	105		
	—	212	
Expected Charges—			
Establishment for December 1793 . .	75		
Ditto for January 1794 . . .	75		
Ditto for February Ditto . .	75		
Ditto for March Ditto . .	75		
Ditto for April Ditto . . .	75		
	—	375	
Total Sicca Rupees			900

Errors Excepted
(signed)F Fitzroy,
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 18th November 1793

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 Companys 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,
/signed/ F Fitzroy,
Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 19th November 1793

Detailed Settlement of the Abharry Mehauls of Zillah Beerbhoom specifying the Purgunnah villages and numbers of shops in which Liquors are to be sold according to the new assessment for the year 1200 B.S.

Purgunnah	Names of villages in each Purgunnah	No. of Putchoye shop or manufacture in each village	Daily Tax upon each shop or manufacture	Number of stills in each village	Daily tax on each still	Amount daily demand still and Putchoye	Amount P. Mensem or Ditto	Amount to the end of the current Bengal year 1200 B.S.	Total upon each Purgunnah to the end of year 1200 B.S.
Purgunnah Khuttungah	Hogderabad Soory	3	– 3 0	2	0 12 0	2 1 0	61 14 0	332 6 0	
Ditto	Cunnorry	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	53 10 0	
Ditto	Lumbooderpore	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	53 4 0	
Ditto	Govendpore	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto	Mauj Gong	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 3 0	
Ditto	Mujlesspore	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	53 4 0	
Ditto	Junnebpore	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	53 4 0	
Ditto	Ungar Gurrea	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 1	5 10 0	52 5 0	
Ditto	Amrutpore	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	53 4 0	
Ditto	Puchpokhrea	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Iaummul	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	43 8 0	
Ditto	Roypore	1	– 3 0	1	0 6 0	– 9 0	10 14 0	120 12 0	
Ditto	Doorgahpore	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Commerpore	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 5 0	
Ditto	Dhurlah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	51 12 0	
Ditto	Mahaumud Zemanpore	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	47 10 0	
Ditto	Cazdeah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	53 4 0	
Ditto	Hossennabad	2	– 3 0	..	..	– 6 0	11 4 0	60 0 0	
Ditto	Caullupoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 0 0	5 10 0	30 9 0	
Ditto	Enteah Gurreah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	42 12 0	
Ditto	Semelah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	45 6 0	1,401 8 0
Purgunnah Junoojaul	Bunsaucks	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Kishennugur	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto	Cauntour	2	– 3 0	..	..	– 6 0	11 4 0	98 13 0	
Ditto	Bhoorconah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 5 0	
Ditto	Khand Gong	1	– 3 0	..	..	0 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto	Battasspore	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto	Condah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto	Bautikaur	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 5 0	
Ditto	Sonar Baugh	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 1 0	
Ditto	Lohau Gong	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Bellsoondah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 5 0	
Ditto	Saullarpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Goormatheah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto	Audumpore	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto	Khooshteckree	2	– 3 0	..	..	– 6 0	11 4 0	78 6 0	
Ditto	Moothabarreah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto	Auzah Daungaree	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto	Sureypoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	29 1 0	959 7 0
Purgunnah Surroopsing	Burwaun	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	51 12 0	
Ditto	Taurapoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	43 8 0	
	Carried over	46	..	3	..	..			2,360 15 0

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	Brought over .	46	..	3	..	..	..		2,360 15 0
Purgunnah Surroopsing	Conwerpoor .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto . .	Sow Gong .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	42 9 0	
Purgunnah Shau Allempoor	Khosh Nugur .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	186 15 0
Ditto . .	Kerah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto . .	Baggha Solla .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	51 12 0	
Ditto . .	Eslampoor .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 5 0	
Ditto . .	Pundipoor .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto . .	Baulijoonee .	2	– 3 0	..	..	– 6 0	11 4 0	104 10 0	
Ditto . .	Kettumpoor .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto . .	Pursendah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	42 12 0	
Ditto . .	Durroleah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto . .	Dograjpoor .	2	– 3 0	..	..	– 6 0	11 4 0	104 3 0	
Ditto . .	Mogna Dall .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	45 0 0	
Ditto . .	Burcoondey .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	40 14 0	
Ditto . .	Kudkotedh .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	41 10 0	
Ditto . .	Narinepoor .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	43 0 0	
Ditto . .	Mungulpoor .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto . .	Bahader Gunge .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto . .	Rupodipoor .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto . .	Ruttunpoor .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto . .	Cundoolah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto . .	Gundpoor .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto . .	Khoja Comaulpoor .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	47 10 0	
Ditto . .	Dhumrah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto . .	Nowparrah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	47 10 0	
Ditto . .	Jooglam .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	28 5 0	
Tallooka Mullarpoor	Gunpoorah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	1,257 13 0
Ditto . .	Doomrah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	46 2 0	
Purgunnah Sambhoom	Ramnugur .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	98 10 0
Ditto . .	Rooppore .	2	– 3 0	..	..	– 6 0	11 4 0	101 4 0	
Ditto . .	Chillah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto . .	Sabickbazar .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	45 15 0	
Ditto . .	Dultirah .	1	– 2 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 5 0	
Ditto . .	Dabbupoor .	2	– 3 0	..	..	– 6 0	11 4 0	81 9 0	
Ditto . .	Chundeypoor .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto . .	Dallowrah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 4 0	
Ditto . .	Dowar Roundah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto . .	Sunjutpoor .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	37 5 0	
Ditto . .	Ellaumbazar .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto . .	Loha .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	45 0 0	
Ditto . .	Ghoorseah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	37 14 0	
									702 9 0
	Carried over .	91	..	8					4,606 14 0

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	Brought over	91	..	3	..	..	..	..	4,606 14 0
Purgunnah Sabick Mouressur									
Ditto	Cundoory	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Maulbarreah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto	Iewee	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto	Ummurpur	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	44 1 0	
Ditto	Mannickpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
									238 14 0
Purgunnah Sheerpoor	Sheerpoor	2	– 3 0	..	..	– 6 0	11 4 0	94 2 0	
Ditto	Chundeanpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	53 4 0	
Ditto	Murzeahpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 4 0	
Ditto	Gurgong	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 14 0	
Ditto	Mohollah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	40 14 0	
Ditto	Lonpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	42 9 0	
Ditto	Roypoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	31 7 0	
									372 6 0
Purgunnah Ackbursahoye	Oulah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	45 0 0	
Ditto	Baughdollah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	45 0 0	
Ditto	Lother	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Moulpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto	Digghall Gong	2	– 3 0	..	..	– 6 0	11 4 0	90 15 0	
Ditto	Dowar Cotta	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto	Mukhdoem Nugur	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	40 14 0	
									377 10 0
Purgunnah Alienugur	Emandpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto	Nean Gong	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Pahaurpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	51 12 0	
Ditto	Kcorrah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	51 12 0	
Ditto	Maingle Dee	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto	Sujunneah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Shewrampoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto	Samkuldee	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Amerpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto	Bunnooreah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	47 10 0	
Ditto	Khaunparrah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	45 0 0	
									550 11 0
Hoockmahpoor	Ranjunpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto	Nuggree	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	51 12 0	
									104 4 0
Itchah Pukoor	Maunpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	47 10 0	
Ditto	Bhoghupoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	35 1 0	
									82 11 0
Khurny Burrah	Chuck Bolaucky	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 1 0	
	Carried over	128	..	3	..				6,333 6 0

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	Brought over	128	..	3	..	..	..	50 1 0	6,333 6 0
Kurny Burrah	Barrabun	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 4 0	
Ditto	Zahedpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto	Puchittea	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 5 0	
Ditto	Boodpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto	Khoyrah Sool	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Bhoallah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto	Tuppauspoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Moondereah	2	– 3 0	..	..	– 6 0	11 4 0	89 10 0	
Ditto	Now Parrah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto	Gand Gurreah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	45 0 0	
Ditto	Iaummaulpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	41 7 0	
Ditto	Burrah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	40 14 0	
Ditto	Aushuck Gunge	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
									717 6 0
Purgunnah Poorunderpoor	Poorunderpoor	3	– 3 0	..	..	– 9 0	16 14 0	156 6 0	
Ditto	End Gatcha	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	53 4 0	
Ditto	Koondoypoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
									260 7 0
Purgunnah Hurriepoor	Gollaub Baugh	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Muhundhien Gange	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 13 0	
Ditto	Kublausspoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 5 0	
Ditto	Cutghurrah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	51 12 0	
Ditto	Khoyra Dihee	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 10 0	
Ditto	Gowallu Arrah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto	Nugur	2	– 3 0	3	– 6 0	– 8 0	45 0 0	240 0 0	
Ditto	Tantienouparrah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	28 14 0	
									572 10 0
Tuppay Soonnee	Barrah	..	..	1	– 6 0	– 6 0	11 4 0	106 8 0	
Ditto	Nowab Gunge	..	..	1	– 6 0	– 6 0	11 4 0	106 8 0	
Ditto	Dahocha	2	– 3 0	1	– 6 0	– 12 0	22 8 0	178 2 0	
Ditto	Noyah Bazar	2	– 3 0	..	..	– 6 0	11 4 0	104 1 0	
Ditto	Behader Gunge	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	51 6 0	
Ditto	Chundepoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 3 0	
Ditto	Allicnugor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto	Collee Sunkerpoor	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	44 4 0	
Ditto	Dehee Doonnu	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	30 12 0	
Ditto	Pubbea Solah	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto	Nugur	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	30 6 0	
									798 6 0
Purgunnah Barbuchsing	Surandey	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 5 0	
	Carried over	168	..	9					8,682 3 0

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	Brought over .	168	..	9	..	..	..		8,682 3 0
Barbucksing									
Ditto . .	Soorool . .	1	– 3 0	1	– 6 0	– 9 0	16 14 0	120 12 0	
Ditto . .	Haul Russoolgunge .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 14 0	
Ditto . .	Tantunouparrah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto . .	Moolah . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	41 7 0	
									312 6 0
Durry Mouressur .	Aurgound . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 8 0	
Ditto . .	Terleah . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto . .	Ihugdah . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	44 4 0	
Ditto . .	Soot . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto . .	Cunnogepoor . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto . .	Mucksoorah . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	40 11 0	
Ditto . .	Purchundpoor . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	50 1 0	
Ditto . .	Dupy Moulepur .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	52 5 0	
									384 15 0
Koòttoobpoor	Munnureah . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto . .	Bharreah . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
									97 2 0
Tuppa Mahamudabad .	Caundy . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	28 14 0	
Ditto . .	Panchpookhreah .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 15 0	
									77 13 0
Purgunnah Bhoorcoonda .	Soottanpur . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	44 4 0	
Bhoorcoonda .	Pussbah . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	37 14 0	
Ditto . .	Commaur Dongall .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	37 14 0	
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Tallook Aumduhurrah	Mouza Aumdohurrah	2	– 3 0	..	..	– 6 0	11 4 0	90 12 0	
Ditto . .	Juljuleah . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	45 6 0	
									136 2 0
Tuppa Koondhitt Curroah .	Gur Semleah . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto . .	Upzulpoor . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	48 0 0	
Ditto . .	Khujjooree . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto . .	Sondah . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	49 2 0	
Ditto . .	Bauljoorree . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	47 10 0	
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Nauncar Mulloottee .	Bausrah . .	2	– 3 0	..	..	– 6 0	11 4 0	83 7 0	
Ditto . .	Catghureah . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	40 11 0	
Ditto . .	Mullootee . .	1	– 3 0	..	..	– 3 0	5 10 0	46 2 0	170 4 0
		199	..	10	10 0 0	– ..	..	Total Sicca Rupees	10,223 13 0

Zillah Beerbhoom,
the 21st November 1793.

Errors Excepted
(signed) F. Fitzroy,
Collr.

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 I confess has disappointed me exceedingly for I had depended on your granting me this indulgence the more particularly as I am able to assure your 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 the 20th nor would I even with their assurances after having been once refused ask permission on any Trivial occasion, but my business in Calcutta 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
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant,
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
November 27th 1793.

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

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 for the period during which he has manufactured Liquor without a Licence and have to inform you that according to this calculation the fine will amount to Rupees two hundred and two eight annas.—

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 meet 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 calculation I conceive would be very exemplary and not to severe a punishment taking proper security from him for the amount to be paid partly on his enlargement from gaol and the remainder according to a Kistbundy not exceeding three months from the period of the first payment.

I am with the Greatest Respect
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant,
Sd/- F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 24th December 1793.

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you of my having received charge of the Collectorship of Beerbhoom from the Hon'ble F. Fitzroy together with the several records & papers appertaining to the office as also a Balance on the Treasury amounting to Sicca Rupees one Lack fifty eight thousand six hundred and forty three nine Gundahs 1,58,643/9.

I am with the Greatest Respect
Gentlemen &ca. &ca.
/signed/ T. H. Ernst,
Actg : Collector.

Dec. 30th

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you of my having delivered over charge of the Collectorship of Beerbhoom to Mr. T. H. Ernst together with the several Records & Papers appertaining to the office as also a Balance in the Treasury amounting to Sicca Rupees one Lack fifty eight thousand six hundred and forty three nine Gundahs.

I am with the Greatest Respect
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant,
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 30th December 1793.

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

Gentlemen,

Though I am aware that Government is tender of interfering in the appointment and removal of the Official servants of

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 predication of much detriment to the publick Revenue. I have this day received positive intelligence that the Rajah of Beerbhoom 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.
/signed/ T. H. Ernst.
Actg. Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 10th February 1794.

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

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to inform you that I have this day requested the judge of this District to keep the Rajah of Beerbhoom in confinement until he shall have paid up another arrear amounting to Sa. Rs. 27,778 being the whole of the instalment of Maugh.

Of the arrear of 90,769-13 for which I acquainted you on the 5th Instant that I had delivered him over to the Judge he has only paid 34,856. Apparently he has no resources to enable him to discharge what remains due from him on account of these two instalments amounting to Rs. 83,691-13- that he will probably continue in confinement until the end of the Bengali Year—

I am with the Greatest Respect
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient humble Servt.,
/signed/ T. H. Ernst,
Acting Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 24th February 1794.

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

Purgunnahs	Mouzah	Chuck	Mhaul	Total of Mouzah Chuck and Mehauls	Suddur Jumma of 1199 B.S. agreeable to the Dowl Bundbust exclusive of Surnjamee charges	Deduct Malikana at 10 P. cent	Balance Jumma
Shawh Allem-poor . .	134 4 0 0	204 4 0 0	– 2 0 0	304 4 0 0	45,005 0 17 0	4,091 5 17 3	40,913 10 19 1
Sain Bhoom	702 4 0 0	115 0 0 0	– 3 0 0	220 4 0 0	37,120 3 14 0	3,374 9 1 1	33,745 10 12 3
Surroopsing .	159 0 0 0	38 3 0 3	– 0 0 0	197 3 0 3	66,345 8 13 0	6,031 6 12 0	60,314 2 1 0
				Sicca Rupees	148,470 13 4 0	13,497 5 11 0	134,973 7 13 0

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 29th March 1794.

Error Excepted
(signed)T. H. Ernst,
Acting Collector.

To
C. Oldfield Esqr,
Collector of Zillah
Moorshedabad

Sir,

Enclosed I have the pleasure of transmitting to you my receipt for the several papers and records relative to the mhals lately delivered over to me—

I am
Your most obedient servant
Sir
(Signed) T. H. Ernst,
Actg. Collr.

Received from C. Oldfield Esqr. Collector of Moorshedabad the several records and papers appertaining to the mhauls separated from the District and annexed to Beerbhoom by the orders of the Board of Revenue of the 24th December 1793 and 7th January 1794 as specified in the accompanying list—

(Signed) T. H. Ernst.
Actg. Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
21st April 1794

List of Records and Papers appertaining to the mahals hereunder specified separated from Zillah Moorshedabad and annexed to Zillah Beerbhoom transmitted on 20th March 1794

Mehauls		Tahud for the Decennial Octennial Septennial Settlemt.	Tahud for Daishkucha included in the Decennial Settlemt.	Kestbundy	Durkait	Printed kubooliat
Mouzah Ghoardah &ca. 13 mhals		1 Septennial unexecuted	,,	1 unexecuted	,,	,,
Kist, Mouzah Mohessgawn	Neelkunt	1 Septennial	,,	1	,,	,,
Ditto	Callisunker	1 Ditto	,,	1	,,	,,
Mouzah Sahjapore &ca. 7 mhals	Rajchand	1 Ditto	,,	1	,,	,,
Purgh-Ivawr Ibrahimpore 3 mhals		1 Ditto	,,	1	,,	1
Kist. Pvh. Futtchpore 7 mhals	Radhkunt	1 Decennial	,,	1	1	1
,, Ditto 7 Ditto	Kessub	1 Ditto	,,	1	1	1
,, Ditto 7 Ditto	Mahadeb					Unexecuted
Mouzah Maurgawn &ca. 2 mhals	Futtehchund	1 septennial	,,	1	,,	,,
Kist. Purh. Cootubpore 2 mhals	Boobhund	1 Decennial	,,	1	1	1
Moh. Bauminparrah &ca. 2 mahls	Iuteram	1 Septennial	,,	1	,,	,,
Kist. Purh. Cootubpore 2 mhals	Beerchurn	1 Decennial	,,	1	1	1
Kist. Purh Akbershye 4 mhals	Ramsunker	1 -do-	,,	1	1	,,
Kist. Purh Akbershye 1 mhal	Taikooballav	1 -do-	,,	1	1	1 Unexecuted
Kist. mozh. Kirteehaut &ca. 31 Mahals	Deb Dutt	1 Septennial	,,	1	,,	,,
Kist. mozh. Kirteehaut &ca. 31 mhals	Kirteechund	1 Ditto	,,	1	,,	,,
Kist. mozh. Kirteehaut &ca. 27 mhals	Shamsunder	1 Ditto	,,	1	,,	,,
Kist. Purgh. Kutgur &ca. 7 mhals	Ramshund	1 Decennial	,,	1	1	1
Kist. mah Torrygong &ca. 2 mhals	Bonnicram	1 Septennial unexecuted	,,	1 unexecuted	,,	,,
Kist. mah Ghoshgong	ditto	1 -do-	,,	1 -do-	,,	,,
Kist. mah Torrygong 1 mhal	Nittanund	1 Septennial	,,	1	,,	,,
Mouzah Baunspore &ca. 6 mhals	Gungadhur	2 -do-	,,	1	,,	,,
Kist. Mozh. Duchingawn	Soonderram	1 -do-	,,	1	,,	,,
Mouzh Furridpore &ca. 2 mehals	Raja Groodass	1 -do-	,,	1	,,	,,
Mouz. Ranny parrah &ca. 2 mehals	Bowanychurn	1 -do-	,,	1	,,	,,
Kist. Mouh Chattrah &ca. 2 mehals	Roy Rambullub	1 -do-	,,	1	,,	,,
Mouzah Koondullah &ca 5 mehals	Mudden Mohen	1 -do- unexecuted	,,	2 unexecuted	,,	,,
Mouza Balliarrah	Soorjeedess	1 Decennial	,,	1	1	1 unexecuted
,, Raurkkund &ca. 4 mhals	Shumsudeen Mohun	1 Decennial	,,	1	1	1
Mouza Bhowrcoal	Mudden Mohun	1 Octennial	,,	1	,,	1 -do-
,, Hossenabad	Cassinaut	1 Decennial	,,	1	1	1 -do-
,, Gogah	Rutnepur	1 -do-	,,	1	1	1
Kist. Mh Iheekirpatty 2 mhals	Selamutally	1 -do-	,,	1	1	1

Mehauls		Tahud for the Decennial Octennial Septennial Settlement	Tahud for Daishkucha included in the Decennial Settlement	Kestbundy	Durkait	Printed kuboolid
Kist. Mh. Iheekirpatty. 2 mhals	Yaarally	1 Septennial	,,	1	,,	1
Mouzh Mulluckpore	Manekchand	1 -do- unexecuted	,,	1	,,	,,
Kist. Moh. Shanspore	Nursing	1 Decennial	,,	1	1	1
,, Ditto	Bulloby Kaunt	-do-	,,	1	1	1
Mouzh. Saubpore 3 mhs.	Rauj Raujepur	1 -do-	,,	1	1	1
Kist. Moujh Sheejah	Suntosh	1 -do-	,,	1	1	1 unexecuted
,, Bulloyepore	Sreehaunt	1 -do-	,,	1	1	1
Kist. Purgh Cootubpore 7 mhals	Doorgaram	1 -do-	,,	1	1	1
Mouzh Bissen Khundah 4 mhals	Warissally	1 -do-	,,	1	1	1
Mouzh Bhawanypore	Jahn mahmad	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
Mouzh Cassipore	Caushinaut	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
Mouzh Kissenrambatty & Sreenagur	Kissenram	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
Mouzh Maundarry, alias Sreenagur	Shamram	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
Kist. moh. Mohanpore	Kissenkinker &ca.	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
,, Ditto	Ramdeb	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
,, Gowalparrah & Seahlie alias Sreegurbpore	Golukhat	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
Kist. moh. Gowalparrah & Seahlie alias Sreegurbpore	Seuhutmundon	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
,, Ditto	Endernarain	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
,, Ditto	Futtehroy	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
,, Ditto	Radabullub	1 -do-	,,	1	1	1 -do-
,, Shubrampore	Golucknaut	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
,, Ditto	Durpnarain	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
,, Paukriah	Autnaram	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
,, Ditto	Carteckroy	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
,, Ditto	Bissennaut	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
,, Ditto	Soonder &ca	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
,, Ditto	Dhurmpurchaud	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
Kist. Mouzh Muzzoochaty	Soonder	1 Decennial	1	1	1	1
,, Ditto	Chundermony	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 unexecuted
,, Ditto	Dhununjoy	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
,, Ditto	Huttoo	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
,, Ditto	Joychund	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
,, Ditto	Anundyram	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
,, Sreehundpore	Gourychurn	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
,, Coolyturah	Gopaul Deo	1	1	1	1	1
Mouzh Kissorepore alias Broneah	Kissen Mohun	-do-	,,	1	1	,,

Mehauls		Tahud for the Decennial Octennial Septennial Settlement	Tahud for Daishkucha included in the Decennial Settlement	Kestbundy	Durkait	Printed kuboolid
Mouzh Cooaurdauny	Suddanund	1	1	1	1	1
Kist Moh. Kissenbatty alias Gungarampore	Gocool	-do- 1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Ditto	Radhakissen	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Gomoy	Huttoroy	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
Mouzh Duckinarrah	Khosaul	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
Kist. Mh. Noorpore	Purrikeet	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Joykissenpore	Bustomchurn	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Cooiturrah	Moorlysencar	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Ditto	Gourychurn	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Ditto	Iceteosencar	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Neemrah	Rullah & Banner	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Ditto	Amuruddeen &ca.	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
„ Ditto	Mohomd Iaun	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
„ Sreedhurpore alias Dutbatty	Iuggurnaut	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Ditto	Puddumlerhm	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Duckingaure	Raujdhur	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
Kist Mh. Duckingaure	Basoodeb	1 Decennial	1	1	1	1
„ Ditto	Kissenjiren	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
„ Ditto	Hurrykissen	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
„ Ditto	Guddadhur	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 unexecuted
„ Ditto	Russick	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
„ Ditto	Durpnarain	1 -do-	„	1	1	1
Kist. Mh. Duckingawn	Bullub Roy	1 -do-	„	1	1	1
„ Ditto	Raujihund	1 -do-	„	1	1	1
„ Ditto	Bullobudder	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
„ Ditto	Iandeo Roy	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
„ Ditto	Dattaram	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
„ Ditto	Buddynaut	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
Mozh Turlia	Rutnessur	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Dhundangah	Bowany Sencar	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Daungaul	Gopeenant Roy	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Poonasey	Brijekepore	1 -do-	„	1	1	1
Kist. Mh. Gopediggey &ca.	Gobind Mulluk	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
Mouzh Mautpore alias Sunkand	Sumboo Roy	1 -do-	„	1	1	1
Kist. Mh. Choota Kapsaw 4 ana	Kaungal mitter	1 Septennial	„	1	„	1

Mehauls		Tahud for the Decennial Octennial Septennial Settlement	Tahud for Daishkucha included in the Decennial Settlement	Kestbundy	Durkait	Printed kuboolid
Kist. Mh. Siddessurry alian Nursingbatty	Ramsunker	1 Decennial	„	1	1	1 -do-
„ Ditto	Taikoocalloo	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Ditto	Rammiddee	1 -do-	1	1	1	1
Mouzh Hykulparrah	Chamoosing	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
„ Doorbaurpore	Mauneekchand	1 -do-	1	1	1	1 -do-
Purgh Futtihpore &ca the Zemindary of	Rajah Ram Kissen	1 Septennial unexecuted	,,	1 unexeeuted	„	„
Mouzh Shabeldah	Bykoont	1 Octennial	„	1	„	1 -do-
„ Bohohrah	Groopurshad	1 -do-	„	1	„	1 -do-
„ Purrotah	Nundoo Dass	1 Decennial	1	1	1	1

Abstract

Tahuds for the Decennial settlement executed			86
Ditto for the Octennial ditto executed			3
Ditto for the Septennial ditto executed	17		23
Ditto ditto unexecuted	6		
Total Funds			112
Tahuds for Daishkurhah included in the Decennial settlement			55
Kistbundy for 1197 executed			86
„ for 1199 Ditto			3
„ for 1200 Ditto	17		
„ „ unexecuted	6		23
Total Kistbundy			112
Durkhasts			86
Kabooliats executed	52		92
unexecuted	40		
			457
Add			
Statement of Kistbundy for 1200 of the above mentioned Mehals in Persean			2
Jumma Wassil Bauky account of De : from 6 Assar to 19th Phagun 1200 or from 17th June 1793 to 28th February '94			2
-do- -do- in English -do-			2
List of mehals in English transmitted in -do-			2
-do- in Persian -do- -do-			2
Copy of a letter & Enclosure from Mr. Sub Secretary Barlow to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue under Date 6th December 1793 relative to a Duree paper in favour of Goluknath Sermah for 9 as under share of Tercedpass & Iulda			1
			468

Abkary Records

Daukhart	29
Kubboaluit	27
Zammny	27
2 Pollah N 10 to 70	2
Jumma Wassil Bauky amount from 1 Bysak to 7 Chute 1200 in Bengal (29 Terd)	1
Receipts for revenue paid in by Soorys nollaheny up by them	10
Total Tero's	564

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 21 Apl. 1794,

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

Gentlemen,

In the Mehauls annexed to this district from Moorshedabad by your orders of the 24th December 1793 & 7th January 1794, I find the Tax on spirituous Liquors is considerably less than what has been established in this District. As I have reason to believe that the Aubkars in these Mehauls are able to pay the Jumma assessed on spirituous Liquors in this District by your Orders of the 12th November. I beg leave to recommend that I be authorized to establish the same rate of assessment there.

I shall hereafter have the honor of submitting to you the settlement of the Abkarry Mehauls for the current year.

I am with the greatest Respect,
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Humble Servt.
/signed/ T. H. Ernst,
Acting Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 25th April 1794.

To
S. Davis Esqr.
Collector of Burdwan

Sir,

I have the pleasure of transmitting to you the accompanying original letters from Mr. Hesilrige and the Board of Revenue on the subject of Bishenpore, which are all the separate records I have been able to find. I request you will favour me with your receipt for them agreeably to the List Enclosed—

Should you Immediately require Copies of any of Mr. Keating's letters in answer to which the Board's letters are written/which from the constant Employment I now find for my writers I have not been able to get done/I will transmit them should you also think it necessary that copies of all the letters that have ever been written on the subject of Bishenpore, should be furnished you as references, I will do myself the pleasure of forwarding them as early as such a undertaking will admit.

The correspondence you require you will I believe find among the Board's letters and written in the course of the years 1791 & 1792—

I am Sir,
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) T .H. Ernst
Actg Collr,

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 1st May 1794.

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

Gentlemen,

I had in vain endeavoured 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 Dicennial Settlement containing instructions how this information is to be obtained

I am sorry to acquaint you that there are no Putwarries in this District, & that in answer to a Purwannah I issued to the Rajah directing him immediately to appoint them in every village in his Estate, he objects to it on account of the expence, & requests that the Kutkinahdars may be allowed to discharge the duties required from the Putwarries Kutkinah dars will disclose their profits by discovering the real produce of the farms His request will doubtless not meet your concurrence as the Rajah's object is evidently to delay the appointment of Putwarries as long as possible that he may prevent the sale of his lands by putting it out of my power, procure the necessary information and accounts for alloting the publick Jumma on them & therefore beg leave to suggest the propriety of your limiting a period for his delivering in a list of them and authorizing me to levy such a fine as you may think proper in the event of his neglecting to do it within the period prescribed

I am
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant,
/signed/ T H Ernst,
Acting Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 5th May 1794

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honor of acknowledgeing the receipt of your Orders of the 21st Instant to charge the Rajah of Beerbhoom with interest on the arrears due from him

As you appear to have misunderstood my meaning, owing probably to a want of perspicuity in expressing it, when in my letter of the 24th Ultimo I stated to you my opinion "that the Rajah of Beerbhoom had no resources to enable him to discharge the arrears due from him" I beg have to inform you that I did not allude to the resources of his lands, which I am convinced are fully adequate to the payment of the Revenues assessed on them, but merely meant to report, that he had no actual resources sufficient to discharge them Sensible however that this want of actual resources had entirely originated in his own neglect & profligacy so far was I from meaning to recommend any untimely exercise of lenity towards him, that in communicating to you my apprehensions of not being able to realize 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 dismembered 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/the same as that submitted by Mr Keating on the 14th May last/as I would recommend to be sold in liquidation of the arrear due from him as under specified I would beg you to suggest the expediency of some effectual measures being adopted to prevent this injurious mind of traffick which most completely defeats the intention of Government of rendering the Gold coin current at its estimated value, & serves to keep up the high Battah exacted in its exchange into Silver to the great distress of the middling rank of people

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

I am
Sir
Your Obedient Servant,
/signed/ T Brooke,
Judge

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 26th 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 compliance with the Orders contained in your Acting Secretary's letter of the 20th Instant, issued advertisement throughout my district notifying that the Purgunnah of Sainbhoom would be sold by publick 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 Sa Rs 21,235 13 It may be proper to advise you what did not before occur to me that the Purgunnah of Sainbhoom is at present held in farm by Golucksing whose engagements will expire at the end of the Bengal Year 1202

The arrears now in demand from the Rajah are as follow—

Sa Rs 9117-1-12-4	On account of 1200 B S
776-13-4-1	On account of the interest carged on 30,252-14-12-1 by your Orders of the 20th March 1794 from the 1st of Bysack to the 18th Assar 1201 B S
40,000	On account of Jail
Total 49,893-14-16-3	

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,
/signed/ T H Ernst
Acting *Collr*

Zillah Beerbhom
the 11th June 1794

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

Gentlemen,

I am honoured 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 conceive the

requisite information may be easily effected from an inspection of the accounts, & papers of the Hastbood made by Mr Keating of the Zemindary of Beerbhoom, which you accordingly desire me to examine & to inform you of the result with as little delay as possible

1 Parah After the strictest search I find that there are no accounts in my office of any Hustbood made by Mr Keating, & that all the Original Jummabundy accounts formed by Mr Sherbune were delivered over to the Zemindar 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 resources of the Purgunnahs, subsequent to the period of the Jummabundy, appeared to him, on examination of the Zemindarry accounts & Papers, and from the result to believe that the Jumma proposed by Mr Keating is fair & equitable, but I cannot presume to say that it (bears) 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 Zemindarry, is I conceive by the appointment of Putwaries or the deputation of aumeens, for the resources of this District having fluctuated since the period of the Jummabundy these accounts will not furnish correct information & the delay & difficulty that must occur in obtaining accounts from the farmers and the little reliance that can after all be placed on them will doubtless render your averse to such a measure

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 Zemindarry record that could throw any light on the assets of the Purgunnah & that I conceive it impossible to allot the Jumma in the manner prescribed by the Regulations until the appointment of Putwaries shall enable me to procure correct information & accounts In case however you should determine to sell the Zemindar's lands immediately at the Jumma proposed it is necessary to inform you that Purgunnah Surroop Sing included in the statement has been mortgaged to Shamsing Chuckerbutty, the Zemindary Dewan

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Humble Servant,
/signed/ T. H Ernst
Actg *Collector*

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 12th June 1794

To
T H Ernst Esqr
Commissioner in charge of the Zamindary 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 mensem which was an increase on my proposal on the amount of two hundred & twenty Rupees only without any thing more in lieu of Lands If the accompanying portions meet your pleasure you may then (sic) accordingly if not you will do as you please—

I am &ca.
(signed) F. Fitzroy,
Collr

Zillah Beerbhoom
August 11th 1795

Proposed Establishment of the Families of Rajah Mehommud Zumman Khan

Great Ranny	200
Khaur Ranny	40
Mother of Rajah Mehommud Zumman Khan	40
New Ranny	30
Deory Nehhorss	15
Deory arauly	15
Mujhly Ranny	15
Choty Ranny	15
Reshum Ranny	10
Buhhtoury Ranny	10
Oodah mother of Khadim Hosseen Khan	10
Mukhum mother of Currumalz uman Khan	10
Amuna mother of Delaurz umman Khan	10
Oyagur	10
Dhuncah	10
Doomah mother of Daood Ally Khan	10
Meglauny Ranny mother of Cauzimally Khan	10
Purun Ranny	10
Bloochoo	10
Kauly Ranny of Assud Zuman Khan	15
Delaeour Zumman Khan	40
Khadem Hosseen Khan	40
Cauzemally Khan	40
Nadeor Zuman Khan	40
Daood Ally Khan	40
Curremul Zuman Khan	40
Shujjat Zuman Khan	40
Sister of Rajah Mehommud Zuman Khan	20
Daughters of new Ranny	20
Sister of Daoodally Khan	20
Daughter of Purun Ranny	20
Do of Reshum Ranny	20
Do of Oyagur	40
Guzznufer Ally Khan, son of Ahmed Zuman Khan	30
Sister of Guzznufer Ally Khan	10
Lurhooman	4
Khashan	7
Punehy	4
Moidah	4
Hooseen	4
Midwife of Netiral Zuman Khan	2
Coosah Rooboo	2
Bewah of Ahmud Zuman Khan	6
Doosdanah midwife of Ally Nurhy Khan	2
Dhooro & Khuicen midwife of Medhyally Khan	4
Merery Booboo Rehla Gory & Muna Masna midwife of Duke	6
Total	1,000

Extract from Correspondence for 1795-1796

Beerbhoom

To
Lieutt D Lyons,
Commanding the Detachment of N I, Beerbhoom

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 Sicca Rupees 23,000 being at remittance from the Treasury to the Collector of Moorshedabad 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 it strength

I am Sir,
Your &ca
/signed/ F. Fitzroy,
Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 9th Sept 1795

To
William Cowper Esqr.
President &a. 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 assure you Gentlemen that I find the number of People Entertained insufficient to the duties of my Department and trust that it will not be Considered Extraneous to the subject 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 Tahiseldary 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

1	Dewan	150	
1	Clerk	70	
1	Bengal Sherestadar	50	
3	Bengal Mohurers	60	
1	Persean Moonshy	30	
3	Persean Mohurers	80	
	Khuzanchy & Naib	25	
3	Mohurers	30	
3	Podars	25	
1	Nazer	15	
1	Naib Detts	10	
10	Peons	31	
2	Dufturbunds	8	
2	Fraush	8	
1	Sweeper	3	
		595	
	Paper, Pen, Ink &ca.	75	
			670
Abkharry Mehaul			
1	Tehselar	50	
2	Mohurers	18	
	Paper, Pen, Ink &ca.	7	
			75
Grain Purchaser			
1	Darogah	24	
1	Mohurerr	12	
2	Dandydars	4	
2	Peons	6	
	Paper, Pen, Ink &ca.	1	47
	Sicca Rupees		792

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 19th April 1796

Errors Excepted
(Signed) C. Tryer
Collr.

To
William Cowper Esqr.
President & Member of the Board 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

Z' Beerbhoom
the 23rd April 1796

Establishment of Officers necessary to be entertained for the Abkharry Mehaul

1	Darogah	40
2	Mohurerrs	18
3	Peons	10
	Paper Pen, Ink, &ca.	7
	Sicca Rupees.	75

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 23rd April 1796

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 Tannadarry lands for the current year 1203 B.S. I advertized for proposals for farming the lands but no Offers have been made.
As the Deputation of Sezaueels on the part of Government to Collect the Produce of the Lands in question from their disjointed situation (small portions being scattered through several Purgunnahs) 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 Hanchurn Dass The case appears to me to be under considerable difficulties, 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 is in deposit will apprehend never be admitted as a legal distinction It has been paid and received and in Court of Law no further demand can be made for the Original sum but the suit may be Entered for Interest or damages and the award of the Cause will probably be in favour of Government, but then when this is done the money is no longer in deposit but is from the best authority that is an appeal to Law indirectly acknowledged to have been paid

If under these circumstances I solicit for further Instructions I hope I shall not be accused of causing unnecessary trouble by futile suggestions It is my wish on all occasions to give the Orders of the Governor General in Council the most direct and immediate obedience and it is with great reluctance that I hesitate in the present Instance

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

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 30th April 1796

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

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to inform you that agreeably to the Orders of the Governor General in Council communicated in your letter of the 26th April '96 I issued summonses to the Zamindars of Beerbhoom his Vackeel Mohummeed Jummeel and his late Dewan Shaum Chuckurborty to attend at my Cutchery on the 5th Instant when neither the Zemindars of Beerbhoom nor Mr Fitzroy having been in attendance I thought it proper not to proceed in the enquiry and therefore postponed it till 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 may have recourse to the same pretext I have to request, should your Board see no objection, that I may be furnished with all the Original Petitions relating to the Business now under Investigation

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) C Tryer
Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 7th May 1796

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

Gentlemen,

Since the transmission of my address of the 28th Ultimo an offer has been tendered for farming the lands resumed for the support of the Police of this District at the Annual Jumma of Rupees 2235 and as I have no Expectation that more advantageous terms will be offered and as the deputation of Sezaweels in the past of Government to collect the Produces of the Lands in question would consume the greater part of the resources I take the liberty of recommending that the Proposal in question be accepted

2nd I beg leave also to inform you that agreeably to the Instructions contained in your Secretary's Letter of the 19th April '96 I repeated a Publication for receiving proposals for farming the lands which have been resumed for the support of the Police of Bhaglepore and only one Proposal has been tendered for farming the Lands at the annual Jumma of Rupees 205

3rd I therefore take the Liberty of suggesting whether for the reasons assigned in the preceding paragraph it would not be adviseable to accept this offer

4th I hope to be honored with your Early order on the subject

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) C Tryer
Collr

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 13th 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 Sebundies are fully qualified to take the Dates

The arms and accoutrements for the Sebundy Corps have not yet been received and a further 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 charge as the Hon'ble Company's Treasure

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
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble servant
(signed) C Tryer
Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 26th May 1796

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 must confess myself at a loss to suggest any other mode for Collecting the Revenues of the Tannadarry Mehauls than the deputation of Sezaweels on the part of Government and as his measure 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 Instt 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
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) C Tryer
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom,
the 27th 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 One Naik and 24 Sepoys which admitting of Casualties and sickness will be scarcely sufficient to guard my Treasury.

As it is therefore the Intention of Government that the subundies should be Employed as Escorts for Treasury and on all other occasions I beg leave to suggest the necessity of such an increase to the present Number as may appear to your Board adequate to occasional Duties and a guard for my Cutcherry.

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

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 2nd of June 1796

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 transmission 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. 1,891.2.5.2 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 Expence 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.

Merchants . . . Under this denomination are included all wholesale Dealers engaged in Merchandise of Every description residents in this Zillah.

Traders . . . . . 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,
Collr,

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 Mohummeed Zuman Khan Zamindaar 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 5th 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 Junnoo Jaul from attachment.

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 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.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) C. Tryer
Collr.

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.

(Signed) J. Frushard.
Agent

sent Rs.	582-0-0
Batta	
2% Cent.	11-10-0
	570.6.0

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

Gentlemen,

Police. 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.

The Lands in question have never been appropriated to the purposes of keeping up Tannahs 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 subsistence 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 Rs. 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
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) C. Tryer
Collr.

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 Bhaugle-pore 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 Question 400 Begas which had been uniformly appropriated for the support of a Police were resumed from the Zemindar in the year 1201 BS. and included in the Tannahdarry re-sources of this Zillah, the further Quantity of 230 Begas on Enquiry appeared to form a part of the Maal resources and were accordingly resumed and included in the Hustabaad of 1202 BS. and of the remaining Begas being 630 Begas 13 Cattas 230 Begas are waste and I do not consider that it will be practicable to obtain a higher revenue for the remaining Lands than Rupees 205 per Annum and should Government be pleased to resolve on reinstating the Gawtwals I take the Liberty of offering it as my opinion in consequence of the Lands assigned for this purpose being situated in Pergunnah in this District that the Establishment Entertained should be subject to the control and Orders of the Magistrate of this Zillah particularly as the sole Object of the Establishment was to protect the Inhabitants of the Pergunnah in Question from the predatory incursions of the Hill People.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) C. Tryer.
Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 8th July 1796

To
The Hon'ble F. Fitzroy
Soorool.

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 Interro-gatories you may think proper to propose to Rajahram the late Dewan of this Zillah and Mehubally on the subject under Enquiry—

I am also under the necessity of requesting that you will remit me the amount directed by the orders of Government to be refunded by you being Rupees 465 disbursed from this treasury by you in Erecting Barracks for the Sebundes.

I am Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) C. Tryer.
Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 23rd July 1796.

To
C. Tryer Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I am favored with your letter of yesterdays date containing the Orders of Government relative to the examination of Rajah Ram and Mehubally.

I beg leave to inform you that I have at present no ques-tions to put to either 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 neces-sary wherever the examination of Rajaram and Mehubally may be transmitted to you.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) T. H. Ernst.

Beerbhoom
the 24th July, (sic) 1796.

To
Cornelius 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 Receipt.

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

I am
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) F. Fitzroy

Soorool
July the 25th (sic) 1796.

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

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to transmit herewith an abstract state-ment of the abkhary Assessment of the Collectorship of the Current year 1203 B.S.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) C. Tryer.
Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 29th July, 1796.

Abstract Statement of the Abkarry Assessment of this Collectorship for the Current year 1203 Bengal Style

	Number of stall or shop	Daily Tax upon each stall or manufacture	Amount assessment
In Nij Soory or First Class	2	12	540
In Muffussel or Second Class	10	6	1,350
Putchieye shops or third Class	269	3	18,025 2
TOTAL	281		19,915 2

Errors excepted
Signed C. Tryer,
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 29th of July 1796

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the statement re-quired by the section 37th Regulation 23rd 1793—

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) C. Tryer,
Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 1 August 1796

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

Names of the Pergunnahs	Amount of the Assessment	Amount required by the Magistrate for the support of the Police	Name of the Collectors of the assessment	Description of the Collectors
Pergunnah Shallumpore	1,536 0 10		Nuffur Chunder Sain	Appointed for express purpose of Collector's Tax
Ditto Sawbrih Mohessure	354 2 16		Sambhunauth Sarma	Assessor of the Tax the same Pergunnah
Ditto Ally Nughur	504 14 16		Serrydhur Sarma	Appointed for the express purpose of Collecting Tax
Tallook Motarpore	297 9 13		Sunatun Ghose	Ditto
Pergunnah Barbucksing	270 12 12		Bhoobun Ghose & Neealchund	Assessor in Pergunnah Barback Sing
Talook Khurney	161 4 16		Surroop Dass	Appointed for the express purpose of Collecting Tax
Ditto Burrah	135 13 0			
Pergunnah Ackbursholy	568 2 0			
Lohah Mehall	192 6 8			
Pergunnah Bhoorkoondah	410 2 10	11,112	Ram Keshun Sircar	Ditto
Tallook Gunateah	25 15 12		Puddo Lochun Ghosh	Ditto
Ditto Itehapookher	76 13 12			
Pergunnah Seenbhoom	633 3 12		Bhaunut Mookerjeah & Jugmohun	Ditto
Tuppa Harrypore	159 14 10			
Tuppa Koondhett	51 0 16		Bhoobun Ghosh	Ditto
Ditto Curreah	182 6 8			
Talook Hookmapore	69 11 4		Bhowany Churn Roy	Ditto
Ditto Mohummudabad	104 15 8			
Talook Amdeperah	47 15 6		Abhoy Churn Ghosh	Ditto
Ditto Koolubpore	212 12 0			
Ditto Tarrapore	333 12 0		Nuffur Chunder Surma	Ditto
Nankaur Moutoly	179 11 4			
Pergh. Durry Molessur	742 4 2		Tachoor Narrin	Ditto
Ditto Junnoo Jaut	522 11 18		Bhaugbut Roy	Ditto
Tallock Pounrah	206 4 0		Buddun Chand Ghosh	Appointed for the express purpose of Collecting Tax
Ditto Pubbeah	25 0 0			
Pergh. Rauj Nughur	44 11 4		Shekh Hessamuddin	Ditto
Tuppa Sarhutt Deoghur	708 5 0		Sutehmun Rajah	Ditto
Pergah. Swrroop Sing	498 5 4		GovindMandle and Manut Chand	Ditto
Ditto Khuttungah	783 14 10		Lucky Caunt Sirmah	Ditto
Tallook Shuepore	642 12 0		Bhurrut Ghosh	Ditto
Ditto Poorunderpore	356 12 6		Sumbhoonauth Surma	Ditto
Zillah Gowall Shehy Pergunnah Muzorrhotty	339 8 0 10 16 0		Beerchunder Surmah	Ditto
Zillah Coorumbah	342 2 16		Govind Ram Surmah	Ditto
Hoodah Chowhutta	343 4 0		Serrydhur Surmah	Ditto
	11,686 4 14			
Presumed Lands	2,343 15 2			
TOTAL Saks.	14,030 3 16	11,112		

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 1st of August 1796

Errors Excepted
(Signed) C. Tryer.
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 authorised Agent on his part yet attended for the purpose of receiving possession of Lot Mohesssurpore 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 Lands 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 to the discharge of the demands of Government to the End of Bhadone Amounting to Rupees 1,501 being immediately advertized 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
(Signed) C. Tryer
Actg. Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 10th September 1796

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

1	Sezawul	. . . .	20	0	0	
1	Sirsehtadar	. . .	10	0	0	
2	Mohurrers	. . .	16	0	0	
1	Podars	. . . .	5	0	0	
1	Merdah	. . . .	4	0	0	
2	Peons	. . . .	6	0	0	
„	Paper, Pen, Ink &ca.		2	0	0	
						63 0 0
		Total Sa. 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 Reply subjoined and request to be favored with your Instruction on the Points stated in the 11th Paragraph of the Precept.

Should your Board in consideration of the circumstances stated in the Precept deem it Expedient to recommend to Government that the Ghatwaals be henceforward considered in the light of Dependant Talookdaars, I take the Liberty of suggesting the Propriety of Aumeens being deputed as soon as the season will admit with Instructions to ascertain by a measurement 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 Judgement may be passed in their favor that such a Portion of the Cultivated and Putteet Lands be assigned for that purpose 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
(Signed) C. Tryer.
Actg. Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 11th September 1796.

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

Gentlemen,

Miscellaneous. I beg leave to enclose an account of Cash disbursed from this Treasury in transporting the Arms Ammunition &ca. of the Sebundy Corps attached to the Revenue Department of this Zillah from Calcutta to this station and have to request your sanction for charging the Amount in my Accounts—

I am sorry to inform you that the Boat Employed on the occasion was by some accident overset near Culna and the greater part of the Ammunition from having been some hours under water will I apprehend be found totally unserviceable. 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
(Signed) C. Tryer
Actg. Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 24th September 1796

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

Gentlemen,

Agreeably 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 an account of charges defrayed by me on this duty.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) C. Tryer
Actg. Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 26th September 1796

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 Mohumud Zeman Khaun Zemindaar of Beerbhoom
„	2	Original Petition of the Zemindaar of Beerbhoom addressed to Mr. Fitzroy
„	6	Copy of a Perwannah from Mr. Fitzroy to the Zemindaar of Beerbhoom
„	7	Original Petition of the Zemindaar of Beerbhoom addressed to Mr. Fitzroy
	8	Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto
„	9	Original Petition of Shaum Churn Chucherbutty said to have been transmitted by him to the Zemindaar of Beerbhoom
„	10	Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto
„	11	Original Petition of Mehumud Jummul 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 Zemindaars of Beerbhoom
„	14	Original Deposition of Shaum Churn Chakerbutty
„	15	Original Deposition of Mohunpershaud
„	16	Ditto Ditto of Bhowany Sunkar
„	17	Ditto Ditto of Mohumud Jummel
„	18	Ditto Ditto of Mohumud Zeman Khan
„	19	Ditto Ditto of Mirzah Lal Beg

Signed C. Tryer
Acting Collertor.

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 1795 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 SaRs 47.6.9, but that in the event of the amount SaRs 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 SaRs 242.6.2 and the Balance of the assessment being SaRs 1,654.10.5.2 for the reasons assigned in my Predecessor's letter to your Board under date the 4th of the present month, I consider as irrecoverable.

The Court having adjourned in consequence of the Hindoo Festival of the Doorgah Poojah, precludes the Orders communicated in your Secretary's Letter being for the present complied with, but on the opening of the Court, the Vakeel of Government shall be instructed to move the Court to commit the Tehsildars to confinement until they shall have liquidated their respective arrears, at the same time, I beg leave to be favored with your constructions for disbursing from my Treasury monthly, such sums as may be demanded by the Court for the subsistence of the Tehsildars during the period of their confinement.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Geo Purling
Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 15th of October 1796.

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

Gentlemen,

Police. In reply to your Secretary's Letter of the 18th Instant I beg leave to remind you that a Commission of 12 per cent was recommended upon the realized Collections of the Police Tax in the Acting Collector's letter of the 28th March 1795 and approved of by you in your Secretary's Letter of the 31st of March '95 which Commission being continued to the Tehsildars will be competent to make the Collections of the Police Tax in the Mofussil but there being no Sudder Establishment for keeping the records of the Police Tax, I have thought it adviseable to draw out an Establishment for that purpose and have the honor to transmit it herewith for your approval.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) G. Purling
Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 31st October 1796

Establishment of Officers required for keeping the Records of Police Tax

1	Darogah	20	0	0
2	Mohurers	12	0	0
2	Peons	6	0	0
	To Papers, Pen, Ink &ca. .	2	0	0
	Sicca Rupees .	40	0	0

Errors Excepted

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 31st October 1796

(Signed) Geo Purling
Collector

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

Gentlemen,

I have been duly honored with your commands communicated through your Secretary's Letter of the 21st October last transmitting Copy of a Letter from the Governor General in Council dated the 14th of the same month accompanied with fifteen Persean Receipts mentioned in the 1st Paragraph of that Letter, and desiring me to make the Enquiry 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 commence the enquiry in order that they might attend during the progress of it should he deem 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 Purshaud who was the*

*See next page.

*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

Contributors &ca.	Amount assessment for 1202 B.S.	Amount required by the Magistrate	Amount incurred for extra Mohurers	Amount required for discharging the Tehsildars (Commission)	Total expenditure in the year 1202 B.S.	Collections from the 1st May 1795 to the end of September 1796	Amount short of actual expenditure at the end of September 1796	Amount awarded to Government by the Zillah court but not realized	Balance of the assessment of 1202 B.S.	Amount authorised remission	Nett Balance	Explanatory Remarks
						10,008 4						
Contributors &ca.	11,952,512	11,112	250	1,176 11	12,538 11	2,483 0	4,769	289 6 15	3,372,105 2	1,718	1,654,105 2	Of this Balance-Rs. 1654-10-5-2 is reported by the Tehsildars to be due in part from Persons who have left the District and others who have not the means of discharging their respective Balance—
Resumed Lands	4,201											
TOTAL Sa. Rs.	16,153,512	11,112	250	1,176 11	12,538 11	12,491 4	4,769	289 6 15	3,372,105 2	1,718	1,654,105 2	

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 15th October 1796

Errors Excepted
(Signed) George Purling
Collector.

Native Treasurer during the period Mr. Ernst officiated as acting Collector of Beerbhoom 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 Persean 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 Taoil 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 Purshaud 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 Purshaud and Collesunkur Roy are the only Persons now residing at Beerbhoom 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, Persean and Bengal Languages throughout the district.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Geo Purling
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
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	...	103	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
(Signed) G. Purling
Collector.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 24th November 1796.

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
(Signed) Geo Purling
Collr.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 13th February 1797

*Next page.

Abstract Statement of the Division of Talook Paunrah

	Proprietors	Proprietory of each share	Number of villages included in each Estate	LANDS: Total amount in Bighas	Deduct Puttcet	Remaining Hassel of Lands	Deduct Jagheet and Bazee Zamin	Remaining Ryothy Lands	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	14
Kismet Hissah	Pertaubnarrain Sing	562 3	115 11 9 1	23,268 0 73 0	7,802 12 8 1	15,465 7 19 2	8,151 8 3 1	7,313 19 11 1	Pertaubnarrain Sing the Defendant refuses to give any reply to this Division paper, until the Division of the Court of appeal is made known to him.
Kismet Hissah	Hoolash Sing, Mungle Sing and Bhuyrab Sing	562 3	102 6 5 3	23,267 10 17 2	7,802 11 6 1	15,465 7 9 1	8,151 9 3 1	7,313 18 6 0	Hoolash Sing Mungle Sing and Bhuyrab the plaintiffs agree to receive the respective shares allotted them.
Kismet Hissah	Raujcoomarry Doolin	562 3	114 14 5 0	23,268 0 73 0	7,802 12 8 1	15,465 7 19 2	8,151 7 3 1	7,314 0 16 1	Raujcoomarry Doolin the plaintiff is to be wise satisfied with her share.
	TOTAL	16 0	333 0 0 0	69,803 19 13 0	23,407 16 4 3	46,396 3 8 1	24,454 4 9 3	21,941 18 18 2	

	Proprietors	JUMMAH: Ryothy Lands revenues including Chundunah	Juther and Further revenues	Total mofussil Proceeds from Each Estate	Sudder Jummah appointed in each Estate	Remarks
		10	11	12	13	14
Kismet Hissah	Pertaubnarrain Sing	3,197 11 4 2	..	3,197 11 4 2	100 10 1	Pertaubnarrain Sing the Defendant refuses to give any reply to this Division paper, until the Division of the Court of appeal is made known to him.
Kismet Hissah	Hoolash Sing, Mungle Sing and Bhuyrab Sing	3,197 11 4 3	..	3,197 11 4 3	100 10 0	Hoolash Sing, Mungle Sing and Bhuyrab the plaintiffs agree to receive the respective shares allotted them
Kismet Hissah	Raujcoomarry Doolin	3,197 11 4 3	..	3,197 11 4 3	100 10 1	Raujcoomarry Doolin the palintiff is to be wise satisfied with her share.
	TOTAL	9,593 1 14 0	..	9,593 1 14 0	301 14 0	

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 13th February 1797

Errors Excepted
(Signed) G. Purling
Collector.

To
Mr C. Keating,
Collector of Beerbhoom & Bessenpore,
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 Soonamookey amounting to Sicca 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 Soonamookey.

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 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 transmitted.

I am
Sir
Your obedient servant
Signed/ I. E. Harington
a. B. E.

Fort William
Sect. Genl. Office
Dt.
the 21, January
1789.

To
C. Keating, Esq.,
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 to the orders transmitted by you to him to furnish the necessary supplies for the troops under the Command of Colonel Forbes.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Sd/ G. H. Barlow
Sub Secry.

Council Chr.
the 4th February 1789.

To
Chritopher Keating, Esqr.,
Magistrate,
Beerbhoom.
Sir,

Jeebna a notorious Dekoit having made his Escape from this some Nights 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 Tannadars 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 Jeebna over to Your Custody or mine.

I am &c.,
Signed/ Lawrence Mercer
Magistrate.

Burdwan
February 7th 1789.

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

The Board of Revenue having taken into Consideration the those 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
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble servant
Sd/- G. C. Meyer

Khalsa
February 9th 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 Beerbhoom 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 chuse 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
Signed/- Thos. Graham,
John Mackenzie

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 Gonatea for current Rupees 25,000.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
Sd/- I. E. Harington
a. B. E.

Fort William
Accompt. Genls. Office
the 12th February 1789.

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 Dekoyts 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 & Burcandosses as can be spared from this into the Pergunnah of Sheerghur, Sinpaharee and Silempore 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 be so good as to issue the necessary Orders to your People to afford mine their assistance in seizing and bringing to Justice the Dekoits 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.,
Magistrate.
Burdwan
the 14th 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 Bistnaut & Balaye two of the Persons accused at Court of Robbery. I have been unable to secure the Person of Netaye Byragy.

I am &c.,
Signed/ Michl. Atkinson
Acting Magistrate
Moradbaug of Rajshye
14th February, 1789.

To
Mr C. Keating,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

We have received your letters of the 1st and 5th Instant the former transmitting a Jumma Wassil Bakee, 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 accomptant to give you information required in your letter of the 5th Instant.

We are
Sir
Your most obedient servants
Calcutta Signed/ Thos. Graham
the 17th February 1789. John Mackenzie

To
Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate
Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I have been favored with your enclosing a Purwannah to the Tannadars of your District requiring them to assist in the Apprehension of the Dekoyts 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 Signed/ Law. Mercer
17th February, 1789, *Magistrate*

To
Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter of the 21st and 23rd 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 Dekoyts 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,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Burdwan Signed/ Law. Mercer
the 24th February 1789. *Magistrate*

To
Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate,
Beerbhoom.

Sir,

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

I am &c.,
Burdwan Signed/ L. Mercer
25th February 1789. *Magistrate*

To
Christopher Keating, Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

The Board of Revenue having submitted copies of letters and enclosures of the 13th 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
Your most obedient servant
Calcutta Signed/- John Fombelle
the 4th March 1789. *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 Jummabundy in conformity to the instructions transmitted to the late Collector, and in the event of the Munduls and Ryotts 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 Munduls or Ryatts individually may prav against Ramnaut, and to furnish the latter for any acts of oppression may appear to have committeed, and the former in cases where their . . may appear to be litigious 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 Munduls 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
Sir
Your most obedient servants
Signed/ Thos. Graham,
John Mackenzie

Calcutta
The 6th March 1789.

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate,
Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I have been honored by the Receipt of your Letter of the 23rd Ulto. with its Inclosures, and have given orders for apprehending the Sons 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 Tuppadar. 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
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed/ Maw. Leslie
Magistrate.

Chittra,
13th March 1789.

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate,
Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter of the 14th Instant with its Inclosure, 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 I 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 Sheerghur &c. from which I have great Hopes that some thing effectual may be done against the Dekoyts 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 Disturbers 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 any further Disputes happening to impede the Service the Parties are jointly engaged in.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt.
Signed/ Law. Mercer
Magistrate

Burdwan
17th March 1789.

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate,
Beerbhoom.

Sir,

In answer to yours of yesterday Date I beg to inform you that Mhaddoo 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 Dekoyts.

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient humble
Servant,
Signed/ Law Mercer
Magistrate.

Burdwan
the 20th March 1789.

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 Gonatea 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,
Sd/- I. E. Harington
a. B. E.

Fort William,
Accompt. Genl. Office,
the 21st March 1789.

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
Sir
Your obedient servants,
Signed/ Thos. Graham,
John Mackenzie

Calcutta,
the 23rd March 1789.

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 Phauzdarry, Revenue and Commercial Departments and by discharging the Pykes, Burgundosses &c. now allowed for to save the Expence of those Establishments, I am directed to acquaint You that a Distribution has been Ordered of the Invalid Sepoys,which it is expected will be completed by the end of April and that 1 Havildar 1 Naick and 20 Sepoys will proceed from Monghyr to do the Duty of the 30 Burgundosses Kept up for the Phouzdarry adaulut 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.,
Signed/ E. Hary
Secy. to the Govt.

Fort William
the 27th March 1789.

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate at Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter of the 27th Instant, and agreable to your Desire shall call upon Mhaddoo Chowdry for his Charge against Ajeet Loll whenever he arrives here, which shall be immediately transmitted to you.

I am &c.,
Signed/ Law. Mercer
Magistrate

Burdwan
31 March 1789.

To
Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate,
Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you the Charge given in to me by Maddoo Chowdry against Ajeet Loll, and beg leave to submit to you if it would not be advisable that Ajeet Loll 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 &c.,
Signed/ L. Mercer
Magistrate

Burdwan
April 9th 1789.

the whole country around attacking Villages in open day . . . . Inhabitants levying contributions on all, and murdering 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 forsook him, and dispersed, from this circumstance, (and from the heads of his deposition, which I take the liberty to enclose your Lordship will be convinced of the impossibility of any effectual redress arising from my Interference, unless the gang itself could be destroyed for these same men, are now reassembled under his Brother Besy, and two others, Named Bowany and Odeet Lol, the former said to be an adopted son of Jangel Lol Uncle to the Rajah of Pachete and the latter an Inhabitant of the Talook of Mulliara under Bishenpore. The gang have for the present taken up their residence in the jungle running through the Purgunnahs of St. Paharry & Sheer Ghur which equally affords them a secure shelter, or a safe retreat, and the seizure of the Principles makes only a change in their Leaders without affording essential relief to the Inhabitants, and if they receive a check in one place, they only remove to another to reommit their depredations in some more distant quarter for they are Dekoits by Inheritance trained to the Profession, neither to be reclaimed . . . . . or deterred by Punishment.

A true Extract
Signed/ John White
R.C.C.

To
Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate at Beerbhoom.

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 Pacheat on the Subject of the Parties now in search of the Dekoyts who infest the Borders of our respective Districts 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 Pacheat District and wish much that you would at the same time acquaint him of the Information you may have obtained from that Quarter.

I am &c.,
Signed/ L. Mercer
Magistrate

Beerbhoom
11th April 1789.

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

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

Calcutta,
April 17th 1789

Extract of a . . . .
. . to be therein assigned why the Pyekasht Ryot's should be . . . to hold their Lands on more favorable terms than the Ryots resident in the District, we accordingly direct, that you called the former to be assessed agreeable to the rates of the New Established Jummabundy & to Discharge the Amt. of the Balance which may in consequence appear to be Due from them. .

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—

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
Secy.
Signed/ J. H. Harington

(Copy)

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 Fillature if possible in order to pay the debt incurred in erecting it, and (with Leave) to return home, But at the rate I am called on for the Duties I have a Loss of near 1500 Rupees pr. Am .to dispose of and thus situated can never hope to get rid of it. In conformation of this I beg leave to submit to your Consideration the following written by me to Mr Keating in the . . . of January Last in answer to a Letter from him ordering me to Pay the

(by J. Frushard)

Sir,

Permit me to observe to you that this is the third year I am called on for the Duties of a Grant of Land promised by the Board but as yet unsettled. The first year that the Ground was measured out and orders to be relinquished to me by the Rajah, the Board of Revenue refered the settlement of my Jumma to Mr Foley. Mr Foley stated to them that the Rajas had been used to pay for the same 1711 Rupees pr. An but that there was some Ground which altho'not under Cultivation when I took possession was capable of being cultivated,

and if so, the duties would amount to 229 Rupees, I represented 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 1940 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 prov'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 conformity 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 Naut.

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 Augron, 3000 Rupees* 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. Allow me to observe to you Gentlemen, 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 flood 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 Bigaus above mentioned.

I will not presume to be a Judge in my own Cause but when I reflect that besides this, I have greatly benifitted the District by giving occasion to a deal of Steril Ground being broken up for the planting of Mulburry beyond my limits that I have brought down 4 or 500 People from the Hills who from being scarse a remove from Brutes and now become usefull Member of the Community, it would seem that if I am not found deserving Encouragement for such a Line of Conduct that at least I do not deserve to suffer. But to be call'd on by Black Men for security as I have been for Payment of my Jumma is humiliating and mortifying to excess—especially after have made my Purchase under the fullest Reliance of being to pay it into the Khalsah at Calcutta, and this favor I will still humbly hope you will not with hold from me in the settling of the Business—I am with all possible Respect.

Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble servant,
J. Frushard.

7th April 1789.

To
Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

A most daring Outrage having been committed here last night, I deem it my duty to state the circumstances to You and to request Your operation and Assistance in tracing the act, and apprehending the Perpetrators of it.

In the early part of the Night a gang of Banditti, about 200 strong entered this Town, and after stationing guards at the skirts to prevent my receiving any intelligence, surrounded and plundered the houses of . . . . . murdered two persons. and dangerously wounded upwards of twenty others, after which, they made off with their booty, I have not yet received certain Accounts relative to their route as the darkness of the night, and their having begun their outrage in the early part of it, favored their escape. This Gang said to consist of tall, stout men, with dark complexions. They had no clothes were armed with swords, spears and bows & arrows but had no matchlocks.

As it is possible that these Robbers may endeavour to make their escape through the District under your charge. I request, You will take such measure as You may deem expedient for intercepting them and that You will be pleased to issue at the several Cutcherries, 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 &c.,
A. Seton
Actg. Collector
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Gya
23rd April 1789.

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

Sir,

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

It appearing the loss of 288B—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 Neez Gong. Pyekasht, & Bergird 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 &c.
Signed/ J. H. Harington
Secy.

Calcutta.
The 30 April 1789

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate,
Beerbhoom.

Sir,

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

Inclose 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 violences in your District.

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed/ L. Mercer
Magistrate

Burdwan
2nd May 1789.

To
Mr C. Keating,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I have received your Letters of the 13th April and 27th March and desire your attention to the following Orders:

As you are of Opinion that no Balance will remain in Beerbhoom if the Collections from the Pyekasht Ryots are authorized to be made according to the established Jummabundee, and as directions to the Effect were forwarded to you under Date 23rd April, we trust that the Balance will be realized accordingly.

The Governor General in Council having, in a Letter to us under Date 22nd Ultimo, informed us that his Orders, directing notification to be given to the several Persons who had objected to a Dewanny Sunnud being granted for the Zemindarry of Beerbhoom, to prosecute their claims in the Dewanny Adawlut, *were not intended to* preclude the ostensible Zemindar from entering into Engagements for the Rvenues of the Current Year. We direct that you call upon Mahomed

Lummauh Khan, the ostensible Zemindar, to execute Engagements for the Year 1196 at the Jumma of 1195 uniting with him therein the Naib Lalla Ram Naut This Jumma however is to be exclusive of such Revenues as may be obtainable from the resumption or assessment of the Tanks respecting which, having called upon the Roy Royan to report what Revenue the holders of them were, agreeable to their respective Sunnud enclosed in your Letter of the 27th March liable to pay to Government, in what Proportions, and at what rates, we herewith transmit you Copy of his report, and desire you will attend to the Remarks which he has made on the nature of the Tenures, and, having considered and compared, the same with the existing Usages in the District, propose to us such rates of assessment Letter of the 26th March 1788 we observe he recommended that Jumma of the Talooks Gatwauls should be consolidated with the Jamma of the malguzzarry Lands We desire to be informed whether this Mode of Settlement with Gatwauls was adopted by the Zemindar in the past year also whether the mofussil Serishta, proposed by the Collector in his Letter of the 18th January 1788 and which in our Letter of the 6th May 1788, we desired him to endeavour to prevail with the Zemindar to establish, has been instituted and kept up accordingly, and if the general Regulations from local Customs, submitted to us by the late Collector in the above mentioned Letter, have been in any respect applied to practise by the Zemindar in the past Year You will also report to us to what extent Pottahs have been granted to the Ryots conformably to the Jummabundy authorized to be established, and if the Register thereof, as well as the Records of the detailed Accounts of the Jummabundee, are properly kept up, in order that when completed, copies of the whole may be transmitted, to be deposited in the Khalsa

The late Collector in his Letter of the 18th January, above referred to having reported to us 629 Villages deficient, we, on 17th June desired him to make further Enquiry respecting them and report to the result, not having received the Information required, we desire you will immediately furnish us with the same

The late Collector, at that time enclosed in his letter of the 13th February 1788, makes the following remark "The account of Basee Zemeen measured exhibit an Excess of Rupees 47, but no Estimate can be made of it as Sunnuds have been produced which are confirmed by the late Committee of Revenue and the Superintendent of the Bazee Zemeen Dufter for Lands to Persons whose names do not appear in the accounts

We direct that you transmit us a List of the names of the Persons as inserted in the Sunnuds granted by the late Committee of Revenue and Superintendent of the Bazee Zemeen Dufter reporting to us, at the same time, whether the Persons whose names appear in the Sunnuds, reside on the Lands, and if they are in such circumstances as to require this mode of supplies

We shall in a few Days furnish you with the necessary Instructions for the Settlement of Bisshenpore, in the mean time we desire you will inform us whether the whole of the Balances have been realized agreeable to your expectation

Calcutta,
the 11th May 1789.

We are &c ,
Signed/ Thos Graham

Ray Royan

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

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

When cultivated Land is annexed to a Tank, the Land made over in exchange should be assessed at the rate of Tank Land The assul Revenue of which is by the Custom of the District Rupees 16 Couries, to which is to be added all abwaubs, the ascertainment of which depends on the mofussil accounts

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The second Sunnud is to Rajchun Ghose for 5 Begas of Bunjar 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 Dimenssions 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 awasle Tank, which has retained the name of Khalsa When these particulars are known the standard of the Revenue may be determined

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The 3rd Sunnud is to Speich Lall &c 5 Ryots for five Begas of Kharije 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 Demenssions of the Tank are ascetained Revenue may be fixed, they are not exhibited in the Sunnud

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The 4 Sunnud is to Ram Surrun Kar Raje for 5 Begas of Bunjur Land in Rajpour, where he Proposes to cultivate a Garden & enjoy the Profits Bunjur Lands pays no Revenue for 3 years as is set fourth 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 Kherage Land of a Khooshbash Ryot Viz , one half of the established Revenue in the 4th Year it pays full Revenue

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5th Sunnud of Praun Burrye for a Tank which has no proprietor The assessment of Tank Land in that District is 1 Rupee 16 Courees assul, besides abwaubs (as specified in the 1st article) The Demenssion 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 Tank, if the harvest will suffer by it that he do not suffer Trees to grow on the banks of the Tank whose shade may injure any harvest growing round the sides of it

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7th Sunnud to Molla for a Tank/Bega 7.... Long and 19 Cottahs breadth which has no Proprietor It is not specified whether this measurement includes the Banks of the Tank or not or whether these are the Demensions of the water only When this circumstances & the conditions above specified set forth in the Sunnud Government may determine on the Propriety of confirming it, the standard of assessment of Tank Land as been before stated

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The 8th Sunnud is to be Gour Sahoo Mundul for 5 Begas 15 cottahs of Kharije Bunjur Putteet land to Dig a Tank upon & in lieu of such Wasila Ryottee Land as shall be annexed to the Tank he Propose to bring 2½ Begas of Bunjur Land into cultivation & Pay the Revenue of Wasila & also & also for 5 Begas 6 cottahs of the same Land for a Garden

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 Ryottee Land there is to be The Bunjur Land will pay as Komar Vizt One Rupee per Begah the abwaubs can only be ascertained from the mofussil papers

Signed/G D Dandriage
Rev Board
A true Copy
J. H Harington

May 7th 1789

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 Dauk Hurcaras, 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 Dawk Hurcurah 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 Dauk Hercaras.

I am &c.,
Signed/John Shore
P. B. R.

Calcutta
May 25th 1789.

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

Sir,

The Dauks from the Westward having this Morning brought me two Arzees from the Uddedars at Bunbissenpore & Bukhrorah the first representing that on the 19th Hercarah who was carrying the Dauk was challenged by Decoits on the road & threatened with punishment—If he did not desist from carrying the Dauk by that route that on the 22nd the Dauk Hercarah was again attacked by the same people who then carried their threats into execution by wounding the Hircarah 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 Hircarahs 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 Bunbisshnpore is about 35 Cose west of Calcutta & as the regular conveyance of the daily Dauks will be naturally impeded by this accident I take the liberty of intreating 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
Sir
Your very Obedient Servant
Signed/ C. Cockerell
P.M.G.

G. P. O.
May 25th 1789
A true Copy.

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 Derpnerrain Ker of Bank notes in part Payment of the Balance Due from Bisshenpore. I am directed to inform you that his Lordship in Council has thought proper to Decline giving any authority for the acceptance of the Same.

I am &c.,
Signed/ J. H. Harington
Secy.

Calcutta
26th May 1789.

To
Mr C. Keating,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

The enclosed Papers (No. 1 Copy of a Letter from the Post Master General to Mr Shore, and No. 2 a Letter from Mr Shore to yourself) were forwarded to you on the 25th Instant Since then the accompanying Petitions /No. 3/ have been received, and tho' not so full or particular as the Post Master General's Letter. The Governor General is notwithstanding pleased to direct that you conform to Mr Shore's Instructions, and adopt such Measures as may appear to you calculated to apprehend and bring to Punishment the Offenders, and to afford Protection to the Dauk People passing this your Districts.

His Lordship further directs that you make a special report of your Proceedings in this Business without delay.

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

Foujdarry Dept.
27th May 1789.

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

Sir,

The Dauk from the westward having this morning brought me two Arzees from the Uddedars of Bunbisshenpore and Bukhoorah The first representation that on the 19th Hercarrah who was carrying the Dauk was challenged by Dekoits on the Road and threatened with punishment—If He did not desist from carrying the Dauks by that Route that on the 22nd the Hercarrah was again attacked by the same people who then carryed their Threats into Eexcution, by wounding the Hercarrah in so disparate 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 resigned their employ unless guarded & protected by Government. The name of the Zemindar in whose Division the Murder happened, I understand to be Chyton Sing in the District under Mr Keating at Beerbhoom —Bun Bisshenpore is about 35 Coss West of Calcutta and as the Regular conveyance of the Daily Dauks will be materially impeded by this Accident I took the liberty of intreating your immediate attention to this Representation so that the least possible Evil may be allowed to result from this Accident.

I am &c.,
Signed/ C. Cockerell
A true Copy
John White
R.C.C.

General Post Office
25 May 1789.

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 and effectual Measures for removing the obstructions to the Passage of the Dauk Hircarras has induced me to write to you without an Attention to the usual Official forms, which could not be observed without Delay. I shall endeavour to obtain more accurate information on the fact stated by the Post Master General relating to the murder of the Dauk 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 Dauk Hercaras.

I am &c.,
Signed/ John Shore
A true Copy
John White
R.C.C.

Council Chamber
the 25th May 1789
Exd. Wm. Sadbir.

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 forwarded to the Different Collectors throughout the Company's Provinces, in Order that it may be generally promulgated and Understood.

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/Ten Copies being sent to you for that purpose/to all the Cutcherries and places of general Resort within the limits of your Authority in Order that they may be hung up for public Inspection and Information.

I am &c.,
Signed/ John White

Council Chambe:
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 & Ojeet Loll.

I am further to acquaint you that the Naib Nazim has been particularly instructed to give positive Orders to his Officers to be most careful in the Confinement of these People, Meaning hereafter 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.

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

Foujdarry Dept.
29th August 1789.

To
Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate at Beerbhoom.

Sir,

In consequence of a Robbery being committed at the Commercial Factory at Bausdebpoor—Juggetumba Roy Tannadar 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 Mullira 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 Talookdar of Mulliara, 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 dekoits of this Gang who are in Mulliara.

I am &c.,
Signed/ T. Brooke
Actg. Magistrate.

Burdwan Foujdarry
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 20th Instant with its enclousre 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, and which he will station at the gauts this which the Decoits 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.

I am &c.,
Signed/ G. H. Barlow
Sub. Secy.

a true Copy
John White
R.C.C.

Council Chamber
the 21st October 1789.

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 Burrutchund. Budjoo Bassy—States—That the Brother of Jeebna Dekoit named Besy together with Bowanny, and Odeet 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 5,055, murdered three of my Reyats, & pillaged the ...of all their property, to the amount of 2,007 Rupees in all took to the Value of 7,062 Rupees. I have been informed all these men were furnished with provisions by Sonatun Mundul & others, Inhabitants of Baga tulla. Purgunahs Gowbhoom these Men must therefore be connected with and I pray redress, for when Informed the Tannadar required his assistance he told me it was not his power and to refer my Complaint to you.

Durkhaust of Lalla Ramnaut Dewan of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom States.

That from the several Petitions preferred by the Izardars, and Tannadars of the Purgunnahs of Sain Bhoom. Shaw Allumpoor, Jynoopaul, Soony Burrah, Soopour, and other Pergunnahs 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 Soopdullah, &c. in the Pergunnah Sain Paharry in Burdwan, headed by Boobna (son to Gunga Harry) and by Seeba Harry affsool Harry—Goury Harry—and other Sirdars, and likewise from the Pergunnah Mesurrah Miseca & Tillundah in Pachete, headed by Sham Roy (Ram 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 Beerbhoom at pleasure and have murdered Duly Cutwal, & other Villagers, so that the Ryots are afraid to continue longer in their habitations.

Petition of Bullynaut Chutta Paddea of the Village of Ojud Day Pergunnah Sain Paharry. In the morning of the 14 of assin—Besy, Bowanny, & Odeet 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 . . . . Kurand & robbed him of 400 Rupees they further plundered the whole of the Reiyats of the Village to the amount at Least of 6 or 7000 Rupees—I therefore pray for Instance.

Signed/ T. Brooke
Actg. Magst.

A true Copy
Sd/ John White
R.C.C.

Translation of the heads of the Examination of Jeebna Dekoit

Q. What were the names of Tannahs you had charge of and the Farms you rented in the District of Burdwan and from whom you procure them.

A. I rented from Persaud Chowdry and Nehal Roy the Villages of Sowra, and Buggra, at the yearly revenue of 500 Rupees and I received charge from Nehal Roy of the Tannahs of 36 Villages in Sheergur.

Q. What consideration did you pay to Nehal Roy on receiving charges of these Tannahs, and what agreements did you enter into with him.

A. I paid to him in money 250 Rupees, and agreed to give him whatever else I made.

Q. How long is it since you had charge of the Tannahs.

A. For these three years.

Q. What places do you hold in farm in the District of Pachete & what Thannahs are under Your charge there.

A. Mushruff a Tannadar of the Rajah's gave me in farm the Village of Dhee Ranny Gunge to which place I gave the Name of my son Mohun and it is called Mohunpore, and I pay for it Revenue of 250 Rupees, and on the payment of a consideration of 100 Rupees to Colly Chun Poochundy I received

from him charge of the Tannahs and on paying 100 Rupees to Sochun Roy, the Servant of Cantoo Baboo, I received charge of the 27th Villages of his Talook, and when apprehension of being seised by your people. I fled for shelter to Jungly Lol with 50 followers, and told him I would give him 200 Rupees Salamy and become his Servants.

Q. What are the people who accompany You, and commit the robberies.

A. Sham Roy's Companions, Bowanny & Mohunny, Odoo Mangy, Chumoo, Hurrah, & Kullia, are principal Robbers and reside at the Village of Tellundah in Pachete Bowanny, robbed the house of Guddadur Sircar in Sheergur, and committed likewise the robberies at the Villages of Bullubpoor, and Bughoor in Sautgong, and at Jummana likewise robbed the House of Harry Mundul at Juitpore, these are the people likewise who commit the robbries in the District of Beerbhoom Mohunny robs the Villages in the Pergunnah of Sain Pacharry and Hattyram, Baddy Bagdy, and Paunchoo Lohas . . . of Nehal Roy, commit the Robberies in the Purgunnah Gowbhoom, and these people having staid with me gave of the plunder they got 40 pieces of Cloth of different kinds 2 Puttoos, 2 Shauls, and 20 pieces of Brass furniture.

Signed/ T. Brooke
Actg. Magst.
A true Copy
John White
R.C.C.

Extract Proceeding of the Governor General in Council under Date the 14 January 1789.

Agreed also, that the Magistrate at Burdwan be directed to deliver over Jeebrew to the Criminal Court for trial, and to take measures in concert with the Magistrate of Bissenpore & Pachete, for the Apprehension of Beesy Bhowanny and Odeet Loll and the others Persons suspected of having been concerned in or conniving at the several Murders and robberies specified in the Petitions inclosed the Letter from the Acting Magistrate under date the 6th November and that the Magistrates above mentioned be further required to use their Endeavours to apprehend the several Persons residing within their respective Jurisdiction, whom Jeebna has deputed to have received Money from him or to have protected him from the Officers of Justice, or to have connived or been concerned with him, in committing of Robberies, and to deliver them over to the Foujdarry Courts to take their Trial for the Offences charged against them, and that the Naib Nazim be requested to transmit Copies of the Proceedings held on their respective Trials to the Governor General in Council.

A true Extract
Signed/ John White
R.C.C.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 10th Instant, requesting Explanation on the Subject of two articles of the resolutions of the Governor General in Council relative to the 10 years Settlement, transmitted to you under Date the 10th Ulti.

We have to inform you in answer thereto that the Terms Khaus is used by Government in the present Instance merely in contradistinction to the Term Khood & that the former may be applied to any Settlement made with any person not being the Zeminadr.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
William Cowper
Thos. Graham
Chas. Chapman.
/Signed/

Calcutta
15th March 1790.

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
Your most Obedient
humble servant
(signed) J. Fombelle
Sub-Secretary

Council Chamber
16th March 1790.
Ex. G. Morris.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 15th Instant with its enclosures, containing the representation of the Zemindarry Diwan of your District on the Subject of the Balances due from the Paikasht Ryotts &C.

We have transmitted Extract of your Letter and enclosure above acknowledged to the Collector of Rajeshahy, Burdwan and Moorshidabad, with direction to report to us the result of the measures they have taken in consequences of our last orders on this subject communicated to you on the 21st January last, and expressing our regret that this business has not been Yet brought to a Termination.

We embrace this opportunity of desiring that in future in all cases where there are any grounds for apprehension that the Paikasht Ryotts will not pay the just Demands of the Zemindar, you will cause the latter to attach their Crops notifying to you his having done so. We are of opinion that had their Precaution which is authorized by the Custom of the Country been taken in the present Instance, the Difficulties now complaind of by the Zemindar in procuring the Rents, would not have occurred.

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. Farquhar 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 Servants
William Cowper
Thos. Graham
Cha. Chapman
/Signed/

Calcutta
the 18th March 1790.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 11th December, with an enclosue, containing your assistants Explanation, on . . . . . Tax called Musjid sallamee.

We desire you will inform your assistant, that if the . . . chuse to continue the Voluntary contribution of this Tax, he will not approve it, but, that we direct he will not interfere with the Collection of it, himself.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
William Cowper
Thos. Graham
Cha. Chapman
(signed)

Calcutta
the 18th March, 1790.
Ex.

To
Christopher Keating Esq.,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I was this day favored with the Receipt of your letter, under date the 15th Instant, enclosing an Arzee from the Zemindary Dewan of Beerbhoom, and herewith do myself the pleasure to forward for your Perusal translate of an Arzee 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 Dewan to be due from the Pykausht Ryotts directing him 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 compulsive Measures be found indespensable necessary, I may be furnished with the sanction of Government for so doing. So soon as I am favored with the Boards Reply, I will transmit a Copy thereof for your information.—

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient humble servant
/signed/ Tilman Henckell
Coll. of Rajeshye

Moradbang
24th March 1790

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 10th Ultimo, relative to the Paundaun & other Mehals in Bishenpoor, & to inform you your assistant having omitted, except in one instance, the annual amount of the several Mehals mentioned in his letter of the 5th February last. The Board desire you will require from him a statement of the Estimated annual amount of ecah Mehal, with information whether they have been included in the Settlement or Collections for the Current Year.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
/signed J. H. Harington
Secretary.

Calcutta
the 25th March 1790

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 if their Sunnuds be valid they are exempted from any payment, and if invalid, the Land should have been resumed, and assessed with an equitable Rent. We direct therefore that you instruct Mr. Hesilrige to discontinue the Collection made from them by the Zemindar, and furnish us with a particular Report on the validity of the Titles by which the Holders of the Land claim a right thereto.—

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
/signed/ William Cowper
Thos. Graham
Cha. Chapman

Calcutta
the 25th March 1790.

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 & renters, be in future, discontinued, We desire you will issue public Notification thereof in your District, We further desire you will in every Pergunnah 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
Your most Obedient Servants
Signed William Cowper
Thos. Graham
Thomas Law
Chas. Chapman

Calcutta
the 25th March 1790
Ex. J. D.

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 23rd 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
Your most Obedient Servant
Sd/- J. H. Harington
Secretary

Calcutta
the 29th March 1790
Ex. J. D.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

We have received your Letter & Enclosure of the 19th Instant.

We approve the proposed deductions from the Moshaira 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 the 300 Rupees realized account the Villages &c not held by Sunnud.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
/signed/ Tho. Law
William Cowper
Cha. Chapman
Thos. Graham

Calcutta
the 29th March 1790
Ex. J. D.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

We transmit you Copies of two letters and enclosures from the Collectors of Rajishahy and Moorshidabad, 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 Pykash 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 amlah ; 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 there to, previous to commencing the Cultivation for the Current Year.—

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
(signed) William Cowper
Thos. Graham
Thomas Law
Cha. Chapman

Calcutta
the 5th April 1790.
Ex. J. D.

To
Christopher Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate,
Beerbhoom.

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 Bishenpore, at his request I gave him a letter to Mr. Hesilrige soliciting his assistance in having the perpetrators of three attrocious murders apprehended and brought to Justice.—On the 17th February some of the Party were siezed, 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 to their endeavours in apprehending the remainder of the Party. On the 13th March Mr. Hesilrige forwarded to this Court Jummaul Chowdry of Shumshur against whom charges of a very Criminal nature were exhibited by some Dekoits who had been apprehended, and as these charges were corrobórated by representations from others at this station, it was thought advisable to oblige Jummaul Chowdry to enter bail for his appearance until the further investigation of the charges upon the whole of the Dekoits being apprehended, but since that period no information of further progress in this Cause has been received. The object of this address is to state to you not only the General supiness of your Thanadars in Bishenpoor, but likewise of the well grounded supposition of their being themselves concerned with the Dekoits; for so early as the 20th February last Sirdar Cawn & Heddayet Cawn the Gutwaul furnished a List of the whole of the gang to the Tannadar of Indos, & which list was likewise forwarded to Mr. Hesilrige, but I do not learn that more than 2 of the Dekoits have been in consequence apprehended, & as Mr. Hesilrige although on the spot appears not to have it in his power to render any effectual assistance I must therefore trouble you to issue such Orders as may defeat the general combination entered into by all Classes in Bishenpoor to afford protection to the Dekoits & to impede every exertion of Sirdar Cawns which may tend to the seizure of this Gang, and I am more particularly earnest in this application to you as I can assure you that for these some Months past we have not received a single complaint of any Robberies having been committed within this jurisdiction excepting these perpetuated upon the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Bishenpoor, where the frequent depredation of the numerous Gangs of Dekoits infesting that District requires the most strenuous & spirited exertions to put a stop to & the injuries repeatedly sustained by the Inhabitants of Burdwan from that quarter calls loudly for redress.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Signed/ Law Mercer
Magistrate.

Burdwan
7th April 1790.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

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 sayer duties now collected, and the extention of the Orders already passed respecting the Gunges, Bazars, Hauts in the lands paying Revenue to Government, to the Gunges, Bazars and Hauts in the Jaghur 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 that you for the present substitute the enclosed English, Persian and Bengal advertisement, which you will make as publickly known as possible throughout your District, Translating it also into any other dialects current therein.—

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 adviseable to levy a tax upon every licence granted for the sale of spirtuous 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 stills 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 adviseable 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 recompany 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 Pergunnahs 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 Lakaraj lands of every description, and Collect the duties thereof on the past of Government, informing the Holders, as directed by his 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 appears to be annual produce of each Gunge, Bazar, and Haut respectively destinguishing therein any Collections which may have been Rahdaree 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 Malguzaree lands and when your experience shall have enabled you to furnish the Reports required in the future Regulations 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 Specifick proposals for the future Administration of them.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
/signed/ William Cowper
Thom. Graham
Thomas Law
Cha. Chapman

Calcutta
the 19th April 1790.

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

The Board adverting to their Orders of the 18th September and 10th 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 the promoted the 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 Venders of the Liquors have only been subjected to a trifling 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 Expence, 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 Venders of these Liquors are the Places of resort of Robbers and other disorderly people, and that the Venders themselves are frequntly 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 Comparies on of the amount arising from this source of Revenue in many countries in Europe in which this Article 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 License from the Collector of the District, & .....Tax is to be levied on the making or Vending of spirituous Liquors except on the part of Government—That they ascertain 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 that they also suggest the Rate of the Tax to be levied. That they propose such Regulations respecting the licensed Houses as they may think advisable and for presenting the sale of Liquor except by licensed Persons, and also such rules for Collecting the Tax as they may think likely to render it most productive.—

That all Persons who may think themselves aggrieved as by this Arrangement to authorized to prefer a Claim for a Compensation to the Collector of the District who shall 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 18th September and 10th February last respecting the Gunges, Bazars, and Hauts, in the Lands paying Revenue to Government, be extended to the Gunges, Bazars and Hauts, in the Jaghur, Attumgha 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/ G. H. Barlow
Sub-Secretary

Revenue Board
A True Copy
/signed/ J. H. Harington
Secretary

Ex.
S. Hampton.

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, Publick Notice is hereby given that the first part of this Regulation, will be inforced as soon as the form of License 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 Resolution 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 arragement 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. Harington
Secretary

Ex. J. Durham.

To
Mr. C. Keating
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 sayer 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 deminution of this Amount, neither can we subscribe to your opinion that a Russud 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 he 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 Jumma Wassil Baakey 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
Thomas Law
Cha. Chapman

Calcutta
the 22nd April 1790.

To

C. Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom

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) A. Caldecott
Account Board Revenue

Fort William
Accountant General
Office
of
the 24th/ April 1790.

To

Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

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 or the Rates of Collection therein, we direct that you form a general Register of them, and that you issue an advertisement in the several Purgunnahs in your Collectorship, requiring all individuals possessing Gunges, Bazars, or Hauts, within your Jurisdiction, to deliver in an account of them at your Cutcherry stating the name of the Mehal in wherein each is situated, and whether included in the Malguzarry of the Zemindary or Talookdarry in which It is situated, or forming a distinct property—The sanction under which, and the length of time, it has been established, as well as the time. It has been held by the present Possessor with a list of the articles upon which its duties are Collected, and each rate of Duty and specifying also the Chandunah, Shops, with the denomination of each, rate of Tax Etc. in each Gunge or Bazar, requiring these statements to be delivered in within one month after the date of the publication: and notifying that any person failing to comply with this requisition will be fined, in proportion to the delay that may occur after 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, and duties of every denomination—

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
/signed/ William Cowpur
Thos. Graham
Thomas Law
Cha Chapman

Calcutta
the 26th April 1790.

To

Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

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 Khaus at the Discretion of the Collector.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Sd/- J. H. Harington
Secretary.

Calcutta
the 8th April 1790.
Ex. SH.

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 adviseable.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants
/Signed/ Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
Peter Speke

Fort William
the 28th April 1790.

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 Attened to.—

I am
&C
/signed/ C. Oldfield.

Account particulars of Bazee 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 Pergunnahs and Place of Residence		Quantity of Land
			Bigahs
Baubut Doss Byraagy	P. Kuttungah	M. Alundah	200
Dailah Kitmutgar	„ „	M. Hurhatukery	87
Durm Doss Bannerjee	„ „	M. Chattrah	500
Brij Mohun Gosien	„ „	M. Kaindooah	101
Mahomed Toraab	„ „	„ Juncidpoor	50
Moonshee Golaam Mubbee	P. Jynajaul	M. Shekaarpoor	201
Raajah Golaam Mustofah	„ „	„ Shapoor	151
Shahpooreej Ali	„ „	„ Muttayrpoor	200
Golaum Hyder	„ „	„ Nobehaar	107
Abootaara	„ „	„ Kauntour	20
Mullah Anwur	„ „	„ Jaamooree	27
Golaum Shah	P. Akleurshy	M. Shahgirdah	248
Golaum Shahbaaz	„ „	„ -do-	23
Mahomed Wassah	„ „	„ -do-	363
Casshinaut Buxshy	P. Sunboon	M. Soopur	535
Boobunbullub Meter (Mahaperboo)	P. Shah Allumpoor	M. Munadah	200
Bustum Doss Byraagy	T. Hurnpoor	M. Nagore	130
Immaumbuxsh	„ „	„ Kyreally	1,000
Golaum Nubbee Khan	„ „	„ Sunkerpoor	
Saadullah Baakoul	„ „	„ Nagore	60
Maazum Khan	„ „	„ -do-	109
Koonkar Ajeetullah	„ „	„ -do-	101
Lokenaut Moonshee	R. Mullearpore	M. Moodeun	250
Sumboo Adikaaree	R. Kootubpoor	M. Balkootee	101
Nursing Gose	R. Futtasing	M. Paunchtueky	300
Besshnaut Chabdar	T. Kundeet	M. Bunkuttee	94
Pochub Gose	R. Allinagur	M. Omarpoor	101
Bulramdoss Bijraagy	T. Koondee Burrah	M. Punlahpoor	100
Raddamohan Brijbaasee	Z. Burdwan P. Sainpaarah	M. Kaindlee	500
Kessemunt Gose	Z. Burdwan	M. Tekkurbaita	100
Bogwandoss	„ Calcutta		200
Shamsundir Battachay	„ -do-		660
		Bigahs	6,689

(signed) C. Oldfield.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

The Governor General in Council having determined on the continuance of the Gunges, Bazars & 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 extension of his Resolutions of 1st September and 10th February last, to the sayer generally, exclusive of the Tulhur, 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
/signed/ William Cowper
Thos. Graham
Thomas Law
Cha Chapman

Calcutta
the 30th April 1790.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

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
/signed/ Wm. Cowper
Thos. Graham
Thomas Law
Cha Chapman

Calcutta
24th May 1790.

Extract of a Letter from Governor General in Council dated the 19th May 1790 & Recorded on the Proceeding of the Board of Revenue under date the 24th of the same month.

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 Zemindar or Sunnuds from the Khalsa, making over to them his proprietory right therein.

Second..Talookdars whose Talooks were formed before the Zemindars to whom they now pay their rents, or his ancestors succeeded to the Zemindarry.

Third...Talookdars the Lands comprized in whose Talooks were never the property of the Zemindar to whom they now pay their Rents, or his ancestors.

Fourth Talookdars who hold their Talooks under a special grant from Government
Fifth Talookdars who have succeeded to Talooks of the nature described in the preceding articles by right of purchase, gift, or inheritance from the former Proprietors of such Talooks

With respects to the Talookdars whose Talooks are held under writings or Sunnuds from Zemindars, which do not expressly transfer the property in the soil, but only entitle the Talookdar to possession so long as he continues to discharge the rent, or perform the conditions stipulated therein, such Talookdars are in face only Lease holders and not Proprietors of the soil, and consequently are not entitled to be rendered on dependant of the Zemindar from whom they derive their tenures provided that they now pay the rent assessed upon their Lands to him

To
Christopher Keating Esqr,
Collector of Beerbhoom
Sir,

I have been favored with the receipt of Letter under the 19th Ultimo, and beg leave to acquaint you, that in consequences thereof, I have requested my head Assistant Mr Atkinson, at present upon a Circuit in Neiz Rajeshahy, to proceed with all possible Expedition, to the place pointed out by you in the Purgunnah of Surroop Sing, and to investigate in conjunction with Mr George Arbuthnot your second Assistant, what may be justly due to the Zemindar of Beerbhoom from the Pykaust Ryotts resident in Rajeshahy, upon the Principles determined by his Lordship in Council in consideration of a Report made by you to the Board upon this subject

Nattore — I am &ca
the 1st June 1790 — /signed/ (torn)

To
Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom
Sir,

The Governor General in Council having determined in disposing of all lands the immediate property of the Company, after allowing a sufficient period for hearing any Claims to them, we desire you will immediately issue a publication describing all such in your District, and notifying that if no Claims be preferred to them within one month after the Date of the advertisement, they will be disposed of at the Khalsa by Publick sale

After the expiration of the time fixed you will Transmit us a Report of any claims which may be preferred, together with any information you may possess on the subject of them, and at the same time transmit us as particular statement of the Lands coming within the above description, Exhibiting their designation, Jumma for the past Year, and such circumstances relative to them as you may think necessary for our full information

You will also submit to us a separate statement of the lands divided in small lots, to be determined ordering to situation and other circumstances, with a specifications (torn) of such Jumma as you may think it (torn) of the Sayer

Should you however in any instance think it necessary to make a previous measurement in order to fix the boundaries; you will inform us accordingly

In the meantime we direct that you hold that the whole of the lands understood to be immediate property of the Company within District

We are &ca
/signed/ Wm Cowper
Thos Graham
Calcutta — Thomas Law
the 2nd June 1790. — Cha Chapman

To
Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom
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 Baumongong 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

I am &ca
Calcutta — /signed/ J H Harington
the 4th June 1790. — *Secy.*

To
Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom
Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information & Guidance the accompanying Copy of Resolutions 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 Cutcherry & take the necessary steps for making them as public as possible throughout Your Districts

Calcutta — I am &ca
the 7th June 1790 — /signed/ J H Harington
Excd J Durham — *Secy*

(Copy)

Extract from the Proceedings of the Governor General in Council in the Military Department on the 26th of May 1790

Notwithstanding the prohibition of the Hon'ble the Governor General and Council, under date the 7th of April 1786 published in the Calcutta Gazette, against the practise in use amongst the Banians and other Rich men of Calcutta of dressing some of their Servants in, or nearly in, the uniform of the Hon'ble Companys 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 Odium 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 Companys Provinces which includes the District of Benares (excepting the Vakeels from the Native Powers) are Positively forbid to dress any of their Servants whether for the Purpose of Parade or of Business, in the uniform of the Hon'ble Company's Sepoys and Lescars 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 Vakeels 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.

4th Native Officers and Sepoys, excepting Subadars, Jammadars and Sarangs even tho' the service of the Company who may Temporarily reside, or have occasion to travel, in the interior parts of the Countrey, unless employed in the Public service, are forbid wear their uniform Coats

the separation of the foregoing articles the use of Military dress will be confined to Natives in the Military service of the Company (or to those belonging to the Vakeels of the Native Powers) and in the interior parts of the Country to such of them only, with the exception of the Commissioned Officers in the 4th Article, as may be employed in public Duties and to secure the full effect of these Orders the Military Commanding Officers of stations and of Detachments in the interior Parts of the Country, Collectors of Districts Residents and Magistrates are hereby vested with authority and are required to deprive any man of a Military dress who shall presume to wear one Contrary to these Regulations, unless it shall appear that such a man in the service of the Company in which case if he be not employed upon duty, he is to be sent to the Corps to which he may belong with a Written Complaint against him

Military Regulations

In order to assist in giving effect to these Regulations by preventing the dispersion of the Company's uniform throughout the Country, the following Regulations are to be observed in the Army

1st Whenever a Comissioned, non Commissioned Officer Sepoy or Lascar is discharged the service, his Coat is to be left with the corps

2nd No non, Commissioned Officer, Sepoy or Lascar going upon Leave of absence is to be allowed to take his Coat with him

The Regulation which forbids the native Troops from wear ing this uniform when Temporarily residing or occasional travelling in the interior parts of the Country is not to extend to the native Commissioned Officers Vizt Subadars, Jammadars and Sarangs excepting in cases of being discharged the service unless it shall be found that the indulgence of allowing them to wear their Coats when absent from their Corps shall be abused by their assuming to themselves any improper consequence or Power by means o their dress, in which event the granted out of Respect to their Rank and situation must be withdrawn from the whole

In Order to secure the Inhabitants of the Company from the Molestation and oppression of Sepoys or of small parties of Sepoys on the plea of providing for the wants of the officers or other Persons with whom they may be on duty, the following Regulations are established for orderlies and Escorts

1st Orderly Sepoys and Lascars are on no account to be made use of as Peons and Harcarrahs by attending an Officer when he goes abroad or by being employed on any private Business , they are allowed to officers commanding stations, Detachments and Corps and to public Officers for the purpose of conveying and circulating Orders, and are to be confined to that Duty alone , when Officers, either staff or others have occasion to go on public Duty to the Parade or to places where they may require their Orderlies they may send them on, or direct them to follow, so as to meet them at any appointed place, but they are not to let them run before their Palankeens or horses or at any time mix with the Sowarrie servants

2nd Military Officers or other Persons to whom escorts may be allowed when travelling thro' the Country by land or proceeding by water are forbid to send Sepoys or Lascars into the villages for the purpose of procuring any sorts of Provisions or of pressing Coolies & Dandies Every Town & Village, upon proper application to the Chief Person in it, will in consequence of Instructions from the several Collectors to that End, furnish such assistance in the above points as they may be capable of affording and by that means render forcible and violent measures entirely unnecessary

A true Extract
/signed/ J Fombelle
Sub Secy

Exd
L O'Hara

Reve Board
A true Copy
/signed/ J H Harington
Secy.

To
Mr George Arbuthnot
Assistant on Deputation, on the Subject of the Pykhaust Ryotts of Beerbhoom

Sir,

In consequence of a letter from the Collector of the Rajshye &c Districts 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 to the Zemindar of Beerbhoom from the Pyekhaust Ryots Inhabitants of Rajshye

The principal Ryotts of certain villages, on whom the Zemindar of Beerbhoom had the heaviest Demands, being Summoned, have declared and offer to confirm their Declaration by Oath, that they were unacquainted with the Terms of the Jummabundy authorized by Government, previous to the Month of Kartic or Augrun 1195 I have however dealed taking the Depositions of the Parties, as from the acknowledgment of the Zemindar s Dewan of Beerbhoom, it appears that the Pyekhaust Ryots of Rajshye, could not be acquainted with the Terms of the Jummabundy before the 5th of Assar 1195, or two Months, and in some Instances three Months, after the Cultivation was commenced From the above I beg leave to declare it my opinion that on the Principles of his Lordship s determination Council, the Pyekhaust Ryotts cultivating the Lands of Beerbhoom, 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 Rajshye by the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, do not admit of any reservation but are positive, "that such only of the Beerbhoom Ryotts resident in the Rajshye "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 Plea may be brought forward by the Zemindar of Beerbhoom, 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 Pergunnahs, it is however unnecessary for me to observe on a welknown Fact, that it is by the after Crops alone the Ryotts are enabled to make good their Engagements to Government, and to provide a maintenance for themselves

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient humble Servant
Dacca Barry /signed/ Muhl Atkinson
30th June 1790 Asst at Rajshye on Deptn in Beerbhoom

True Copy
/signed/ G Chapt on Deptn

To
Mr George Arbuthnot
Assistant on a Deputation from the Collector of Beerbhoom, to enquire into the Cause of the Balances due from the Pyekhaust Ryotts

Sir,

Having been deputed to this Place/ in Consequence of an Order from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue enclosed in a letter to me from the Collector of Moorshedabad dated 28th May/to investigate in conjunction with you, what is justly due from the Pyekhaust Ryotts resident in the District Moorshedabad to the Zemindar of Beerbhoom, I beg to inform you, that on the Ryotts being Summoned, and asked the reason to their not having paid up the Balances due from them for the B Y 1195 they all declared that they never have received any Information relative to the Jummabundy previous to their commencing the Cultivation

It appears by the letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to the Collector of Moorshedabad dated 10th May that it has been" determined by his Lordship in Council, on consideration of a report from the ' Collector of Beerbhoom, that such only of the Pyekhaust Ryotts shall be assessed" agreeably to the Jummabundy established in 1195 as shall appear to have been "made acquainted with the *Terms* of it, previous to the Commencing their "Cultivation".

The Ryotts having denied receiving any Information concerning the Jummabundy previous to their commencing their Cultivations 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 Assar, I am of opinion that the Claims of the Zemindar for the year 1195, cannot with Jumma be enforced.

I am &ca.
/signed/ Chal. Agileue
Apt. to the Collr. Moorehd.

Dacca Barry
30th June 1790.

True Copy
/signed/ Gel. Apt. in Deptr.

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 Rlue 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. P. annum, You will Report the situation of such Lands, so as to enable them to determine where the sale should take place.

I am &ca.,
/signed/ J. H. Harington
Secy.

Reve. Board
5. July 1790.
Compd.
Thos. 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, and lands paying a less Revenue in the vicinity of Calcutta, be in future sold at the Khalsa, and that all Land paying an annual Jumma, not Exceeding 1,000 Rs., if more contiguous to Patna, Dacca or Moorshadabad than to Calcutta be disposed of at publick auction by the Judge of these cities respectively, the Sudder Jumma having been previously adjusted by the Board of Revenue.

Revenue Board
A true Copy
/signed/ J. H. Harington
Secy.

Compd.
Thos. Gillanders.

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
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant,
/signed/ J. H. Harington
Secy.

Reve. Board
the 12th July 1790.
Exd.
L. O'Hara.

(Copy)

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 . . . . into execution 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, You will accordingly 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 thro 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 propreitors 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 whither...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 continue 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 Talooks may be separated & who may be dissatisfid 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 Odered 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 Tehsuldars to Collect...from the Petty Talookdars the Expence of such Tehsuldars is to be Defrayed by Government.

...the above directions will remove the Difficulties apprehension...of Nuddea in concluding the Decennial settlement, the postponement of it until the ensuing years is of course unnecessary, and you will express to Mr. Redfearn & the other Collectors, those of Dacca, Momensing & Tipperah 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
/signed/ Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
Peter Speke

Fort William
the 9th July 1790.
Exd.
L. O'Hara.

Revenue Board
A true Copy
/signed/ J. H. Harington
Secy.

(Copy)

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 Sunnud 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 Sunnud 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 upon a Summary enquiry a strong presumption of the truth of such assertion, that in such cases the Collector should make a Settlement with the Talookdar. It was not our intention that without the enquiry and presumption abovementioned the mere assertion of such Talookdar of his having once possessed a Sunnud should entitled him to immediate separation and that the proof of the negative Vizt. that he never did possess such Sunnud should be thrown upon the Zemindar.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants
/signed/ Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
Peter Speke

Fort William
the 16th July 1790.
Exd. J. Durham.

Revenue Board
A true Copy
/signed/ J. H. Harington.
Secy.

To

Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

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.

I am &ca.
/signed/ J. H. Harington
Secy.

Reve. Board
the 23rd July 1790.
Exd. L. O'Hara.

(Copy)
Fort William 21st July 1790.

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 Mohurs 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 Noticed 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 recoined 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 Expence to them, and Weight will be delivered for Weight.

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.
Secy. to Gov.
A true Copy
/signed/ J. White
Sub. Secy.

Exd. L. O'Harra.

Reve. Board
a true copy
J. H. Harington,
Secy.

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
Your most Obedient Servant
/signed/ J. H. Harington
Secy.

Reve. Board
the 2nd August 1790.
Exd. J. Durham.

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 Leases 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 comfirmed by the supreme Government or obtained previous to the Company's (torn) to the Dewanny be continued in force during the... of the Lessees subject to an abatement of the fixed Jumma for the resumption of the...sayer and upon their death that the settlement be made.....of the soil agreeable to the Landholders "to pay to Government Suias or the same species of "Rupees they receive from their under tenants at the established rates of "Batta, where any are established, or at the Bazar rates of Batta where now "are established, until a sufficient number of Sicca Rupees can be circulated "to make them the only legal tender," be confirmed, and that the Collectors be instructed to exchange the Rupees received by them into Sicca Rupees at the Bazar rates at the risk of Government crediting them for any profits and debiting them for any losses arising from such exchange or issue, from a difference between the fixed rates at which they may receive, and the Bazar rates, at the time of disbursement.

Revenue Board
A true Extract
/signed/ J. H. Harington
Secy.

Compd.
L. O'Hara.

To

Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and Guidance the following alteration ordered by the Governor General in Council under date the 28th Ultimo of the 26th article of the General orders for the Bengal Decennial Settlement.

"That the Manager pay the whole of his receipts to the Collector, and that the latter keep a separate account thereof to be furnished when called for instead of entering the same in his Public answer. That an allowance of 10 per cent on the Sudder Jumma be fixed for the support of the proprietors & that the Collector pay this allowance an even as defray all necessary charges of the manager from the Gross Collections appropriate (torn) to the payment of the fixed Revenue, & see the surplus of any expended by the manager for the improvement of the Lands under his Charge, provided no arrear of Revenue be due to Government. In the event of such arrear the surplus to be appropriated to the discharge thereof.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
/signed/ J. H. Harington.
Secy.

Revenue Board
the 2nd August 1790.
Comp. L. O'Hara.

To
Mr Christopher Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit you 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

Reve Board — I am &ca
the 4th August 1790 — /signed/ J H Harington
Exd J Durham — *Secy*

Extract of a Letter to the Governor General in Council Dated the 14th July 1790

We beg leave 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 (torn) to the Land holders any and what measures shall (torn) 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 this 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 Harington
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 than that now before you should not be procured without having recourse to local scrutinies 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 pr 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 Hustaboods & measurements which have been prohibited we shall have no objection to a further postponment of the decennial settlement of such District

Revenue Board
A true Extract
Exd J Durham — /signed/ J H Harington
Secy

To
Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your Information and Guidance the accompanying Extracts of a Letter from the Governor General in Council and to desire you will issue the most public notification of the Orders thereon Contained in the different Languages Current in your District

The of the 27th article of the Regulations of 10th February resumded agreeable to the Board's recommendation, is as for (sic)

In every Mofussil Cutcherry the Nerkbundy or "rates of land (torn) recorded and the Zemindar is answerable "for enforcing his Regulation under a Penalty of being fined for neglect at the descretion of Government that where no Nerkbundy of the land exists the Zemindar shall be bound to form the same either for his whole Zemindary "such part thereof where it may be wanted with a prescribed period to be "determined by the Collector"

Revenue Board — I am &ca
the 6th August 1790 — /signed/ J H Harington
Exd J Durham — *Secy*

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council Dated the 30th July 1790

We concur with you in opinion as to the expediency and practicability of consolidating the assul abwaub &ca and accordingly direct that the option given to the Landholders in the 28th article of the Regulations of the 10th February for the Bengal settlement which directs them to consolidate the whole as far as possible into one specific sum but so that in no case the sums demanded from the Ryots shall exceed three article vizt assul abwabs and Kurcha be withdrawn and the Consolidation ordered without exception

We direct that it be adopted as a standing note that the Landholders shall adjust the Instalments of the Rents receiv able by them from the Ryots according to the time of reaping and selling the produce and that the Collectors enforce obedience to this regulation

We agree to your proposition respecting the attachment of the (torn) 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 performation of their Engagements and such security shall be accepted by the Landholders (torn) not be lawful for the latter to attach

A true Translation
Compd — /signed/ J L Chawvet
L O Hara — P & B Transtr Bd Re

Revenue Board
A true Copy
/signed/ J H Harington
Secy

To
Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for Your information—Guidance the accompanying Extract of a letter from the Governor General in Council under date the 20th Instant

Revenue Board — I am &ca
the 25th August 1790 — /signed/ J H Harington
Compd W Wood — *Secy*

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council dated the 20th August

We agree to your proposition that the Khomar, Nankar, Neijjote and other private lands held by the Zemindars and Talookdars in Bengal & Midnapore be annexed to the Malguzzary land and the ten years Jumma fixed upon the whole with the following modification that such landholders as may now or bereafter decline to engage for them to be allowed the option of retaining possession of their Khomar, Nankar, and other private lands upon the terms on which they have hitherto possessed them provided they shall prove to your satisfaction that they held them and a similar tenure previous to the date of the Dewanny grant, that they have hitherto been permitted to keep possession of them whenever their Zemindraries or Talook have been held Khass or let to farm a deduction adequate to the next produce a such lands being made from the amount of the Moshaira or allowance which may be granted to them as excluded Landholders agreeable to the general Regulations

Revenue Board
A true Extract
Compd — /signed/ J H Harington
H Wood. — *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 under date the 20th 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
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
/signed/ J H Harington
Secy

Revenue Board
the 25th August 1790
Compd L O Hara

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council dated the 20th August 1790

We direct that the proposition of the Preparer of Reports be adopted Vizt 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 Prepare of Reports to beg (sic) the arrears by the sale of the property 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 Expence 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

Revenue Board
A true Extract
/signed/ J H Harington
Secy

Compd
H Wood

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 Cauzies Kanongoe and Pensioners, but that the amount thereof hitherto paid by them, be included in their Jumma, and the payment of the same be in furture 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 Pensions 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 Pensions 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 cauzies, Kanongoes, or Pensioners, in consequence of the abovementioned Order without having previously obtained our Sanction thereto or that of the Governor General in Council.

We are
Sir &ca
/signed/ Wm Cowper
Thos Law
Thos Graham
Cha Chapman

Revenue Board
26th August 1790
Compd
L O Hara

To
Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

The general rule for Calculating the Suddar 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 adviseable 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 we at the same time submitted to him whether (torn) adviseable still to adopt the generally rule, determining the proofs (torn) the neat 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 his Letter in answer we enclose for your information and guidance

In all instances of the Jumma being fixed by you on a knowledge or Estimate of the produce, we desire you will transmit us a settlement of the supposed gross assets, with an adjustment of the Revenue thereto conformable to the rules prescribed in the 7th, 8th and 9th articles of the general order of 10th February last

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
/signed/ Wm Cowper
Thos Graham
Thos Law
Cha Chapman

Revenue Board
1st September 1790
Exd J Durham

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council
Dated 25th August 1790

We direct that the General rule passed on the 10th February last for calculating the Suddar 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 it being adopted

Revenue Board
A true Extract
/signed/ J H Harington
Secy

Exd J Durham

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

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
/signed/ J H Harington
Secy

Reve Board
the 1st September 1790

(Copy)

To
J H Harington 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 will apprize the several Collectors of Revenue of the Plan and instruct them to afford every assistance in their power (torn) promotion of so desireable an Improvement

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
/signed/ J White
Sub Secy

Council Chamber
27th August 1790

Revenue Board
A true Copy
/signed/ J H Harington
Secy.

Exd. J Durham

To
Mr C Keating,
Collector of Beerbhoom

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 renters, 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 Landholders or renters in arrear, in the Event of them being previously under restriant on this account

We are &ca
/signed/ Wm Cowper
Thos Graham
Thos Law
Cha Chapman

Revenue Board,
3rd September 1790

To
Mr C Keating
Collector of Beerhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit you for your information & Guidance the accompanying Copy of Resolutions passed by the Governor General in Council fixing the salaries to be paid in future to surgeons & assistant surgeons

I am &ca
/signed/ J H Harington
Secy

Revenue Board
the 3rd September 1790
Excd J Durham

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 October 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 (torn) of all the Civil Depts where Revenue, Commercial (torn)

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 Zemindarry of Beneras 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 24th of October and also to them full surgeons who were permitted to remain at Civil stations SaRs 300 for Salary and SaRs 100 for House Rent To Assistant Surgeons when employed in the Civil Line SaRs 200 for Salary and SaRs 100 for House Rent

Ordered that the above allowance be drawn in all Instances where it may be practicable from the Collector and Charged in the Revenue account and that the Salaries of Surgeons or Assistt Surgeons be not paid from or introduced into the accounts of the Commercial Department except where they may be stationed at a distance from any Collectorships as in the Instances of Luckypore Baceleah &ca Ordered that the salaries of the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons attached to the several Residence beyond the Provinces be Continued as at present

A true Copy
/signed/ John White
Sub Secy
Revenue Board

Exd J Durham

A true Copy
J H Harington
Secy

To
Christopher Keating Esqr,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir,

Representation having been made to the Governor General in Council that in consequence of the Officers of the Sayer being withdrawn it will be necessary to appoint persons to regulate the markets and superintend the Police in the principal Towns and Gunges, and his Lordship in Council being of Opinion that the Inhabitants, in consideration of the great additional advantage with which they can now prosecute their Commercial concerns and introduce Articles of Consumption duty for in consequences of the late general abolition of the internal duties ought to be Charged with the expence of the establishments necessary for purposes above mentioned, I am directed to desire that you will furnish with the least possible delay a list of the several Gunges & Towns within Your Jurisdiction in which Officers are required for the regulation of the Markets and superintendence of the Police, with an Estimate of the expence of each establish ment, and that you transmit your opinion on the best mode of raising the amount whether by levying a Tax on the Houses or Shops or on Articles of Consumption assuring the Inhabitants that no part of the money will be appropriated to any other purposes but those for which it is raised and that the accounts of the Receipts and expenditures will be regularly submitted to their inspection

I am &ca
Signed/ G H Barlow
Sub Secy

Council Chamr
the 20th October 1790

To
Christopher Keating Esqr
Magistrate at Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that you are authorized to entertain from the 1st January next the following Establishment to guard the Foujedarry Jail and Prisoners and the Malconnah—

1	Merdah for the Jail and Malconnah of a month . . .	25
30	Burkundosses @ 3 ea . .	90
1	Tubbub	20
1	Tazeanaburdar .	4
1	Jelland .	4
1	Gorekund . . .	4
	Total Per Mr Sa/W .	147

I am further directed to inform you that you are authorized to issue from the 1st January next the establishment diet money to the Prisoners in confinement under the orders of the 17th June 1789

I am &c
Signed/ G H Barlow
Sub Secy

Council Chamber
the 15th Decer 1790

To
C Keating Esqr
Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Nezamut adawlut 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 Foujdarry 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 Nezamut Adawlut a Report of the Number of Prisoners (made) over to your Charge by the Derogah of the Naib Nazim those Confined under Sentence and for Trial, with the (periods of) their Confinement, and the Crimes for which they (are) committed

I am &c,
Signed/ J Fombelle
Regr Megr Colr.

Fort William
the 10th February 1791

To
C Keating Esqr,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir,

The Court understanding that several Trials which had been referred to the Naib Nazim by his derogahs, 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 dirced, or by elucidating such parts the proceedings held on the Trials as may not in his Opinion has, to the Nezamut Adawlut 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 comprhended with such proceedings as they may require to enable them to attend to the above Orders

I am &c,
Fort William — Signed/ J Fombelle
the 20th February 1791 — *Regr Megt Cot*

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 Adaw lut of the Cities of Moorshidabad, Patna and Dacca shall be impowered to act as Magistrates in the event of the indisposition or absence of the Magistrates

You will accordingly administer to your head Assistant the following Oath

I entrusted with Foujedarry Jurisdiction in the event of the absence or indisposition of the Magistrate do solemnly promise and Swear, that when the exercise of such Jurisdic tion shall devolve to me in consequence of the or Jurisdic tion 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
I am &c,
Council Chamber — Signed/ G H Barlow
the 25th February 1791 — *Sub Secy*

To
C Keating Esqr,
Magistrate at Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed to desire you will transmit Plan of a Pucka Jail for the Foujdarry Prisoners with Estimate of the expence that will be incurred in building it

I am &c,
Council Chamr — Signed G H Barlow
the 25th February 1791 — *Sub Secy*

I Christopher Oldfield intrusted with Foujdarry Jurisdiction in the event of the absence or indisposition of the Magis trate 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 instrusted 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 at 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 38th Article of the Regulations "by which we are directed to submit for Consideration to the Nezamut Adawlut 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 Girdwars Tannadars, Pykes, Chokeydars for those of any other local denomination employed in the apprehension of Offenders and in maintain-ing 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 indivi-dually & 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 Sunnuds or merely by a Vivavoce nomination & if sub-jected to the payment of Salamy for the same to Government whether there are any existing Regulations for their General conduct & limitting the bonndaries 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 so by whose authority and in what manner is the process executed & to whose charge are the property and Effects com-mitted should the Prisoner be condemned Are they restored to his heirs or do they become confiscated to the Government or are they delivered over to the Prosecutor? Should the Prisoner be acquitted in what manner & by whom is restitu-tion made

We are &c,
Calcutta Court of Circuit — Signed/ J N White
Beerbhoom 17th May 1791 — Thos Brooke

To
C Keating Esqr,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir

An Arzee having been presented to me by the Paishkaur of this Zillah, Nursing whose relative to some Land in Surroopsing under Your Jurisdiction I take the liberty of giving it a Cover —

I am &c,
Zillah Moorshedabad — /signed/ J C Harington
the 7th July 1791 — *Collector*

To
C Keating Esqr,
Collector & Magistrate of Beerbhoom & Bishenpoor

Sir,

Permit me to recall to your remembrance my letter of the 22nd November last respecting the Roberry of the Com-pany'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
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Soorool — (Signed) J Cheap
8th July 1791 — Dist. Soonamooky

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, &ca.,
(Sd.) John Cheap
Dist. Soonamookhy

Soorool
8th July 1791

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
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 Adawlut to transmit to you, for your information and Guidance, the inclosed copy of those Regulations and towards that you will send in future to the . . . . . ‡ . . . all Reports regarding Breaches of the Peace instead of forwarding them, as heretofore, to the Board of Revenue in your capacity of Collector.

Fort William
the 19th of September 1791.

/signed/ J. Fombelle
Revenue Assistant.

Extract from the Resolutions of the Governor General in Council in the Revenue Department under date the 3rd 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 suspecion, 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 and give evidence, and in case evidence should be produced, that the Zemindars be forthwith delivered over to the courts of Circuit to take their trial. But in case no witness should appear against them, that the Zemindars apprehended be released..... with or without security as circumstances may warrant.

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
/sined/ G. H. Barlow,
Sub. Secy.
A true copy
signed/ J. Fombelle,
Revenue Assistant.

To
C. Keating Esq.,
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 interruption to Mr. Burrow in this Employment and that you will Afford him any assistance he may require for the facilitating the Object of his undertaking—

Council Chamber
21st September 1791.
Exd. JaPaul

I am &C
/signed/ H. Chauvetts
Sub. Secy.

To
C. Keating Esq.,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I return the Pottah enclosed in your Letter of the 20th Instant, & beg leave to Trouble you to direct the Zemindar to sign date it. I enclose Mr. Frushards Cabooleat, and request you will Cause it to be delivered to the Zemindar.—

I am &C
Khalsa
September 23rd 1791.

/signed/ G. C. Meyer
Revenue Board Department

To
C. Keating Esq.,
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 Accounts 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
Acct. Genr. Office
the 24th Septr. 1791.
Compd. John Bondean.

/signed/ A. Caldecott
Acct. Bd. Reve.

Establishment for the New Cross Dauks ordered and approved of by the Governor General in Council under date the 15th of July 1791.

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2	Cossids @ 4	8			
	Mossaul Oil, etc. . . .	3			
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	Gurgureah		11	0	0
	Soorool		11	0	0
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A true Extract
/signed/A. Caldecott
Acct. Bd. Rev.

To
C. Keating Esq.,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I hereby Advise You that I have this Day granted and Assignment upon your Treasury in favor fo the Commercial Agent at Gonatea or Order for Crs. 20,000 payable as soon as possible.

Fort William
Acct. Genr. Office
the 28th September 1791.

I am &C
/signed/ A. Caldecott,
Acct. Bd. Reve

To
C. Keating Esq.,
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 9 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.

Fort William
Acctt. Genr. Office
the 30th of September 1791.

I am &C
/signed/ A. Caldecott
Acct. Bd. Reve.

To
Christopher Keating Esqr ,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am favored with your letter enclosing a Perwannah for the Rajah of Burdwan I transmitted the same immediately, the Receipt of which he has acknowledged —

I am &C
Burdwan /signed/ Charles A Bruce
2nd Octr 1791 *Actg Collr*

To
C Keating Esq ,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I transmit for your information and guidance the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Government dated the 30th Ultimo relative to Military Advances —

Fort William I am &C
Accott Genls Office /signed/ T. G Lushington
the 4th of October 1791 S A G

(Copy)

John Rawlins Esqr ,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

Orders having been given for issuing on the 10th October the pay, Batta and Allowances due to the Troops at the Presidency.

To
C Keating Esq ,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir,

Instances having frequently occurred, in which no other evidence could be produced against a Prisoner when brought to Trial before the Courts of Circuit, than his confession or Zebaunbundee in the Mofeessil, or before the Magistrate, without any corroborating evidence of the validity thereof and as such confessions, if subsequently less by the Prisoners, are not considered by the Mahomedan Law, sufficient Evidence of their Guilt many notorious offenders, after having confessed the Crimes with which they were charged when apprehended, upon being put on their Trial have availed themselves of the omission of Magistrate or Officer by whom they were apprehended to have their confession properly attested & denied that any such confession was ever made by them and by this means have evaded the punishment due to their crimes, I am directed therefore by the Nezamut Adawlut you, that you are required, in all cases in which a prisoner makes a confession before you of the crime for which he has been apprehended, or confirms a former confession of his guilt, to take care that such confession, or confirmation of a former confession, be witnessed by as many of your officers or other creditable persons who may be present at the Time as the Mahomedan Law requires and that such witnesses are in attendance when the court of Circuit shall arrive at your station

2nd As, however the Nezamut Adawlut do not think it advisable, that such attested confession, or confirmation of a former confession if denied by the prisoner when put upon his Trial before the court of Circuit, should be admitted as conclusive evidence against him, except in cases where no Witnesses can be produced to prove the crime with which he is charged, I am directed to desire that notwithstanding a Prisoner may confess before you the crime for which he has been apprehended, you will nevertheless summon the necessary Witnesses to the fact alledged against him in the same manner as if he had denied it, in order that the court of Circuit may examine them, as well as the persons who may have attested the confession in the event of the Prisoner denying such confession when put upon his Trial.

3rd It being the intention of Government as expressed in their Regulations, that all confessions should be received with circumspection and tenderness, I am further instructed to call your attention to the court's orders of the 11 April last, and to desire that you will be particularly careful that all confessions made before you are free & voluntary

I am &C
Fort William /signed/ J Fombelle
24 of October 1791 *Revenue Assistant*

To
C Keating Esq ,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose a copy of a Petition presented to me by the Pacheat Rajah, complaining that the Parnra Zemindar had assembled a number of People, & forcibly caught and carried away the Fish out of a Reservoir belonging to Pacheat —

I must request your immediate attention to this Representation & if well founded that you will cause the Parnrah Zemindar to be severely punished for his presumption & to make satisfaction to the Pacheat Rajah for the injury done him—you will also be so good as to inform that if he has any Claim on the Zemindary of Pacheat, He may be assured of meeting with strict Justice on making a proper application to me

I am &C
Chittra /signed/ Math Leslie
the 4th December 1791 *Collr.*

To
C Keating Esqr ,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

A proposition having submitted to Government on the subject of the Introduction of the Cassade 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 unfavourable seasons the Establishment of small nursery plantations at the Chief seats of the several Collectorships is deemed a necesssary preparatory step to the introduction of the general Cultivation 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 Expence to be incurred by cultivating a Certain number of Begahs, five or six for example as a nursery plantation for the Cossada plant —

2nd The probable benefits or disadvantages to be expected 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
Examd
S Fraser.

Extracts of a Letter from Leiutenant Colonel Kyd to the Secretary to Government Dated 26th October 1791

Extract 1st

This Plant or rather Tree is propagated from Slips or Truncheons of its branches of 8 or 10 inches long with the greatest care and expedition, without exception throughout the 12 Months but best in the Rains, if in the dry burning Season taking the opportunity of a shower of rain, or moistining the ground with a litter water, into which the slip 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 Rain but whether it will bear being subjected to an inundation we do not possess sufficient experience to assert (altho of Material import) if to be disseminated in the lower provinces of Hedgellee & Sylhette requires no further attention care, or Cultivation its luxurious 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 farinaceous quality 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 possesing 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 desseminated the Companys 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 expence of 40 or 50 Rupees such articles as have been forwarded from the Companys 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 propriety of a Nursery Plantation under the Care of the several Collectors of the provinces limitted by an expence of 40 or 50 Rupees per month in each province be approved—"that this expence 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 visitations of famine however Certain not frequently occuring, 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 devising the most suitable Relief—But I am digressing 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—this the Collectors of Provinces will probably be better able to suggest I shall only observe that in Russia where the prejudices of Education & antient manners are most pertinaciously adhired to that the present Empress on 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/where the bars to innovation in the article of food fall to be received nearly tantamount to physical the Board will determine Law for the Empress Edict may require modification, or the adopting 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 Cossada ; on the first instance at the expence of Government , as a nursery stock for occasional extention for the use of the inhabitants as an additional resource on the Joint expence of the Village, under such Regulations as experience may point such of the natives in my neighbourhood have not scrupted 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 thrice repeated in three successive fresh graters, it is then Kneaded into a Cake, & either baked in an Ovens, or an Iron plate until all the moisture is expelled from it, when it is fit for use—the deleterious juice possessing an Acrid 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 innoxious 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 —

This plant in the Linnean arrangement is considered of the Mandcious 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
Sd/ T Fraser

signed/ J L Chauvett
Sub Secy

To
C Keating Esq ,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir,

The Court of Nizamut Adawlut 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 of the Courts of Circuit, I am directed therefore to desire, that forward to the court of Circuit for the decision in which you is comprehended the Trials of all Prisoners in confinement in

Jail at your station under sentences of the above nature when you will examine such Trials, & report to the Nizamut Adawlut when Prisoners, according to the Mahomedean Law & the established to the mussulman criminal courts, would be considered as to perpetual imprisonment, & what Prisoners would be deserving of confinement only for a ,specifying 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 Wilham
the 2nd January 1792

/signed/ J Fombelle-
Revenue Assistant

To
C Keating Esq
Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir

The Court of Nizamut Adawlut 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 Adawlut 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
Acct. Genl. Office
the 7th Jany. 1792.

I am &C
/signed/ A. Caldecott
Acct. Bd. Reve.

(Copy)

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 21st Jany. 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. Harra

/A true Copy/
/signed/ A. Caldecott
Acct. Bd. Reve.

Compd.
John Rondean

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 Gonatea or Order of Crs. 53,905 payable as above as possible.

Fort William
Acct. General Office
the 19th of January 1792.

I am &C
/signed/ A. Caldecott
Acctt. Bd. Reve.

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 Gonatea or Order for Crs. 5,000 payable as soon as possible.

Fort William
Accot. Genl. Office
the 31st of January 1792.

I am &C
/signed/ A. Caldecott
Acctt. Bd. Re.

To
Christopher Oldfield Esq.,
Head Assistant, Beerbhoom

Sir,

I had the pleasure to address you yesterday relative to the release of Rajah Chyton Sing from his confinement, but omitted mentioning the necessity for the Rajah's attending at the sudder Cutcherry until my return for the purpose of Executing his decennial settlement Cabooleat 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 11,896-8-10 I will on being favored with your Reply transmit to you the Bills & detach a party for the Money.—

Hazaree
the 14th April 1792.

I have the Honor to be &C
/signed/ Robt. Dawes Major
Com/ at Hazaree

To
C. Keating Esq.,
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 confession are likewise of that persuasion.

You are further desired, on the comprehension of any notorious Dekoit, 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.

Fort William
the 17th of April 1792

I am &C
/signed/ J. Fombelle
Revenue Assistant

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 Collectorships 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
Compd. S. Trasen

I am &C
/signed/ J. L. Chawvett
Sub Secy.

To
C Keating Esqr,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed to desire that you will furnish the Nizamut Adawlut with a List, in English & Persian of the Pergunnahs Cities & Towns in he 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 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 & Mofessil Cauzees passed by the Governor General in Council on the 10th June 1791 you will be careful to notice such vacancy in 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 unworthy 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 /signed/ J Fombelle
the 8th May 1792 *Revenue Assistant*

To
Chirs 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 setts 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 setts of Persian Accounts commencing from the time the transmission of the second sett was Discontinued Viz from the 1st Dec last

Fort William I am
Accott Genls Office Sir
the 11th May 1792 Your Obedient Servant
Compd /signed/ A Caldecott
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 put Mr Patterson in possession of the lands specified in the documents after having ascertained from the actual proprietors that they have voluntarily consented 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 /signed/ G H Barlow
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 /signed/ A Caldecott
May 16th 1792 *Acct Bd Reve*
Compd 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 & 28th 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 sa 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 Extract
/signed/ J L Chawvet
Sub Secy
Revenue Board
A True Copy
/signed/ Jns Rawlins
Act of Secy

Compd 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 /signed/ J Fombelle
Exd — J W Barnsley *Sub Secy*

Fort William 27th June 1792

The sale of Fire arms or other Warlike Stores to or for the use of the Country powers or Private persons without express authority for that purpose, having been heretofore prohibited by the orders of Government, and the Board having reasons to believe that those 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 publickly 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 Zemindarry 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—

/signed J. Fombelle
Sub Secy.
A true Copy
/signed J. Fombelle
Sub Secy.

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 Apparaters & People to erect a Keddah 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 bussiness of Catching them I have however made enquiry & from the best Accounts, I have been able to obtain, You will require 5 Coonkies 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 wish to part with them—It will require the same number to Catch a Single Elephant, & it would then require two Females to attend the wild one for 3 months to bring him provision & to guard him while at his Cichetto—But I think with two Coonkies you might intice 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
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
/signed/ W. M. Guire
Collr.

Tipperah
17th July 1792.

To
Christopher Oldfield Esqr.,
Head Assistant, Beerbhoom,

Sir,

Having this day received the Board's answer to my letter under date the 20th ultimo relative to the release of Rajah Chyton 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 Chyton Sing, & release him accordingly.

I am &C
/signed/ C. Keating
Collr.

Soonamoohy
19th July 1792.

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Colloctor 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 Culture 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 & Ryotts 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 desirous the Board may be to remove every Obstacle which the Landholders or Dealers in Sught might from entrusted 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
/signed/ G. H. Barlow
Sub Secy.

Council Chamber
the 5th September 1792.

Earl Cornwallis K. G.
Governor General in Counicl

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— Permit me therefore, My Lord, Most Humbly to 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 &c.,
/signed/ John Patterson
Contractor for the Supply of Sugar

Reve. Dept.
/a true Copy/
/signed/ G. H. Barlow
Sub Secy.

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 Rupees Thirteen Thousand Nine hundred and twenty, payable ten days after sight.—

I am &c.,
/signed/ Jns. Rawlins
Act. of Secy.

Fort William
the 10th of September 1792.

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 private 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 of extending the Culture of the Sugar Cane and improving 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 /signed/ G. H. Barlow
the 14th September 1792. *Sub 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 /signed/ John Rawlins
the 21st September 1792. *Act. of Secy.*

To
Chris. Keating Esqr.,
Collector of Beerbhoom
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 Treasure.

I have the Honor to be
Hazzaree Sir &c.,
Septr. 28th 1792 /signed/ Robert Dawes Major
Comm of 12th Batl. native Infantry

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 Commr. Resident at Soonamookey or Order for C. Rs. 10,000, payable as soon as possible.—

Fort William I am &c.,
Accot. Genls. Office /signed/ Thos Myer's
the 3rd of October 1792 *Acty. Accot. Bd. Reve.*

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. 10,908-10-2. payable ten days after sight.—

I am &c.,
Fort William /signed/ Jns. Rawlins
the 12th October 1792. *Act. of Secy.*

To
C. Keating Esqr.,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom
Sir,

I am directed by the Nizamut Adawlut to acquaint you, in answer to the first paragraph of your Letter of the 18th 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 /signed/ J. Fombelle
the 23rd of Nov. 1792. *Revenue Assistant*

(Copy)

To
Earl Cornwallis H. G.
Governor General in Council, Fort William
My Lord,

Mr. Patterson, the Contractor for Sugar having stated to us that he has met with a tract of land in the Beerbhoom 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.,
/signed/
John Bristow
Fort William John Haldane
the 15th May 1792. Richard Kennaway
John Webb

(Copy)

Peter Speke 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 possessiion 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 formerely held the same"—And as the accompanying papers fully evince that the present possessors of a Connected tract of Country in the Beerbhoom 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.,
Calcutta /signed/ John Patterson
May 15th, 1792. *Contractor for the Supply of Sugar*

True Copy
Exed. D. Gomes

/signed/ W. A. Edmonstone
Secy. Board of Trade
Reve. Dept.
True Copies
/signed/ G. H. Barlow
Sub Secy.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you for your Information and Guidance, the accompanying Extract of a letter received from the Governor General in Council.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
(signed) John Rawlins
Actg. Secy.

Reve. Board
the 1st of February, 1793
Exd.
Mr. Conner

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council Dated 11th January 1793.

Par: 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 inform 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 but just that if they make their payments in any other Species of coin but Sicca that 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 Currency 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 corrected should they be found in any instances to have been erroneously calculated.

Reve. Board
A true Extract
(Signed) John Rawlins,
Actg. Secy.

Exd.
Mr. Conner

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you for 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—

I am
&ca.,
(Signed) John Rawlins,
Actg. Secy.

Reve. Board
the 8th Feby. 1793

Extracts of a Letter from the Governor General in Council Dated the 11th January 1793.—

Having had under consideration the great extent of the Collectorship of Rojishye and the very dispersed situations of some of the Mohauls included in that as well as other Collectorships, we have in conformity to the principles prescribed in our orders of the 9th December 1789 resolved upon the following arrangements which you will Carry into Effect at the Close of the Current Bengal Year.

Beerbhoom

4 Bishenpoor to be annexed to the Collectorship

Burdwan.—

6 You will ascertain from the Collectors of the abovementioned Districts the several Mohauls which will be separated from their Authority under the Above directions and submit to us an Abstract Statement of their Jumma.—

Reve. Board
(True extracts)
(Signed) John Rawlins
Actg. Secy.

Torn.

To
Mr. C. Keating
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you for your information and Guidance, the accompanying Extract of a letter received from the Governor General in Council & of the Board's Proceedings on the subject of it.—

I am &ca.,
(Signed) John Rawlins
Actg. Secy.

Reve. Board
the 8th Feby. 1793.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Dated the 8th Feby. 1793.—

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 in 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 Rajishahy & Cooch Beyhar with Directions to submit to the

Board such recommendations regarding the annexation or separation of any Mehauls from their Districts as they may Deem necessary under the Orders of the Governor General in Council, now Ordered to be communicated to them

Reve Board
A true Extract
(Signed) John Rawlins
Actg 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 necessary 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 intersected 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 Commencement of the ensuing Bengal & Fussily Years —

Reve Board
A true Extract
(Signed) John Rawlins
Actg Secy

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 its Enclosure, and to inform you that the Governor General in Council has been pleased to direct that the separation of the Several Mehauls from your District proposed agreeably to his Orders of the 11th February, should take place on the 1st of May next when you are desired to deliver over the Mehauls in question to the several Persons who may be in charge of the Districts to which the annexations are to be made, together with a Jummah Waasil Baukee and all separate record relative thereto

I am
Reve Board &ca
the 7th April 1793 (Signed) J Rawlins
Actg Secy

To
Mr C Keating,
Collector and Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir

I am directed to communicate to you for your Information & Guidance the following Resolutions which the Governor General in Council has been pleased to Pass this day

"Resolved also that the duties of the" Detachments made from the Company's of native Invalids at 'Barar Patna & Moorudbong to the several stations detailed in "the Minutes of Council of the 27th of March 1789 be in future ' limited to the Protection of the Factories Treasuries or Jails at their "respective Stations and that they be not employed for Escorts" or for any other occasional Duties as is authorized by the "said Minutes of Council on any pretence whatsoever

"Resolved that these resolutions be communicated "to the Magistrates and Commercial Residents whom they may ' concern with particular Injunctions to them to render the Duties of the Sepoys as moderate as possible "

I am &ca ,
Fort William /Signed/ J Fombelle
the 26th of April 1793 *Act Magistrate*

Moulonque 11 June 1793

Monsieur,

Etant necesslite' de me Nendree a Burdwan your me affaires jerour serai inpmment oblige,' Monsieur, de me donner to permission dy alter aree respect,

Monsieur,

A tre tris humble et true obcessant serritear,
Monsieur C Keating,
/sd/—J. Nudelurh Chambon
Magistrate Juge a Soory

To
C Keating Esqr ,
Acting Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to request you will deliver over to the Commercial Resident at Soonamooky the French Factory at Soopoor which has lately been taken possession of by you

I am
Council Chamber &c ,
the 5th July 1793 /Signed/ C Shakespear
Sub Secy

To
C Keating Esqr ,
Acting Magistrate & Collector 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 he desires that you will proceed immediately to carry the same into execution

2nd You are authorized to advance two months, salary to the Police Establishments, reporting the exact amount of the advance that it 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

I am
Council Chamber &ca ,
the 12th July 1793 /Signed/ G H Barlow,
Sub Secy

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 1769 Corresponding with the year of the Hedgeree 1182 should be a legal tender of Payment in all public and private transactions 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 Cutcherry 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 Gold 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 circulation of it in the other Departments be consequently removed

4 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 reat reason to apprehend that the object which we have so much at heart may be maerially impelled. 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 Obt. 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.

Revenue Board
A true copy
(Signed) John Rawlins,
Secy.

To
T. Brooke Esqr.,
Magistrate of the Zilla of Beerbhoom.

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
Your Obedt. hble Servant,
Sd/-G. H. Barlow,
Sub. Secy.

Council Chamber
the 12th August 1793.

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President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

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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
William 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 Beerbhoom.

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 these 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,
/Sd/- E. Hay,
Secy. to the Govt.

Fort William
the 24th Septr. 1793.

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 Dewannee, and on behalf of the King Shah Allum do acknowledge and declare our good Friend and Ally Nazeral Moolk, Eldest son of the late Nabob Mobarruck Ul 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 Moolk, as Subah of the said Provinces—

Published and Proclaimed
by order of the Govr. Genl. in Council.
/signed/ E. Hay,
Secy. to Govt.

A true Copy,
/signed/ E. Hay,
Secy. to the Govt.

(Copy)

To
G. H. Barlow Esqr.,
Register to the Sudder Nizamut Adawlet.

Sir,

I enclose you Copy and Translate of a Durkaust received from Hurrynarrain Misser complaining of great Enormities having been committed against Himself, his People and Property by Guddadur Roy and others I beg leave 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

Order that proper steps may be adopted from the apprehension of so daring an offender and for the Purpose of Effectually securing him I beg leave to suggest that a strong party of Sepoys be sent from Barrackpore

2nd The Chupprassys who will deliver you this Letter were present at the Time that Guddadur Roy was guilty of the atrocious Crimes he is charged with in the Petition and Hurrynarrain Misser has promised to be at Barrackpore in two days to conduct the detachment to Guddadur Roy The Rent will be from Barrackpore through Barraset and from thence to Bugchaira, this being on the high Road from Calcutta to Dacca It may be presumed that Guddadur Roy and his associates will not be alarmed at the approach of a Detachment particularly at this Season of the sepoy Corps and may be easily apprehended

3rd Guddadur Roy's Place of Residence, although in this Jurisdiction being within the Limits of Zilla Nuddeah I have thought it expedient to apprize 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 Chupprasses of this Court and the Berkundasses 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 so considerable a Distance from the Place where the Outrage has been Committed, I have suggested the above as being the most Effectual and Expeditious for bringing the offenders to Justice I therefore beg you will submit this address to the Governor General in Council with as little delay as possible

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant,
Sd/- W A Brooke,
Actg Magistrate

Burdwan
the 31st October 1793

Translate of a Durkaust presented by Hurrynarrain Misser of Jhandangah in Purgunnah Arsah—

Guddadur Roy &ca of Ramnagur in the above Purgunnah having plundered me of the Revenue Collections I had made and robbed my villages I complained at the Huzzoor and two Chupprasses were in consequence despatched who not being able to bring them, I preferred a second Durkaust when two Faujdarry and four Maul Chupprasses were sent and likewise an order upon the Darogabs Buxshy and four Berkundosses proceeded with the Chupprasses but before their arrival the beforementioned Guddadur Roy with four or five hundred Berkundosses, Dekoits and Thieves in Boats went on Friday the 28th Assin at 12 O clock at Night to my Golah in Tetodbadiah, surrounded the village and carried off Paddy to the Value of thirteen hundred Rupees They also robbed several of the Ryots The Darogahs Buxshy Burkundosses and Huzzoor Chupprasses arrived at my House on Saturday the 5th Cautick In the course of that Night Guddadur with his followers—Saddulah Turrufdar, Potro Joolah Turrufdar Nogoo Doolol Roy, Kabeel Bisnoss, Lochun Roy Mooktram Roy, Ramlochun Roy Nushiram Roy and Ruggonat Roy Guddadpur Brothers Doorgapersaud Jemadar Nundulol Dooby, Jemandar Meer Burkotoolah, Jemadar Najssen Beg Jemadar Ballah Roy Jemadar Sirdar Dekoits Bakur Khan Meisider Sirdar, Manick Sirdar, Kangally Sirdar, Hancef Sirdar, and their followers amounting to four or five hundred Burkundosses two or three hundred Dekoits and four or five hundred Thieves—robbed Tundu Mundals (a Ryot) then entered the village robbed all the other Ryots and arrived at my Door about 4 O'clock I then told the Chupprasses from the Huzzoor the Darogahs Buney and Burkundosses to oppose them, which they did, by talking 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 Cannon 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 Chupprasses again forced them but no attention was paid to them and my house was burnt to ashes They after this surrounded my dwelling House carryed off every thing, set it on fire, discharged 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 lost but having no Papers I cannot draw out an accurate one

The following is the account of Property—

Grain in a Golah in Tentoolladiah	1,300
Treasury in Jhaudungah account Collections . .	4,000
Ready Money in my house	15,000
Three thousand Gold Mohurs &c.	42,000
Jewels &c. &ca.	10,000
Grain &ca	30,000
Seirsoo &ca.	4,000
Brass Plates Dishes	2,000
Shauls Board Cloths	3,000
Accounts Bonds &c. &c.	50,000
Sunnuds of Land	2,000
Values of Houses burnt down	3,000
	1,67,300

A true Translate
/signed/A Seton,
Assistant

(Copy)

To
G H Barlow Esqr,
Register to the Nizamut Adawlut, Calcutta

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you that after I had dispatched my Letter of Yesterday's date I received intelligence from the Darogah of Bursburryah that his Buxey and four Burkundosses, whom he had sent to apprehend Guddadur Roy have been surrounded by him and his associates

2nd As Guddadhur 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 Burkundosses and I am prevented from sending any more men, the Report of Hernarrain Misser who assured me that one hundred Burkundosses would not be sufficient and would only be exposing so many lives to imminent Danger

3rd I have thought it necessary to give you this additional Information respecting Guddadhur Roy & &c

I am Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ W A Brooke,
Actg Magistrate

Burdwan
1st November 1793

P S I have given a Letter to Hurnarrain Misser to be by him presented to Major James Dixon Commanding at Barrackpore and Hernorrain 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 Guddadhur Roy and his accomplices

/Signed/ W A Brooke,
Actg Magistrate

To
G H Barlow Esqr,
Register to the Nizamut Adawlut, Calcutta

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter of the 3rd Inst and now do myself the pleasure to transmit you true Copies and Translate of all the Papers in my Possession respecting the Complaint of Hurrynarrain Misser marked and numbered in the Order as they were received as P annexed List

The only Information I have been able to obtain respecting Hurrynarrain Misser 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 Nuddeah 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 trifling Depredations on each others Property

Mr Rocke the Magistrate of Zillah Nuddeah has been furnished by me with Copies of Petitions No 6 & 7 and requested to pay particular attention to their Contents

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
Sd/- W A Brooke,
Actg Magistrate

Burdwan
7th November 1793

List of the Papers referred to

No 1 Copy of a Petition and Translate presented by Hurrynarrain Misser

No 2 Copy and Translate of the Depositions of amount Ullah and Mahomud Pannah Chapprassey

No 3 Copy and Translate of a Petition from the Darogah of Bensbarryah enclosing copy of a Letter from Buxey Nundram with the Zebaunbundy of Darogah Persuad Sing and a List of Persons stated by him to be Followers of Guddadhur Roy

No 4 Copies and Translates of an Arzy received from the Darogah of Bunsbarryah enclosing copy of a Letter from Buxey Nundram dated 7th Cartick

No 5 Copy and Translate of the Deposition of Emaumbux Khahan Sheik Emmaumdee Mohun Sing and Euraum Buxkhahan Ohupprosses

No 6 Copy and Translate of the Petition of Hurrynarrain Misser transmitted in my Letter of the 31st Ultimo

No 7 Copies and Translates of two Petitions received from Hurrynarrian Misser

/Signed/ W A Brooke,
Actg Magistrate
Jude Dept
True Copies
/Signed/ G H Barlow,
Sub Secy

To
Thomas Brooke Esqr,
Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copies of three letters* from the Acting Magistrate of Burdwan and Copy of a Petition from Hurrynarain Misser* and to desire you will take measures for the apprehension of Guddadhur Roy in concert with the Act ing Magistrate of Burdwan and the Magistrates of Rajeshahy Nuddea and Jessore and also for the apprehension of his associates Gungaram Biswass, Luckenarrain Roy, Ramdulol Roy, Bauker Khan Jemautdar and Lollchund Jemautdar

2nd I am further directed to acquaint you that a Military force has been detached from Barrackpore to seize Guddadhur Roy and his abovementioned associates

I am
Sir,
Your Obedt humble Servant,
/signed/ G H Barlow,
Sub Secy

Council Chamber
the 15th November/93

*These are on previous pages —A M

To
T Brooke Esqr,
Judge and Magistrate of Beerbhoom

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to desire that you will be pleased to transmit to me, so that the same may arrive at the Presidency by the 15th of January next, a Report of the Military Force or Detachment, in the District within your general Jurisdiction drawn up under the following Heads or Divisions of the subject strength of the Detachment services for which 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 be unnecessary for the Revenue Duties and to presence good order and Tranquillity in the Country—

You are also desired to specify in your Report the number of Peons and Burkundosses upon the Companys Establishment in the District under your superintendence whether any might be employed, and to what Extent upon the Duties assigned to the regular Corps What Increase in such Establishment would be absolutely and indespensibly necessary for that purpose and what consequent Diminution might be made in the Number of the regular troops

I am Sir,
Your most Obedt hble Servant,
/Sd/- E Hay,
Secy to Govt

Fort William
29th November 1793

Pholy Sonats	Sicca weight	0000	or Sicca Rupees	0000
Prench Arcats	Ditto	0000	Ditto	0000
Sonats Sabic and Dukv	Ditto	0000	Ditto	0000
Old arcats	Ditto	0000	Ditto	0000
Dutch Arcats	Ditto	0000	Ditto	0000
&c. &c.		0000		0000

In stating the different Kinds of Rupees you will also be careful to describe them by the denominations which they bear in the Table of Rates published with the Regulations of the 24th October 1792 and not adopt other names except in cases where any kinds of coin may be sent which are not included in the number enumerated in that Table The same rule should likewise be observed in the Challauns which may be sent with the Remittances to the Mint in order that the Mint Master Receipts may correspond with the Treasury accounts—

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Thomas Myers
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Fort William
Accountant General Office
the 7th December 1793
Compd (signed) John Gill

To
The Hon'ble T Fitzroy,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

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	35,000
I in favour of the Coml. Resident at Soonnamooky—	
On Order for	45,000
	80,000

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Thomas Myers
Acctt Board Revenue.

Fort William
Accountant General Office,
The 21st of December 1793

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" taken down in the Language and character in which they may be "severely 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 Nagree 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 Nagree Papers are to be submitted to the Court of Circuit in all cases that may be referable to it.

We are
Sir,
Your most Obedt. hble Servts.
Sd/- John White
Henry Buller

Calcutta,
29th December 1793.

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 sentenced to be punished with stripes of the Corah 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 except on the parts of the Body on which the Law permits the Blows to be given and to stop the punishment at any stage of it, if He (the Surgeon) shall be of opinion that 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,
Your most Obedient Servants
Sd/- John White,
Henry Buller

Calcutta
29th Jany. 1794.

(Copy)

R. Bathurst Esqr.,
Acting Senior Judge of the Court of Circuit, for the Division of Calcutta.

Sir,

I am directed by the Nizamut 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 altho' 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 asserted 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 surprized 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 judgement 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 Nizamut Adawlut.

I am
Sir,
Your Obedient humble Servant,
/Sd/- G. H. Barlow,
Register.

Fort William.
the 5th Feby. 1794.

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. Henchman, Mr. Law &ca. that I came out last in the Talbot in the year 1792, after which I lived with Sir Alexander Seton at Burdwan & from his Employ I came into that of Mr. Cheap of Soorool with whom I now.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
/Signed. James Russell Sharpe

No date.

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 Jummah to be apportioned on the lands of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom to be sold, as authorized by your Orders of the 9th February last, in liquidation of the heavy balances due for the Current year and as the transfer of that duty in its 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.
Reve. 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.

Reve. Board
the 26th May 1795.

SPECIAL NOTE : 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 Zemindarry 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 pr mensem 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,
Your Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ F Fitzroy,
Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
August 10th, 1795

Examined the accounts of Hoodeh Peroet in Tuppeh Kurnie & Koekuttea in Shawallumpore, The following is the amount omitted in the Collector's Hustabood

	Rs.	As.	G.	
Perooch . . .	4	14	15	Keilaf Kurnie
	2	1	9	Babootan Kumei Keilage
Koikuttea . . .	211	11	12	Russud Gherdabad
	–	0	3	Babootan Tufat

The leases of the undermentioned Hoodehs in Kuttengah 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

Hoodeh Aloomdeh	Jummah of 1201 B.S. .	1,068	3	5
	increase . . .	25	0	0
Do Engàgurrea	Jummah of 1201 B.S. .	1,108	6	9
Do Gontea Maldeh Kuruch	Jummah 1201 B S. .	2,433	13	12
	increase . . .	35	2	8
Do Joenutpore	Jummah of 1201 B.S. .	926	6	6
	Abatement . . .	15	0	0
Do Singer	Jummah of 1201 B.S. .	2,196	9	13
	increase . . .	81	0	0

Received a Verbal proposal from Muggaram Roy to farm Kuttungah at an abatement of Sa Rs 5000 from the Jummah of last year which though the Purgunnah is in a very bad state of cultivation, & balances upon Balances have been accruing for these four years past I am induced to reject because I think I shall be able to let it out on more favourable, & Goluck Sing the security offered by him, is already security to the utmost extent of his responsibility

Zemindarry Cutcherry 11th August 1795 gave away in farm the undermentioned Mehals in Kutterugah

Hoodeh Hyderabad	Jummah of 1201 B.S. .	1480	9	10
	Abatement . . .	40	0	0
Hoodeh Koobareh Mutteegong resumed Chakeran land in Pundelpore	Jumma of 1201 B.S. .	2,111	13	1
	increase . . .	42	0	0

Received the following letters from the Collector

To
T H Ernst Esqr ,
Commissioner in Charge of the Zemindarry of Beerbhoom

Sir,

The undermentioned are the only Persons who choose to accept the allowance made by Government.

Dillowuzumman Khan
Karim Hossein Khan
Curreemul Zumma Khan &
Shujjaut Zumman Khan

These persons gave their receipts as they were paid and they were delivered over to your charge with the Zemindarry

Your Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ F Fitzroy,
Collector

13th August 1795

To
T H Ernst Esqr ,
Commissioner of the Zemindarry 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,
Your humble Servant,
/Signed/ F Fitzroy,
Collector

Zillah Beerbhoom
August 13th 1795

Addressed the following Letter to the Board of Revenue respecting the lands rented by Mr Patterson in the Zemindarry

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 his case to your favourable condition, 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 Géneral in Council to put Mr Patterson, who had obtained a contract for Sugar from the Hon'ble 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

B C G

in farm Talook Amderreh & 705-7-15 of Nijjoot lands for a term of 12 years at the following Ressud Jummahs

Jummah of Amderreh for 1199 B.S. . .	2,646	2	0	0
increase for 1200	198	8	14	0
-do- for 1201	198	8	14	0
Jummah for the remaining period of the lease	3,043	3	8	0
Jummah of Nijjot land for 1200 . . .	217	7	17	1
increase for 1201	161	0	11	0
-do- for 1202	84	8	3	3
Jummah for the remaining period of the lease	463	0	12	0

The undermentioned arrears are due from Mr Patterson till the end of 1201

Nijjoot Bakee	609	3	8	2
Izarch Bakee	211	5	19	0
Total Balance .	820	9	7	2

Mr. Patterson has now entirely relinquished his concerns in this District & resides 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 Cultivation, 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 amenable, 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.
/signed/ T. H. Ernst,
comr.

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 will 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 Zemindarry of Beerbhoom was held Khaus & send them to me & I beg leave to suggest that as Ramgovind Bhose & Ramgopaul Mohurrers in your office were then employed by those Gentlemen you will probably by referring to them be able to find the abovementioned Records.

I am Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ T. H. Ernst,
Commr.

Beerbhoom Zemy. Cutcherry
August 11th 1795.

Zemindarry Cutcherry 12th of August 1795 Continued to give in farm the remaining Hoodehes in Huttungah.

	Sa. Rs.
Hoodeh Goobrah Jummah of 1201 B.S. . .	1,677 2 16
Abatement	100 0 0
-do- Konorie Jummah of 1201 B.S. . . .	3,091 10 9
Abatement	625 0 0

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 Kutkinnehdar of Soonatery & his security who in 1198 B. S. took that Koodeh in farm till the expiration of the current year having fled gave it to another person on the following terms.

Jummah of 1201	781 3 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,
/signed/ T. H. Ernst,
Comr.

Beerbhoom Zemy. Cutchery
the 21st August 1795.

Received Derkhausts for the Sanbuck Putteet land of the undermentioned Mehals.

3 for Kurnie
1 Hurrypore
1 Hoodeh Loogeh in Seinbhoom
1 Surroopsing
1 Sanbuck Molssur

August 22nd 1795.

Addressed the following Letter to the Board of Revenue regarding this Hustabood.

To
William Cowper Esqr.,
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 proceed to show how far the Putewarries accounts, that have been taken are correct, & finally suggest such alterations in the Hustabood as appear to me absolutely necessary.

2nd. The Jummah, specified in the Wassil Bakee account transmitted from the Zemindarry office, was taken as the ground work of the account referred to my Examination. The variations in the produce & Jummah from that period till 1202 were stated agreeable to the Putwarries accounts of 1201 & 1202 B. S. but no investigation was made into the nature & causes of the decrease in the Jummah from 1193. the period of the Jummabundy 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 commenced from 1193. To enable you to decide in the first question I beg leave to subjoin an explanation of their various denominations *Kurar Kumie* a remission in the Jummahbundy rates granted by farmers to induce the Ryotts to bring sanbuck and Russud Putteet lands into cultivation ; also in instances where those rates are oppressive. These remissions are very considerable.

Gard Kumie 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 Jummah, or Bilmookta Pottahs in which is calculated the amount due according to the Jummahbundh rates, from which the amount remitted is deducted.

Sunnud Makurrery. These are mokurrery grants at easy Jummahs made by former Zemindars, whereby resources have been alienated to the amount of upwards of Sa. Rs. 10,000, about Sa. Rs. 5,000- of which have been included in the Hustabood. Many of these Sunnuds are known to have been forged: but their validity have never been impeached before the Court of Adawlut, & I fear it will be difficult to distinguish the false from the true one.

Kumie Pottah Bilmookta or *Birro Kumie* is an undervaluation of lands arising from the Suimmabundy rates having charged & falsified.

Bhurna Zumeen is the grant of a specifick 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 Jummah.

Aboab Kumie Nuzdeek Pykhaust is a remission obtained by Nuzdeek Pykhausts in consequence of their lands having been inserted by the collusion of the Aumeens who were deputed to measure the district in 1193 in the names of Pykaust & Burgird Pykaust Ryotts. But such frauds have generally been detected by the farmers, who have compelled them to pay their rents according to the Nirkbundy. This remission is also enjoyed by many who have procured Pottahs in their own names & employ Nuzdeek Pykhausts to cultivate their lands.

Jummah reayut burgird Pykausts Jummah paid by Khud Kausts & gird Khaust at the reduced rates fixed for Burgird Pykhausts who have absconded There are now very few remissions of this kind, the farmers having been active in resuming them

Zuadoh Beshee Bundabastee a remission granted by the Zemindar at the period of the Zummabundy to pacify the Ryotts, who violently opposed the establishment of the Jummabundy rates & threatened to leave the District if they were enforced A great part of these remissions was resumed by Lolla Ramnaut formerly Zemindarry 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 resumptions are just they may justly extend to 1193 But as it would take near six months to revise the Putwarries accounts from the latter period, Government would of course be unwilling to suffer their demands to remain unliquidated until the conclusion of such tedious investigation before therefore I ventured to suggest such a measure I determined to ascertain as nearly as I could what the resumptions would probably amount to, and with this view procured from the Zemindar s scrishtadars stationed in the different Purgunnahs the enclosed statements (No 1 & 2) of the decrease in the Jummah in 1198 & 1199 by which it appear that of Rs 1 61,967-1-15-3 the amount of the whole decrease Rs 39 375-7-0-1 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 scrishtadars and the under farmers and Ryotts, I summoned the Putwarries of Kurnie Burreh, Pornnderpore and Sheopore four small Talooks, to attend on me with their accounts from 1193 till 1200 that I might ascertain with precision the nature and 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 resource which might arise from this investigation with what they are rates at in the Hustabood whether it would be adviseable to examine the Putwarries accounts of the whole Districts from 1193

4th To the abovementioned enquiry I was chief incited from an idea that Mr Fitzroy and included in his Hustabood all the Malguzzarry lands in the Zemindarry, and that according to the Putwarries accounts of 1200 & 1201 which he had examined, they adjudicated a profit of only Sa Rs 51,185-5-17-1 to the Zemindar which I was convinced fell far short of what his Estate really yield him, & because this being the case, it was evident that by his allotment the Zemindar's lands would be disposed of to great disadvantage and that the Zemindar would sustain an irretrievable injury But I have now discovered that certain lands of considerable extent, erroneously stated by Mr Fitzroy, as I shall hereafter notice, to be held Khaus by the Zemindar, and to pay no revenue to Government, are not included in the Hustabood which he transmitted to your Board and therefore, though the remissions in the Jummahbundy rates granted from 1193 till 1200 B S would I have no doubt be found on investigation to amount to Sa Rs 51,000 yet as the produce of the abovementioned lands rated at Sa Rs 18,563 7 10 3 added to Rs 51,185-5 17-1 the amount stated on the Hustabood to be enjoyed by the Zemindar, will make the clear profits he derives from his Estate amount to upwards of ten per Cent, and as the resumption of remissions from 1193 would excite loud murmurs, & in many instances from the heaviness of the Jummabundy rates, occasion distress and elopement among the Ryotts, besides creating much trouble, delay, and delegation, I conceive it will be unnecessary and inexpident to enter into a retrospective examination of the Putwarrie accounts I am however still prosecuting the enquiry which I informed you in the concluding part of the former paragraph that I had begun into the Putwarrie accounts of four Purgunnahs from 1193 till 1200 the result of which I shall if you require it do myself the honour of submitting to you

5th With regard to the Hustabood as far as it extends the Putwarrie accounts of several Hoodehs, which I have revised induce me to believe that it is not materially incorrect I enclose for your information statement (No 3 & 4) of the Mehals I have examined specifying the nature and amount of assets left out of the Hustabood, by which you will observe that the Russud ghurabad constitutes near 4/5 of them As it is doubtful whether lands capable of yielding the sums specified or that account are in cultivation, & the truth can only be ascertained by a local survey, and as the other remissions are very trifling, I have thought it necessary to revise any more of the accounts taken by Mr Fitzroy

6th Should the considerations above urged induce your Board to ware an enquiry into the remissions granted in the Jummabundy to make the following alterations in Mr Fitzroy s Hustabood

1st The lands specified in the statement which accompanied his letter to you underdate the 15th of June ought certainly to be included in it Regarding these lands Mr Fitzroy appears to have been totally misinformed for I find that they were never appropriated to the private emolument of the Zemindar, and that they have always paid revenues to Government having been either farmed out separately, or included in the farms of the Purgunnahs in which they are situated The Putwarries 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 maintenance of the police & resumed last year from the Zemindar should also I think be comprized in the Hustabood This may at first appear objectionable because it will be necessary to raise the fixed assessment of the Zemindars Estate, but the objection vanishes when it is considered that they never formed a part of the Malguzarry lands from which only Government drew their Revenues, and that the measure proposed will tend equally to the convenience & profit of the proprietors and of Government

3rdly In the Hustabood the Jummah only of the lands held by Mr Frushard in this District is stated in the column of the gross Jummah whereas Gonotea having been measured only last year I conceive its gross resources ought to have been stated agreeably to that measurement & the various deductions of Serinjanmy Dee Khurehee &ca to have been made in the established proportions allowed for those purposes

4thly It were to be wished that the *Noabad lands* could 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 Jummabundy amounts to about Sa Rs 7,500 —they were upwards of seven years in the usufructuary mortgage of the late Shaum Sing & will continue in the possession of his son until he has reimbursed himself for what his father lent to the Rajah 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 Zemindars possessing them when he has forfeited his proprietory rights in the Purgunnahs 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 Jummah 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 rsources are less

7th I have now acquainted you with every particular that I have learnt in the course of my enquiries regarding Mr Fitzroy's Hustabood which I only wait for your instructions to correct in such a manner as you may deem expedient

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servant,
/Signed/ T H Ernst
Commr

Beerbhoom
August 22nd 1795

Zemindarry Cutcherry 23rd of August 1795

The highest sum offered for the Saubuck Putteet land that has been brought into cultivation in Seinbhoom & Jeinoojaul during the lease of the present farmer, & which is not included in his Dowl is Sa Rs 3,500 I conceive that the Zemindar has an unquestionable right to give away those lands in farm , for though the clause, which I am assured by very old Mohurrirs invariably existed in former times in the Engagements of the farmers, to pay seperately 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 collusion, I suppose between the Zemindars 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 Sa Rs 7,000-per annum But as the farmer strongly contests the Zemindar's right & declares that he is ready to disprove it in the Adawlut & as the giving away to another lands that 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, withhold the necessary information & accounts, & exert all his influence to embarrass & perplex him, & it would certainly give rise to disputes & litigation it appears to me under these circumstances far preferable to leave them in the possession of the farmers

Ichapoker	for	66-
Lhoomy & Akburshaky		101-13
Sanbuck Molissur		189-
Kuthengah		145-
Amderreh		12

30th August 1795

Received the following letter from the Collector to which I returned the answer subjoined & received the rejoinder that follows

To
T H Ernst Esqr ,
Commissioner in Charge of the Zemindary of Beerbhoom

Sir,

In my station as Collector I have been accustomed (as had all former Collectors) to retain Zemindarry Bearers The men attending on me have complained that for these last two months you have forbid 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 comment such a proceeding merits I do not feel worth my while to make upon it but I must suggest the propriety of your dismissing 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 afterwards tho you had promised it as soon as you should get the receipt and 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 indelicate terms I took no notice of to 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 tantamount 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 me 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 make no doubt by the Board of Revenue would have been equally surprized 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,
Your most Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ F Fitzroy,
Collr

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 30th August 1795

To
T H Ernst Esqr ,
Commissioner in Charge of the Zemindarry of Beerbhoom

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 Payment of the rent due from him to the Zemindar

I am Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ G Dowdeswell,
Secy

Reve Board
the 1st September 1795

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 Beerbhoom, 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 Dowdeswell,
A true Extract
Secy

To
The Hon'ble F Fitzroy,
Collector of Beerbhoom

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 Zemindarry Records for my receipt for what was paid by the Zemindar on account of his resumed Tannehdarree 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 remit to me the amount underspecified which is stated in the Zemindars Accounts to be due from Amdarreh & the Nijjoot lands you rent in his Estate on account of the year 1201 B S

	Rs	a	g	c
Nejjoot Bakee . .	609	3	8	2
Tjareh Bakee . . .	211	5	19	0
	820	9	7	2

I am Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
/Signed/ T H Ernst,
Commr

Beerbhoom
the 10th Sept 1795

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 1202 B S nor the remainder of the Putwarrie accounts of the Zemindarry of Beerbhoom which I applied for on the 5th Instant I have again to request that you will furnish me with them

I am Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
/signed/ T. H Ernst,
Comr

Zemindary Cutchery
the 10th Sept 1795

Zemndarry Cutcherry 11th of Sept 1795

The fees of the Vakeel I have employed in the suits instituted against defaulting farmers for the arrears due from them, having already in the short space of only six weeks, amounted to the sum of Sa Rs & having no hopes of recovering half the amount that has been decreed, I deem it adviseable, for the benefit of the Zemindar to come to an adjustment with him & 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 Esqr,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William

Gentlemen,

On the 9th of May last the Collector submitted to you a statement of allowances for the Rajah's family to the amount of Sa Rs 780-per mensem, and proposed that they should also 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 Ranny, widow of the late zemindar justly represents that the allowance which would threby fall to her share would be utterly inadequate to her rank and she has therefore constantly refused to accept it, and as Guzzuffer Ally a Brother of the late Rajah Behadur Zuman Khan, is 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 Ranny 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 Suddar Dewanny Adawlut, 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

3rd I should have addressed your Board before on the subject but it is only within this month that any of the Rannies 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 to be paid to the Rajahs family to which as it is very trifling and the proposed allowances are really not more than sufficient to maintain them in a proper manner I am induced to solicit your sanction I beg leave however to suggest whether as the Zemindars Estate is under attachment, 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 1200-or Sa Rs 1500- 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
Your most Obedt humble Servant
/Signed/ T H. Ernst,
Comr

Beerbhoom
the 11th Sept 1795

Statement of allowances proposed to be granted to the family of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom

Great Ranny widow of the late Rajah	200
Guzuffer Ally son of Rajah Ahmud Zuman Khan	40
Mahamud Zuman Khans mother & sister	78
Khans Ranny	35
Nia Ranny & daughter	50
Peirun Ranny & daughter	36
Reshun Ranny & daughter	36
Oojagur Ranny & daughters	50
Mujhlee Ranny	20
Chutty Ranny	20
Deory Arrally	20
Oodeh Ranny	16
her son Kuriemut Zuman Khan	40
Domum Ranny & Daughter	36
her son Dawood Ally Khan	40
Moghullany Ranny	16
her son Cossun Ally Khan	40
Ameenah Ranny	16
her son Dilwur Zuman Khan	40
Shujoat Zuman Khan	40
Nadir Zuman Khan	40
Butshtarry Ranny	16
Suckma Ranny	16
Kholly Ranny widow of Assud Zuman Khan	16
Deory Cutwah	16
2 Sisters of Guzuffer Ally	12
Bhootchoo, Khoshals, Koerun, Modah & Punchys — Women of low rank attached to the Zumam of the late Rajah @ 8 Rs each	40
Three old Women that belonged to the Zumma of Rajah Ahnud Zuman Khan C 5 Rs. each	15
Nurse of Fuckerul Zuman Khan	3
Doordanch Ally Nuckey Khans nurse	3
Dhoroo & Kheirun Medhy Ally Khans nurses	6
Korah Boeboo, Missary Baboo Bhela Gory & Muna Mamum nurses & ameent servants of the Zunanah	12
Sicca Rupees	1,056

Beerbhoom
11th September 1795.

/Signed/ T. H. Ernst,
Commr.

To
T H Ernst Esqr,
Commissioner in Charge of the Zemindarry of Beerbhoom

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 25th Ultimo with statements mentioned to accompany it

Par 2d Were we 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 than an equal & fair allotment of the Jummah may be obtained by attending to the few following principles

First The Putwarries account 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 his Letter of the 15th of June are to be included in the Hustabood

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 wee fixed when they were resumed on the account of Government and paid for seperately by the purchasers of the Lots, in which those Lands may happen to be included

4thly The Assessment upon the Lands held by Mr Frushard as to be adjusted according to the terms of his lease

5thly The Noabad Lands are to be included in the Hustabood

6thly The Lands which have fallen waste, but are again capable of cultivation are o be included in the Hustabood at the rates which were fixed for assessing Lands of this description of the general Jummahbundy of 1193

3rd 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 Frushard provided there should be others of sufficient extent & value to provide for the discharge of the dues of Government

We are Sir,
Your most Obedient Servants
Thos Graham
G Hatch
D Vanderheyden

Revenue Board
the 4th Septr 1795

/Signed/

To
The Hon'ble F Fitzroy,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

Hadjee Buksh, 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 peon 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 Putwarries, who are in attendance, & to transact the business that I am engaged in I must beg that you will order him to it

I am Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
/Signed/ T H Ernst,
Commr

Beerbhoom
24th of September 1795

Zemindarry Cutcherry 25th Septr 1795

I learn that a considerable part of the lands denominated Durry Bazee Zumun, is actually enjoyed by several of the Rajahs relations & servants, who have received grants of it within there two or three years past As in the present distresses of the Rajah it is evidently their duty & ought to be their inclination, to come forward to his assistance, & by a generous exertion of gratitude contribute a proportion of what his county has bestowed to relieve & extricate him from his embarassments, & enable him to discharge as much as possible of the heavy arrears due to Government without recourse being had to the sale of his lands 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

Received the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To
T H Ernst Esqr,
Commissioner in Charge of the Zemindarry of Beerbhoom

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter & Enclosure of the 11th Instant & to acquaint you that they authorize the payment of the allowances proposed to be granted to the different members of the family of the Rajah of Beerbhoom with an exception to the Widow of the late of Rajah with respect to whom the Board being of Opinion that it would be more satisfactory to her to continue in the possession of the lands which have been hitherto held by her than to receive an allowance in money They desire you will leave in her possession accordingly, but that this circumstance need not prevent you from including them in the general Hustabood of the Zemindarry

2nd I am likewise directed to acquiant you that in making the selection of the lands for sale those held by the above Rannee are not of course to be taken so long as there shall be any other property belonging to the Zemindar to which recourse can be had for the recovery of the dues of Government

I am Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ G Dowdeswell,
Secretary

Revenue Board,
the 18th Septr 1795

To
Mr Ernst,
Commissioner of the Beerbhoom Zemindarry

Sir

My Nazir has not taken possession of any house without due authority The one you want is none and has been so these three years a female attendant of my resides there I shall not relinquish it particularly for you

When the Board write to me about it I shall send them my authority for possessing it but I don't think you have any right whatever to invade my property

Your Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ F Fitzroy,
Collr

September 26th 1795

As the appointment of Mohurries 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 Mohurries 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 and that they be allowed to receive at the rate of 10 Rs each per mensem 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

Remitted to the Collector the sum of Sicca Rupees 18,092 with the following letter

To
The Hon'ble F Fitzroy,
Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir

Herewith I remit you the sum of Sicca Rupees Eighteen thousand & ninty two (Sa Rs 18092) which compleats the payment of the Kist of Kartick & beg that you will furnish me with your receipt for the amount

I am Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ T H Ernst,
Commr

Zemy Cutcherry
28th Septr 1795

(torn).....besides two thousand Rupees on account of the Thannadarry lands Meha Rajah agreeably to the following particulars I can inform you vizt.

Paid Mr. Ernst a present when you were in confinement.

for arrears to Government for 1201 B.S.	2,100
Paid into Governments Treasury on account of Thannadarry lands	2,000
Do. for granting a suspension of four thousand Rupees on account of Thannadarry lands .	1,650
do. a present for delaying to transmit statement of your Zemindarry to the Board of Revenue .	1,000
Do. for the price of a Horse	500

Sir,

I must beg your pardon in saying that this is not proper in me to mention any body but as you have ordered I can't refuse my master otherwise I would not have repeated that when you were confinement for Balances to Government *2,000* Rs. were paid to Mr. Ernst by Loll Beg through the means of Hossein Rezah Khan and me and with respect to the *2,000* Rs. paid into Governments Treasury or account of the Thannadarry lands and *1650* Rs. presented to Mr. Ernst to present his informing the Board of the value of them being 4,000 was paid through Shaum Chuckerbutty therefore I cannot inform you exactly but I believe that one day Shaum Chuckerbutty was speaking in the Collectors Cutcherry before every body about his having delivered this sum to Mr. Ernst as to the sum of 1,000 Rs. to delay the transmission of a statement of your Zemindarry I know this is very true that this sum was paid to that Gentleman through Hossein Reza Khan the rest I do not know you may enquire of Shaum Chuckerbutty.

True Translate
/Signed/ Francis Law,
Assistant.
/Signed/ T. Fitzroy,
Collector.

To

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

Gentlemen,

Many of the farmers having repeatedly complained to me that the lands formerly held by Mirdehs & Peons who were attached to the Mal, and assisted them with their services in Moffussil, have been resumed & included in the farm of the Tannchdaree lands resumed last year from the Zemindar, I made a particular enquiry concerning them & now beg leave briefly to acquaint you with the result.

Till the year 1200 B.S. the whole Establishment intertained for the protection of this district was under the superintendance & control of Tanekolars appointed by the Zemindar. Out of that Establishment people were always furnished to assist the farmers in the Collection of their rents to guard Treasure, & escort it to the Sudder Cutcherry. It included also a members of Duloys, Kutwals, & Negehbans, 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 Ramnaut then Zemindarry Dewan, set a part Rs. 1964. of land for the purpose of entertaining 77 men to be employed by the farmers, in the duties abovementioned. This year the lands in question have been resumed by the Collector & gether with the Tannihbarree lands resumed last year at my recommendation farmed amount for the sum of Sa. Rs. 4,201 as their resumption has never been authorized by Government & I do not conceive then to be of a resumable nature I beg leave to recommend that they be restored to the Zemindar at the end of the year & that Rs. 800 be paid to the farmers out of the abovementioned sum as an indemnification for the expence they will have been at this year in maintaining Mirdehs & Peons.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obe. hble. Servt.
/Signed/ T. H. Ernst,
Commr.

Beerbhoom
the 29th Septr. 1795.

19th October 1795.

Received the following letter & Enclosure from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To

T. H. Ernst Esqr.,
Commissioner in Charge of the Zemindarry of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you for your information and guidance the Enclosed Copy of an Extract from the Resolutions of the Governor General in Council.

I am Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ G. Dowdeswell,
Secretary.

Revenue Board
the 14th October 1795.

Extract from the Resolutions of Governor General in Council in the Revenue Department under date the 9th October 1795.

The Governor General in Council having considered the Proceedings submitted to him by the Board of Revenue, respecting the charges preferred by Mr. Fitzroy and Mr. Ernst against each other, reserves his decision until they shall have undergone a regular investigation. He observes however from the reply of Mr. Ernst to the call made upon him on the 25th Ultio. that the Board of Revenue do not appear to have stated to him the charge respecting the salary of the Dewan of the Collectorship, which he is asserted to have appropriated to his own use, and accordingly determines that they be directed to call upon him for a specific reply to the charge.

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 Jumma 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 Zemindarry his any unsatisfactory explanation of the balance which he stated to be due from the Zemindarry, when he had actually received a large proportion of it before he signed the Towjee 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 superiors 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 practicable despatch.

That Mr. Ernst ordered to officiate as Commissioner and also 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 & precision in the accounts, if instead of admitting two different rates for the first & second year in the same description of land, you were to take the medicion of the two sums as the estimated value of the Soil

8th We take this opportunity to desire you will inform us in detail of the arrangements which have been made in the Zemindarry for the Security of the Revenue of the Current year, particularly whether the Collections are made under Engagements with renters, or immediately from the Ryotts

Revenue Board
the 25th Septr 1795

We are Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ Thos Graham
G Hatch
D Vanderheyden I

Received a petition from the Security of the farmer Coondit 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 Zemindarry farms are almost invariably taken Benamee, & 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 unexceptionable security, I am induced to continue him & release his Security from his Engagements, distroyed 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

Sir,

In the statement of allowances for the family of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom which I submitted to the Board on the 11 Instant the names of Mukken Ranny & of Kadim Hossein 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 Rannies and a further examination of their claims & beg leave to request that you will submit it to the Board for their approbation

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ T H Ernst
Comr

Beerbhoom
the 28th Septr 1795

Statement of allowances proposed to be granted to the family of the Zemindar of Beerbhoom

Great Ranny widow of the late Rajah	200
Guzzaffer Ally son of Rajah Ahumd Zuman Khan	40
Khans Ranny	40
Neia Ranny & daughter	50
Peirun Ranny & daughter	36
Reshun Ranny & -do-	36
Ojagur Ranny & 2 -do-	50
Mujhlee Ranny	16
Chutty Ranny	16
Deory Arrally	16
Deory Nukkas	16
Deory Cutwah	16
Osdah Ranny	16
Radim Hassien Khan	40
Mukkun Ranny	16
her son Kurumut Zuman Khan	40
Domun Ranny & daughter	36
her son Dawood Ally Khan	40
Moghlanny Ranny	16
her son Cossim Ally Khan	40
Aumuna Ranny	16
her son Dilwar Jumman Khan	40
Shujjoat Zumman Khan	40
Nadir Zumman Khan	40
Bukhtary Ranny	16
Sukmu Ranny	16
Kolly Ranny Widow of Assud Zumman Khan	16
2 sister of Guzuffer Ally	12
Bostchoo Ranny	16
Khosalo Ranny	16
Koenun, Maidah & Punchy — Women of low rank attached to the Zummana of the late Rajah @ 8 Rs. each	24
Three old women that belong to the Zumana of Rajah Ahmud Zumman Khan at 5 Rs. each	15
Nurse of Fukkerul Zumman Khan	3
Doordaneh Ally Nuckey Khans Nurse	3
Dhoroo & Keirur Mehdg. Ally Khans nurses	6
Korah Bochoo, Missary Baboo Bhela Gory & Muna Mamun nurses & Amunt servants of the Zumana	12
Sicca Rupees	1,067

Errors Excepted
/Signed/T. H. Ernst,
Commr.

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

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,
/Signed/ T H Ernst,
Comr

Beerbhoom
6th October 1795.

Representation of Rajah Mahamad Zumman Khan Zemindar of Beerbhoom.

Mr. Ernst at the instigation of two or three ungrateful servants of mine, without any cause whatever became my enemy in order to deprive.....(torn)

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 remark.

You will observe that the Jummah payable to the Zemindar amounts to Sa. Rs. 6,95,853-2-3. & his Estate is assessed at Rs. 6,23,000 so that it yields him a profit of Rs. 72,853-2-3. Besides this the Goseyn Tucku or one Pye in the Rupee, voluntarily paid by the Ryotts for the support of Hundoo priests and their Religious establishments, affords a surplus of Sa, Rs. 3,853-5. which together with the settlement I am endeavouring to make & in which I have reason to hope for success with several persons who have lately obtained jagheers 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 collusively withheld, I have not the smallest doubt but that next year, when all the engagements of the farmers will have expired, the Zemindarry will provided 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 & Sa. Rs. 57,500. on account of the Kist of Aughun so that I have just reason to expect that the revenues of the Zemindarry will this year be nearly if not entirely realized.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen,
Beerbhoom — Your most Obedient humble Servt.
14th October 1795. — /Signed/ T. H. Ernst,
Commr.

To
T. H. Ernst Esqr.,
Commissioner in Charge of the Zemindarry of
Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 24th Ulto. & to acquaint you that they do not think it adviseable for you to make any investigation into the resources of the lands held by the Ghautwals and that consequently it is unnecessary to commit them to your charge, but that they desire you will insert the amount of the.....(torn).

.....(torn) and Golehs I resolved to go there myself which I accordingly did yesterday & have now the honour of communicating to you the result of my local enquiries & observations.

By the accounts of the person in charge of the Golehs (of which the accompanying statement is an abstract) it appears that there ought to be maunds 27,186-18-3. of rice. But in two or three Golehs in which the grain is only separated from the earth by the then covering of single mats much of it is become so rotten as to be reduced to powder by the slightest pressure & totally unfit for use. In the other Golehs which are raised a foot or a foot & a half above the ground & are surrounded by a strong texture of mats & Bamboos, seperated from the outward mud walls, very little damages has been sustained & that chiefly by worms. I have ordered the rice, stored in the former, to be removed to two Golehs of the latter description, which are very nearly finished & such as is entirely spoilt to be seperated & the remainder measured which will be attended with an expence of about Rs. 30. The whole wastage I estimate at about 1,500 on perhaps 2,000 maunds.

There are in all eighteen Golehs eleven of which have raised floors & 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 none 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 prodegious quantity undermine the foundations of them.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedt. humble Servant,
Beerbhoom — /Signed/ T. H. Ernst,
the 4th Novr. 1795. — *Comr.*

Remitted the sum of Sa. Rs. 2, 416. from the Zemindarry to the Publick Treasury.

Zillah Cutcherry 5th November 1795.

Received the following letter from the Commercial Resident at Soonamookey & ordered that the Kutkinnadars when the weavers complain against be summoned when their stated grievances shall be required into.

To
T. H. Ernst Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Beerbhoom.

Sir,

I forward you an Arzee from some my weavers of Champanagory in Pergunnah Shawallumpore together with Copy of that for it presented to me & the Purwannah I in consequece sent to the Farmer & beg the favor of your 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,
Soorool — Your most Obedt. Servant,
2nd November 1795. — /Signed/ J. Cheap,
Resedt. Soonamorkey.

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

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 publick.....(torn).

.....(torn) on any person duly authorized on the part of Ram Seebul Mullick who purchased Kootubpore has prevented the adjustment of the accounts of that Purgunnah & that he is consequently detained & subjected to heavy expence. Ordered that he be summoned to attend on me either in person or by Vakeel within five days from this date & at the same time informed that if he fails in so doing the Suzzawul will be left at liberty to retire.

As I find that Tehsildars of the Police Tax in Talook Hookmapore & the Looah Mehal whom on the 21st. Inst. I dismissed because they also formed those Mehals 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 inconsiderable revoked my orders of the abovementioned date & restored the farmers to the appointment of Tehsildars.

Zillah Cutcherry 1st December 1795.

Directed agreeably to the Boards orders 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, & 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 1795.

Addressed the following letter to the Board regarding the Hustabood of the Zemindarry.

To

William Cowper Esqr.,
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort 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 Jummah of the Zemindarry of Beerbhoom 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 due from the Zemindar and to satisfy the Decree passed by the Zillah & Provincial Court of appeal in favor of Mr. Gale for Sa. Rs. 50,000.

2nd. The gross resources of the Zemindarry according to my Hustabood you will observe amount to Sa. Rs. 8,11,520-8-0-2 exclusive of the Noabad lands which is Sa. Rs. 60,854-9-1-3. more than they are rated at in the late Collectors and exceed the latter in the further sum of Sa. Rs. 19,584-13-1. which were included in the late Collectors Hustabood & are omitted in mine namely Sa. Rs. 13,418-3-8. on account of the Sunnud Bundabustee Mehals and Sa. Rs. 6,166-9-13 on account of resumed Durry Bazee Zumeen. 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 Makurrery Jummahs specified in the Sunnuds has been collected for these two years past, and in the three or four instances in which it has been attempted Decrees have been obtained in the Zillah Court confirming those Jummahs, is I have reason to think held under invalid titles, but as their invalidity can only be established and the lands resumed alter a Judicial investigation I have thought it proper not to hold out to the perhaps perchasers the fallacious expectation of deriving any immediate advantage from them & thereby furnish them with a just ground of objection to 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 Bazee Zumeen the reason why they do not form a resource in my Hustabood is that Government would thereby forfeit the right which I conceive they unquestionably have to subject them to a seperate assessment, and which as they yield upwards of Sa. Rs. 10,000-per annum it may be thought proper to exert. After an attentive perusal of the 19 Regulation of 1793. to which I am refined in your Boards letter of the 13th Ulto. I cannot find that it at all applies to these lands for they were not included in the Jummabundy of the Zemindarry, were never given up to the Zemindarry and are not even claimed by him as rent free lands but part of them was annexed to the Malguzzary in 1194 & 1195 B. S. & the remainder has been lately distributed among his associated 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 Kharee Zumeen, of which I have not been able to obtain as single account. 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 Mehals 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 Tanehdarree lands, but made a seperate statement of them, which I shall transmit with the statements mentioned in the former paragraph, and observed in an explanation annexed to the allotment, that they are to be included in the safe of the lots, but that a seperate Jummah will be assessed on them to defray the expences of the Police.

5th. You will observe that my Hustabood does not comprize 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 strictly fair, or comudent with the nature of a Hustabood to calculate as resources what time perseverance & a liberal spirit can alone render so, & that the introduction of such ideal resources 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 Russeed & Sanbuck Putteet 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 indeed & originally intended to have reduced it to the standard of what might be collected with facility & without any oppression to the Ryotts by excluding from my Hustabod two or three remissions which it would, I think be unjust & certainly very dangerous, & impolitick to resume, particularly that denominated Gard Kumee, because it was granted in order to induce the Ryotts to bring waste land into cultivation and if the Jummabundy rates were enforced the consequence would certainly be that the Ryotts would abscond & cultivation receive a check which it could require much time & great encouragement to recover. But as I was convinced that such exceptions were liable to abuses & that other remissions of a very different nature might be collusively intruded under that head by the Mohurries employed in adjusting the accounts I thought it better on nature consideration to comprize 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 Jummah of my Hustabood, so that any native at all conversant in Mofussil business 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 Jummah 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 Purgunnahs in the whole Zemindarry & which I have therefore selected for sale are Surroopsing, Durry Molissur & Seinbhoom. The former I have reason to think will fetch at least Sa. Rs. 125,000 & the latter two Sa. Rs. 160,000. But Surroopsing is unfortunately mortgaged to Shaum Chokerbutty for Sa. Rs. 30,000. which he lent to the Rajah last year & which with the accumulation of interest now amounts to Sa. 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 Obedt. humble Servt.
/Sd/- T. H. Ernst,
Comr.

Beerbhoom
2nd. December 1795.

The farmers of Durry Molissur & Kootubpore being very heavily in arrears deputed Ramsanker Ray to the former & Juddoonunden Bukdshee to the latter to attach the Collections.

3rd December 1795.

Wrote the following Letter to the Board of Revenue.

To

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

Gentlemen,

In compliance with the orders of the Governor General in Council communicated in your Secretary's letter of the 20th

Ulti. which I received yesterday I have the honour of transmitting the Receipts of Raja Ram late Dewan of this Collectorship for his salary during the time he acted under me & beg leave to inform you that the payments of it were made I cannot say precisely but within a few days of the period therein specified.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedt. Servant,
/Signed/ T. H. Ernst,
Comr.

Beerbhoom
3rd December 1795

As I conceive it to be proper that the Havildar & Sepoy who teach the Sebundy Corps attached to this Collectorship the manual exercise should receive some incitement to call forth their exertions & the Sebundies do not appear to me entitled to the full pay allowed them by Government, till they are sufficiently perfect in their exercies to discharge the duties required from them. Ordered that 8 annas be for the present stopt out of the pay of each man & that 2/3 of the amount arising from the stoppage be given to the Havildar & 1/3 to the Sepoy.

Zillah Cutcherry 8th December 1795.

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 Putwarries & that in many instances the Bilmooktah rates are reduced by the qualities of the soil having been depreciated at the general Jummahbundy of the Zemindarry in 1193 B.S. deputed Takoor Doss Chutterjea to enquire into the circumstances alledged & report to me the result.

As it appears that the sum of Sa. Rs. 442. is unquestionably due from Lokenaut Bukhshee whose conduct while Tehsildar of the Durry Bazee Zuman is stated in my proceedings of the 12th September last to have been referred for investigation to the Zemindarry Dewan & two peons I sent with a summons for him to attend on me having returned with information that he has concealed himself ordered that unless the money be paid in three days he be prosecuted for the amount in the Dewanny Adawlut.

There being heavy Balances in the Kists due from the farmers of Kootubpore and Durry Molissur who have I understand each of them appropriated between Rs. 2 and 3000 out of their collections to the discharge of their private debts. Ordered that Suzzawuls be deputed to attach the Collections of those Purgunnahs.

The persons whom in my proceedings of the I summoned with a view of making some kind of adjustment with them for the lands denominated Durry Bazee Jumeen which have been alienated from the Malguzarry & granted them by the Rajah having been in attendance upwards of one month seeing no probability of bringing them to any reasonable terms. Ordered that Tehsildars be deputed into the several Purgunnahs in which they are situated with directions to collect the rents & revenues thereof from the Ryots.

9th December 1795.

Wrote the following letter to the Board of Revenue.

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 Durry Bazee & Athuzzarry & of such part of the Zemindars Chakeran & resumed Tanchdarree lands as are situated in the Mehals I have recommended to be sold for the discharge of the arrears due from him, also an account settlement for 1202 B.S. of Putwarries Tanks situated in those Mehals which form a resources not included in the Hustabood. It was my intention to have ascertained the quantity of the abovementioned lands in each of the lots but as I found this would be attended with much delay I thought it preferable to state only the aggregate quantity in each Pergunnah.

2nd. I also transmit Copies of them in the Persian & Bengally languages & a Persian Copy of the Hustabood & allotment.

3rd. I beg leave to inform you that during my Commission I have been under the necessity of disbursing the sum of Sa. Rs. 300 to enable me to compile my Hustabood & provided it has been completed to the satisfaction of your Board I beg leave to solicit your sanction to the charge which was incurred as follows.

Sa. Rs. 200- amount of 2 months salary of 10 Mohurries deputed into the Mofussil at Sa. Rs. 10 each, 100- for an English Writer employed expressly to copy the Hustabood accounts into English.

I also request that you will inform me whether the money is to be disbursed from the Zemindars or from the Collector Treasury.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Hble. Servt.
/Signed/ T. H. Ernst,
Comr.

Beerbhoom
the 9th Decr. 1795.

10th December 1795.

Received from the late of Saihit the sum of Sa. Rs. 67- which he was ordered to refund on the 20th Ulto.

15th December 1795.

Remitted to the Publick Treasury sum of Sa. Rs. 54,000 in further payment of the Kist of Aughum.

After having attentively read the numerous complaints that have of late been made to me by the farmers & Ryotts against each other & enquired into their respective claims and relative obligations issued. . . . torn

Received from Tehsildar of Parreh a remittance of Sa. Rs. 551 which is ordered to be kept in deposit until the measurement of that Tallok I shall be compleated.

24th December 1795.

As the Rajahs people inform me that he is in great distress for want of money I think it proper to dispense with his coming to receive it in person because the reasons which formerly made me determine to pay his allowance into his own hands only are now either weakened by a change of circumstances or no longer continue to operate & my still persisting in the determination might therefore be liable to an improper construction. Besides after the experience he has had of the conduct of his servants it is certainly his own fault if he still suffers himself to be imposed upon. Ordered therefore that the sum of Sa. Rs. 108-7. for which Mutteeoola his relation & Mokhtar has brought his receipts be paid him & informed him that I will in future pay the Rajah any small sums for which his receipts may be transmitted.

Received from the Tehsuldar of Sarhit a remittance of Sa. Rs. 3,021-9.

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

Gentlemen,

I am favoured with your Secretarys letter of the 11th Instant enclosing an Extract of a letter from the Magistrate of Bhaugulpore to the Governor General in Council & requiring me to ascertain & report to your Board upon what conditions the lands assigned to the Gautwahls & 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 by the Magistrate with a view to protect the Ryotts from the depredations of the Hill people to the tenure, under which they were held, hears no analogy to that of the Gautwahls of sarhet & other places though Safil & Sachurd the persons mentioned by the Magistrate were indeed distinguished by that name. For

the Establishment did not exist till 1199 B.S. where the abovementioned persons were appointed Gautwahls & Rs. 1260-13. of land assigned to them & 65 Peons & Burkindosses. 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 with in the boundaries of the Purgunnah 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 Zemindar. 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 Bhaugulpore meet with your approbation.

I take the liberty of offering it as 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 Purgunnah within his Jurisdiction & the sole object for the Establishment was to protect the inhabitants of that Purgunnah from the predatory incursions of the Hill people.

The Establishment on its present footing is as follows.

		Rs.
1	Zemindar	50 0
1	Naib	28 13
24	Peons	552 0
		630 13

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedt. humble Servt.
/Sd/- T. H. Ernst,
Comr.

Beerbhoom
the 24th December 1795.

Zillah Cutcherry 25th December 1795.

There being disputed between the persons to whom I gave in farm the Sanbuck putteet lands not included in the engagements of those who farm the Purgunnahs in which it is situated & the latter regarding what the former are entitled to Referred their respective claims for investigation to three of the Zemindarry Mohurries.

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 her by the Rajah before that allowance was fixed for her Foresider him at liberty to resume the grant when he pleases. But his Zemindarry being under attachment & his 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 a 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 lesson the abuses that at present exist, the season is too far advanced to admit of such an arrangement this year & it is therefore unavoidably postponed till the next.

Zillah Cutcherry 27th December 1795.

I find that owing to the absence of the Judge no petitions can at present be received in the Diwanny Adawlut consequently the suits which I proposed instituting against the late Tehsildar of the Durry Bazee Zumeen & several farmers from whom arrears are due must be a delayed until his return.

For the same reason sent back into the Mofussil a number of Ryotts who are come with complaints against the Kutkinchdars the greater part of which I am convinced are groundless & made solely to evade payment of their revenues & directed them to remain there until the 20th of Maug. I order however to prevent this measure from being made the means of extortion & oppression on the part of the Kutkinchdars Issued advertizements notifying that the exaction of any excess of revenue above what is justly due will be punished by the unposition of a fine equal to three times the amount.

Received from the Rajah an answer to the letter I wrote to him on the 16th Inst. informing me that the ground therein stated to have been applied for the purpose of working iron mines has been already given away. As I find on enquiry that this is not the case wrote to him again to know whether he approves of the measure.

Paid to Mutteoola the sum of Sa. Rs. 300 on account of the Rajahs allowance as per two Receipts one for Sa. Rs. 200. & the other for 100.

28th December 1795

Received a petition from the Rajah requesting I will release from attachment his Durry Bazee Zumeen & restore it to those to whom he granted it. As I do not consider myself at liberty to controul his wishes in matters that regard his own interest only however egregeously he may mistake them, complied with his request & recalled the Tehsildars I had deputed to collect the rents of those lands from the Ryotts.

The farmer of Lhoony & Akburshahy being very much in arrears deputed Bunderam Roy to attach the Collections of the Purgunnahs.

Paid to Loll beg the sum of Sicca Rs. 600. on account of the Rajahs allowance as per his receipt.

Remitted to the publick Treasury Sa. Rs. 784 on account of the Tanchdarree lands resumed last year from the Zemindar.

30th December 1795.

Addressed the following Letter to the Board of Revenue.

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

Gentlemen,

I yesterday received your letter of the 18th Inst. & now beg leave to furnish you with the explanation therein required on the following points.

Sunnud Bundabustee Mehals

The manner in which your Board have understood the circumstances relative to these lands is perfectly correct.

Durry Bazee & Athuzzary Zumeen

The advantage which I held out to Government of Sa. Rs. 10,000 by subjecting these lands to a seperate assessment was for the whole of them, & the accounts transmitted by me exhibit the Jumma of such of them only as are situated in the Mehals that I have recommended to be sold. As your Board do not consider them liable to a seperate assessment because this have been annexed to the Malguzarry lands for these seven or eight years past it will be necessary to include them in the Hustabood & prepare another allotment. But as this new arrangement will be attended with an unavoidable delay of ten days or a fortnight owing to there being no detailed accounts of these lands among the Zemindarry Records & the consequent necessity of summoning the Kutkenekdars to enable me to ascertain the quantity of land in each of the lots without which the Jummah cannot be apportioned according to the principles laid down in the Regulations I beg leave to recommend that the sale of the Zemindars lands be immediately advertized. No objection can I conceive be made to that step when it is considered that the only alteration in the accounts already submitted will be the addition of the Jummah of such of them as are situated in the Mehals proposed for sale has been ascertained, so that such persons as may wish to purchase them may derive every information they can with for from the abovementioned accounts and as I conclude that there will be an interval of a month or six weeks between the advertizement & the sale, the new allotment adjusted according to your instructions will reach the presidency long before the sale will take place.

Tanehdariee lands

The same causes as those mentioned in the preceeding paragraph exist to retard the adjustment of the accounts of these lands of which only the aggregate Jummah has been yet ascertained But I shall prepare them with all possible expedition & introduce them in a corrected statements in the manner directed in the 5th Paragraph of your letter

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen,
Your Obedt hble servant,
/Signed/ T. H Ernst,
Comr

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 Zemindar on account of letters sent by the Dawk be paid from the Zemindarry Treasury & deducted from his daily allowance

31st December 1795

Remitted to the publick Treasury the sum of Sa Rs 40,000 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 Ultio I disputed to attach the collections of Durry Molissur and Kootubpore recalled them & appointed in their stead Oechub Ghose to the former & Alluck Sing to the latter

4th January 1796

There being a number of people in Jail on account of arrears of Revenue due from them to the Zemindar, which they have not the means of discharging, & which there is no prospect of recovering while they remain in Confinement, where several of them have been many months at a monthly expence Rs 2 each to the Zemindar I conceive to be for his interest that they should be released & Kistbundies under the Courts signature taken for the amount decreed against them Communicated therefore my opinion in writing to the Zemindar & transmitted copies of the Kistbundies 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 Companys Golehs at Kautick 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 Aumeen of Parreh having been now employed upwards of two months in the measurement of that Talook issued orders to him to bring it to a conclusion as soon as possible & when finished to return here & bring with him the Chittee or detailed account measurement as the assistance of my Amlah will very much accelerate the preparation of the Ikwal & it is I conceive advisable that the allotment & division should be made under my superintendence 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 arrears of revenue in which he expresses his approbation of their release & of the Kistbundies proposed to be taken from them Instructed therefore the Zemindarry 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 Zemindars Kist of Poose

Paid agreeable to the Rajahs receipt Rs 150 account of his allowance

16th January 1796

Received from the Tehsildar of Sarhet the sum of Sa Rs 3,880-10-8 on account of the revenues of the current year

Addressed the

21st January 1796

Received two petitions from the farmers of Lhoony & Akbarshahy & Hurrypore representing that the orders I gave on the 10th Inst to make the collections of those Purgunnahs here under my own immediate superintendance in consequence of the little benefit that had resulted from their having been put under the charge of a Suzzawul, will be detrimental to the revenues owing to the delays & inconveniencies that must necessarily occur & requesting that I will allow them to manage the collections & if necessary for my own satisfaction make choice of two Moharries to assist them and prevent any misappropriation of the revenues As on consideration this measure 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 Mohurries 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 Tehsildar of Sarhet directing him immediately to station at Poonissee, Deoghur, Surean, Sarhit, & Saulda which are under his management the number of Hircarrehs 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 Hircarrehs will be furnished from the place

To
Hubert Cornish Esqr,
Private Secretary to the Governor General,
Fort William

Sir,

I am favoured 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 Hircarrahs will be stationed to forward the Dawk to which I have added the distances between each & beg leave to inform you that the arrangement will be compleated by the first of next month

written engagement to pay the remainder by the end of Maug

As I understand that very little progress have yet been made in the adjustment of the Junajant Hustabood accounts & there is now no excuse for any further delay the heavy Kists having been realized in the Mofussil, resolved not to pay them their salaries which they have solicited until they shall have furnished the abovementioned accounts & accordingly informed them of my determination

This order I issued on the 28th Ulto 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 it 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,

Agreeably 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 Putwarries in the Zemindarry 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,
/Signed/ T H Ernst,
Comr.

Beerbhoom
5th February 1796

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.I., Soury.

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 Mahmud Bazar.

I shall be very careful to give you any, & every information, which I may receive, & trust you will keep two companies in readiness to make 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 at Wool ray (sic) . . . Should be, most certainly, held by detachments, from Raneegunge.

I have &.
/Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collr. of Beerbhoom.

Soory,
Septr. 12 1855.

To
Colonel Burney,
Commg. 56 N.I., Soory.

Sir,

In today's report, received from Thannah Nungolea, it is mentioned, that the Sonthals are at the village of Raljor, and actually & tendering the claim from thence.

This village cannot be more than four or, at the utmost, five miles, from Nungolea and I should think Captn. 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 Puriharpore, immediately after the departure of Captain Fooks' detachment & it is essentially necessary that a severe example should be made of them, if possible.

I have &.
/Sd/- R. I. Richardson
Collr. of Beerbhoom.

Soory
September 13th, 1855.

Diary September 13th 1855.

Reports from Afzulpore Thannah, mention that the inhabitants of Baboopore Deolee & Kejoree have their villages which have not as yet, however been plundered by the Sonthals.

Sonthals have again looted "Rajor" 4 miles from Mungolea thanah suspected to be the same men, who . . . Puriharpore in the rear of Captn. Fooks, detachment, on their return from Koomrabud.

N.B. I have requested Col. Burney, to order Captn. Gott stationed with a detachment at Nungolea, to make a night march, and if possible surprise these Insurgents number about 600 men.

All quiet at Mohmud Bazar, spies had not returned when Sergeant Gillen 10 rob a detachment of Sepoy (sic) a ready to march if necessary, at a moment's notice from hence.

The Nuggur, altho all the inhabitants have left.

The Daks to Rampore Haat, Nuggur cong. Deoghur, have been put on an-efficient fooling by me they now arrive very regularly with the exception of the last.

Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collr. of Beerbhoom.

To
Brigadier Bird
Commg. in the Beerbhoom & Bancoorah.
Soory September 13th 1855.

Sir,

I beg to report for your information, that for the last few days reports of a very unfavorable nature have been received by me from the Darogah of Sarhut and Opurbundah as also from members of the inhabitants residing in that part of the district.

The Sonthals are without doubt looting, burning & Murdering in all the villages, in the vicinity of Rukoha on the Boundary.

They have committed four murders in the village of Kotahur.

Sgt. Gordon with 200 men is at Deoghur. Could not half this number be sent to Sarhut? The measure would be productive of much good & Suruth is a much healthier place than Deoghur.

I trust you will give the subject your best attention.

Sgt. Gordon being stationed within the Beerbhoom district. I conclude he is under your orders.

I have &.
/sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collr. of Beerbhoom.

p.s. There is good accommodation to be had at Saruth & plenty of supplies. The officer on Duty might live in the Moonsiffs Cutchery.

/Sd/ R. I. Richardson,
Collr.

Diary September 14th 1855.

Nothing new from Afzulpore, Doobrajpore & Nuggur.

Late last evening, Col. Burney at my request sent an Express to Captn. Gott Commanding at Nungolea, ordering that Officer to make a night march attack the Sonthals at Ratjor, early this morning.

A report just in from Captn. Gott, mentions that after 3 hours trial, 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 Gillon at Mohmud bazar, directing him to start immediately with his "Irregulars" & attack the Sonthals at Deocha, where they were plundering grain. The result has not been reported yet, but the white flag is now flying at Mohmud Bazar, which means all well.

No reports have yet come in from Operbundha Sarhutt or Deoghur.

The Sonthals are in great force at & about Rajbandh Palace.
Bara Battan & & &

Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collr. of Beerbhoom.

Diary September 15th 1855

2 P.M.

N.B. The Dak leaves Sooree at—past 2 P.M.

Shree Mundle of Koorcemoree, and Kanto Mundle of Fazilpore have been murdered by the Sonthals in the village of Amjurra (on the boundary N: of Soory) whither 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 Nungolea Darogah.

Sergeant Gillion 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 river More is much swollen consequently the Sonthals are stationary at Bora Bothen.

The Saruth 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.

Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collr. of Beerbhoom.

Sooree
Forwarded for the information of the secy. to Govt. of Bengal.

Diary September 19th 1855.

No news of importance from Nugger Doobrajpore, Afzulpore. 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 *Telobonee* men are headed by a stronger, most likely, a Manjee from the Damin i Koh—

Captain Gott has made an excursion as far as Buddinathpore, but previous to his arrival the Sontals had disappeared.

The Reports from Saruth & Opurbandah are most unsatisfactory—

The Sontals are evidently steadily advancing, looting every village en route.

A detachment consisting of 100 men of the 56th N.I. under Major . . . marched to a Mohummad Bazaar this morning to relieve Sergeant Gillon's force which, when recruited will be sent up to strengthen-Gurjori a large town 6 miles west of Nugger, on the Deoghur & Sooree Road. Supplies & good Shelter will be forthcoming & the place is considered the healthiest in the neighbourhood—This force with another, about to be raised by Mr. Ward & sent to Surhut or Apurbundah will it is to be hoped prove sufficient to keep the Sontals in check until more active separations can be undertaken.

Registrations being carried on by me Several of the Manjies tendered their submission this morning.

The health of the Troops continues to be satisfactory, weather very cool—

The river Mour must be nearly fordable, so that the intentions of the Sontals in the North must soon become known.

Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collr. of Beerbhoom.

Received from Heralal 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. — *Collector.*

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 Chamoosapara Telobunee 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 Saul Tree has just been sent in to me by the Nugger Police Zemadar who received it from Goluck Chowkeedar of Afzoolpore. This man states it was made over to him by Shiboo Gope Mundle of Champoora, with the message that the Sontals would shortly proceed to Sooree for the purpose of having a meeting with the authorities.

Shiboo Gope states he does not know who brought the branch but the messenger expressed a hope that the ryotts would not run from their villages on the approach of the Soobah, Sergeant Gillen's force came in the morning from Mohamud 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.I. for inspection—I hope to get this detachment of men very soon for they are much wanted in the direction Garjari—

All quiet at Rampore Haut & Doobrajpore.

Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Forwarded for the information of the Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

To
Colonel Burney,
Commanding at Sooree.

Sir;

I have the honor to report for your information that I yesterday received from the Police Zemadar at Nugger, a Saul twig, with 3 leaves upon it.

This twig had been sent to the Iemadar, from a person calling himself the Soobah Baboo with a request that he (the Iemadar) should forward it to the authorities at Sooree, whom he was shortly coming to see.

I have enquired among the Southal prisoners in the Jail, as to the meaning of this symbol, but they are either unwilling 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 I for my part, shall send no answer to the message, it being my intention to put the Soobah as Manjie in irons on his arrival.

The question as to whether he is about to come in peacefully to submit, or to try his strength with us, must remain for the present, a matter of doubt.

I have &ca.,

Sooree — Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
September 21st/55. — *Collector of Beerbhoom.*

Received from the Sub Treasurer at the Presidency the sum of Company's Rupees thirty three thousand/costs 33,000/ of small Silver and Copper Pyee packed in 21 Boxes as follows—

Eight anna Pieces . .	15,000	0
Four anna pieces . . .	15,000	0
Copper Pyce	3,000	0
Total Rs.	33,000	0

The above treasure was examined before Lolla Rooplall Native Treasurer, and Gora Chand Dhur, Nittanund Sen, and Ramhary Dutt Poddar of this Collectorate.

Beerbhoom — /Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collrs. office, — *Collr. of Beerbhoom.*
the 21st Septr. 1855.

Diary September 21st. 1855.

It is reported that the Opurbundah Thanah has been burnt, but the report requires confirmation—

The Sontals are looting to their hearts' content in the Saruth & Opurbandah jurisdictions, no remedy however are adopted.—

The Dawk 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 Zemindaree Dawk—My own special Dak from Nugger has arrived quite punctually and the Police Jemadar is still at Nugger.

A report has just come in that the Sontals in very great numbers, are at Bindabone & . . . & that they have looted Bilkandu—The Gomashta who gave notice of this at the Nungolea Thanah, states that it is the intention of the Sonthals to attack Sooree immediately—I don't put much confidence in his statement as this very man has several times given the alarm without cause & apparently only desires that the troops shall be sent to protect his master's Zemindaree—Due precautions however have been taken; the march of Sergeant Gillon's detachment for Gurjoree has been postponded & parties of his Burcondauze have been stationed to guard the Lords (sic) 3 or 4 miles down—The officer commanding the Troops has likewise taken which measures as seemed fit to him to be required—

I hope to be able to report more fully tomorrow—

Sooree — Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Septr. 21st/55. — *Collector of Beerbhoom.*

Forwarded for the information of the Secy. to Govt.

To
The Commissariat Officer, at Raneegunge.

Sir,

I beg to request the favor of your indenting 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, — Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
September 24th 1855. — *Collector of Beerbhoom.*

Letter from the Magistrate of Beerbhoom to the Commissioner of Burdwan Division dated 24th September, 1855.

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 Lorojore, four miles west of Nuggur, to within a short distance of Deoghur, is in their hands. The Dawks (mails) are stopped, and the inhabitants have deserted their villages, and fled. They are divided into two large bodies: one encamped at Raksadangal, ten miles north of the Operbandah Thannah in Zillah Bhaugalpore; and the other at Teelaboonie, six miles west of Soory, and also in Bhaugalpore, but on the confines of Thannah Nangoolea; and their numbers average, as nearly as we can ascertain, from 12,000 to 14,000, and are receiving augmentations from all quarters.

2d. A party of about 3000 of the Raksadangal Santals, led by Mocheea Kosnjola, Rama and Soondra Manjhees, encamped near Operbandah on the afternoon of the 16th inst., and on the following day plundred and brunt the Thannah and village. The Darogah and Burkundazes remained at their post till the last moment; but seeing the overwhelming numbers of their assailants, and that resistance on their part must be useless, they retreated, and the Darogah contrived to escape with great difficulty *via* Shanna and Afzulpore, and arrived here on the 22nd with only the clothes on his back. He had heard some days before that the Santals intended attacking the Thannah, and had sent all the records, etc., to Deoghur for security, and also applied to the officer commanding the detachment there for assitance; but the latter, owing to the distance and dense jungle *en route*, declined to send troops to his aid. On informing Mr. Ward of the circumstances, he told me that detachments of troops were to be sent forthwith from Raneegunge to Jumterra in Thannah Shahna, to Operbandah, and to Afzulpore, to be stationed there until the military force can take the field against the Santals after the rains are over; and I have just heard that the detachment has arrived at the former place, which will suffice for the protection of Thannah Shanna, in the jurisdiction of which no plunder has yet been committed; but the Santals are now assembling with the intention of joining the rebels. Until troops are stationed at Operbandah, everything must remain in the present state of anarchy and confusion; but directly they arrive, I shall send the police back to the Thannah, and set the Dawk (mail) going again. At present it is impossible, as Rama Manjhee, with 200 men, has taken up his position in the jungle near Haldigurh 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; but I have already brought this to your notice in a former letter.

3d The gang of from 5000 to 7000 Santals, under Seeroo Manjhee, who had taken Sooleah Takoor at Teelabooney, have strengthened their position by earthworks, and dug tanks there. They have also made preparations for celebrating the Doorgah 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 Raksadangl gang to join them, before advancing to attack Soory; but I think it improbable that they will venture to attack the station under present circumstances. They sent us in what is called in their language a 'dahra,' or 'missive'—viz. a twig of the Sal tree leaves on it, each leaf signifying a day that is to elapse before their arrival—a few days ago, which was brought by one of the Deoghur Dak runners, whom they seized and sent back for the purpose. The colonel commanding has taken the precaution of stationing piquets at different points on the north and west side of the station, which would be most exposed in the event of an attack; and I understand that Sergt. Gillan and his Burkundazes, whom I placed at the disposal of the special Commissioner when here, at the latter's request, is to be sent to Nuggur, where the residents are in a state of great alarm, and many have deserted their houses.

To

Colonel Burney,
Commanding at Sooree.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 10 of this day's date, forwarding dispatch from Major Membhard (returned herewith) I beg to state that Raneebehal is a village on the north side of the More River, distant from Mohmud Bazar 10 or 12 miles.

Major Membhard could not I think get to Raneebehal, without coming across the whole body of Sonthals, collected at Bora Bothan, Rangaloya &&.

My information is to the effect that a considerable number of Sonthals are leaving Rangaloya for Raneebehal from whence they are going, it is surmised, to meet the Operbundah.

I have sent out 2 men to Raneebehal, who will be back tomorrow, with fresh information.

I have &ca.,
Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collector of Beerbhoom.

Soory
September 27th/55.

To

The Magistrate of Beerbhoom.

Sooree September 28th 1855.

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.

Should you think it necessary to put on extra police, I will sanction the expenditure, the Commissioner having authorized me to do so.

I have &c.,
Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collr. of Beerbhoom.

To

Col. Burney,
Commanding at Sooree.

Sir,

In consequence of reports received by me from various quarters I think it very advisable that a detachment should be sent to hold Doobrajpore.

The Sonthals are said to be crossing the More at Raneebehal and I think it not unlikely that their purpose is to join the Operbundah rebels at or about Guljore and strike southward for the purpose of escaping into the Bancoorah District.—Doobrajpore 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.

I have &c.,
'/Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collr. of Beerbhoom.

September 28th/55.

To

Colonel Burney,
Commanding at Sooree.

Sir,

I have honor to send in original a letter received by me, yesterday, from Mr. Ward.

He is anxious that Gurjore should be occupied by troops, and I consider the measure most expedient; moreover the locality is as Mr. Ward observes, a very healthy one. Sergeant Gillon stationed at Nugger, reports that a very large body of Sonthals are assembled at "Tantiapore," a village on the Sidh Nulah, north of Indurpohare, (which latter place you will find marked in the Zillah map) and that supplies for 10,000 men are being collected there. Tantiapore is exactly north of Gurjore, distant about 7 miles so that if a strong detachment be pooled at the last mentioned place; any the Sonthals may have, of going southerly must be entirely frustrated.

With detachments at Gurjore, Nungolea Mohmud Bazar: & Gillen's force at Nugger, I do not think the Sonthals can do much, and if besides we hold Doobrajpore nothing more I am convinced can be done until the cold season commences.

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.,
Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collr. of Beerbhoom.

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 Southal 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, upto Telobunnee, the residence head quarters of the Soobah.

The road as far as we went, was in very fair order & the jungle nothing at all in the vicinity of Chamoapara, there appeared to be none, & Mr. Kerr states that between that village & Telobunnee a mere brush wood jungle (intervenes).

As we proceeded we learnt but one story that the Southals were daily packing up their loot, & retiring to the hills in anticipation of a cold weather campaign.

It occurs to me that an advantageous & decisive blow might be struck by the force now quartered at & about Sooree.

To cripple the resources of the rebels is to gain a great step as regards future operations but the blow must be struck speedily & secretly.

There are no dense jungles in the vicinity of the revels' camp. The country is high & dry & I should say the climate just as pure as that of Sooree.

Mr. Kerr of Mohmud bazar volunteers to act as scout. He knows every inch of the country, & his services would be invaluable.

I shall only be too happy to accompany the Troops in any capacity in which I can be of the least use.

I have &c.,
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, & those perhaps about to come when an advance shall be made into the Jungles.

You are aware that for the last 3 months I have furnished supplies, but I am now winding up my accounts, owing to the Bunneahs in the town, being able to meet the present demand.

This last arrangement will do very well as long as the troops remain the station, but not so, when detachments go out into the Jungles.

I wish to know therefore, what arrangement shall be made: if the Govt intend that I shall continue the duty, some intimation ought to be conveyed to me of the probable number of men likely to be assembled at Sooree for field service.

I submit that the means adopted by me of drawing supplies from a rather distant market Cutwais the best under existing circumstances; it may cost the Govt. somewhat more, but by so doing, the distant markets are not impoverished and prices not raised to famine rates. There is little enough grain in the district, owing to the rascally Sonthals, without causing a further drain.

In soliciting instructions, I beg most strongly to represent that I do not do so with the hope of becoming Commissariat Officer. The work is laborious in the extreme, but I wish that something may be done, in time too, to supersede 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 furnishd and I would send funds quickly to Cutwa, & buy up before the Bunneahs received information and raised their prices all round.

I have &ca.,
Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collector

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 &ca.,
Sooree
October 12th 1855.
Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collr. of Beerbhoom.

Commanding certificate of a Guard directed to proceed on Escort duty towards Sooree, in charge of Muskets and ammunition for the use of Sergt. Gillens irregulars.

Crops	Strength	Remarks	To what date paid
60 Regt. N.I.	1 Habildar 12 Sepoys	To be relieved on the banks of the River Adji	To 31 Augt. 1855.

Raneegunge
12th October/55.

Sd/B.P. Parott, Capt.
Major of Brigade.

Received form Koomur Sing Havildar 63rd Regtt. N. I. 10 Boxes said to contain muskets & ammunition.

Sooree,
October 12th/55.

Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collector.

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 cereals indegenous to 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 procured supplies but not received payment for the same, for

weeks; some have run away altogether, despairing of.....and some have met their fate at the hands of the Southals. It is not for me to suggest what ought to have been done,.....time to secure supplies for the troops at Deoghur and its vicinity, the mischief is now done, and I can afford no assistance whatever to Captain Ford: Nearly all the detachments in the Beerbhoom District are furnished with supplies by me, either through the Zemindars &ca. or directly from my stores, the only exception being Deoghur, to which place as the Ghatwals have hitherto provided pass and the road is now closed. I am unable to send what is so much needed.

If the Government do not speedily make known their intentions as to how the Beerbhoom Field Force is to be supplied with provisions in the operations about to be taken against the Sonthals, there will be terrible oppression exercised upon the inhabitants of these districts, oppression which will be doubly felt, coming at a crisis like the present.

I have &ca.
Sooree, Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
October 27th 1855. *Collector.*

Extract from: a correspondence for 1855 Beerbhoom

To
Major General Lloyd.
Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 310 dated 4th Decr. I have the honor to forward to you the Santhal prisoners noted in the Margin.*

2. The four men, who apprehended the Santhals 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 possession of the prisoners.

4. Among these will be seen the clasp belonging to the late Lieutt. Toulmen 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.

Zillah 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.

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1. *Kamoo Soobha. 2. Chand Ray Manjhee. 3. Bhuro Manjhee. 4. Kamoo Manjhee. 5. Durga Manjhee. 6. Puthee Manjhee. 7. Mota Manjhee. 8. Nemay Manjhee. 9. Rumabsa Manjhee. 10. Alhar Manjhee. 11. Hareedass Manjhee. 12. Morarea Manjhee. 13. Muttah Manjhee.

To
Lt. Murrong,
Commanding detachment 42 N. I.
Sir,

I have the honor under the instructions recd. from Major General Lloyd commanding Sauthal 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 burtreadage 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.

I have &ca.
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 Damor Majuhee Sonthal above you forwarded to my Court. He states that he came in with the object of giving himself up to your detachment 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
Lieutt. Ogilvie,
Sub Asst. Commissary General,
Runeegunge.
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 Luchmen & 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 Manging Thanah Khurbona in this District. His name is Syed Hossenbux or as he sometimes called goodoomeah. The price he has fixed on the Elephant is Rs. 750.

I have &ca.
The 6th December 1855. Sd/- Rivers Thompson.
Offr.

To
The Honble. A. Eden,
Asst. Spl. Commissioner,
Koomerabad.
Sir,

With reference to an application made by Major General Lloyd to Govt. for the appointment of a special Judge to trial some Santhal 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 Bhagulpore.

I have &ca.
The 8th Decr. 1855. Sd/- R. Thompson,
Offgr.

To
W. Grey Esqr.,
Secy. to Govt. Judl. Department,
Fort William.
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. 299 dated 28th Ulto.

I beg to state that I have no knowledge what is the number of the prisoners referred to in the Major General's communication. I was not aware that any cases commisable to the Sooree Sepeon Court, were awaiting trial in his camp. I have therefore despatched a Sowar 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 retained 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,
The 8th Decr. 1855. *Offgr.*

To
G Sebly Esqr.,
Soorool.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 5th Instant, I beg to state that if the two men referred to have been summoned to give evidence, they will be obliged to attend

You will observe that if we except any one person because he asserts that he knows nothing of a case we should never be able to get a witness into the Court, as they would always urge this plea to some themselves what is many cases a serious inconvenience

I believe this case is in the Moulovee's Court-but if the witnesses have to appear and will present themselves to me, I will promise that they shall not be detained two hours

I have &ca
The 8th December 1855 Sd/- Rivers Thompson
Offgr

To
W Grey Esqr,
Secy to the Govt of Bengal Judl Department,
Fort William

Sir

I have the honor to state that the prisoner named in the Margin* who was committed by me on the 21st Ultimo on a charge of a illegally and riotously assembling with offensive weapons for the purpose of plunder and to commit "a-breach of the peace' was sentenced by the sessions Judge on the 6th (sixth) December to be imprisoned with labour and irons for the term of seven (7) years

I have &ca
* Maghe Roy Manjee Sd/- Rivers Thompson,
Offg Magistrate

To
Brigadier Bird,
Commanding in the Beerbhoom and Bancoorah Districts
Sooree December 9th 1855

Sir

Scarcely a day now passes, but either Magistrate or myself receive petitions from the Zemindars and Ghatwalls, in the North Western portion of the district, praying that some assistance may be given them, in furnishing supplies for the troops

Petitions lately presented, state that the number of troops is very considerable You are aware that I have a large quantity of supplies in store, and that I am most anxious to relieve the Landholders from duties which they cannot efficiently perform this however I am unable to do, owing to the road beyond Gurjori being stopped

I can push up any quantity of supplies, as far as that place, if you will instruct officers commanding Regiments, or Companys to have their elephants at a certain place, on any fixed day My principal object in undertaking Commissariate duties was to prevent the necessity of the local Zemindars & Ghatwals being called upon for supplies, it is in reality the poorer classes who suffer, & from whom the grain is procured, invariably without payment or any return being made by the Zemindars' Subordinates

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
Sd/- Robert I Richardson,
Collr of Beerbhoom

To
W Grey Esqr,
Secy to the Government of Bengal,
Fort William

Sir,

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 Asstt 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 believe the whole of the prisoners are comprized in about 4 or 5 cases and the trial of these would occupy a Judge with ordinary labour but while the expense and inconvenience which the measure would render necessary would hardly be justified by the immediate disposal of the cases

2 I mentioned in my former letters that the Burkundages under Sergt Jackson now stationed at Nugore about 14 miles from this were especially retained by Krig (see letter dated 17th Nov) for the escort of prisoners or any other such duties as would save the troops this extra work There are 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 Nugore 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 port I would beg to recommend that 30 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 Regul VII of 1822 it would in my opinion be a more expedient 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 though the Calendar of the commitment for this district in the present month is very heavy I have little doubt that by the end of Jany all these extra trials might be brought to a conclusion At least in the choice of difficulties this course seems to me the most feasible

Sd/- Rivers Thompson,
I have &ca
The 11th Dec 1855 *Offg Magistrate*

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.

No.	Name of Prisoners	Crime	Sentence with date	Description of their persons & place of residence
1.	Jugoo Monyee son of Ranjeet	Illegally and riotously assembling with offensive weapons for the purpose of murder and to commit a breach of the peace	To be imprisoned with irons for three years & to pay a fine of Rs 100 on or before 9th Dec in default to labor—9th Novr 1855.	Aged about 60 years, Dark complexion, grey hairs, has a pustule under the belly, inoculation marks 4 in number on left hand, size 5 ft. resident Geriapany, Thannah Nulhotty, Zl Beerbhoom. Caste Santal.
2.	Doolubh -do- son of Kanoo	-do-	-do-	Aged about 38 years, colour neither dark nor fair, bared ears, grey hairs, inoculation marks 5 in number on left hand, 5 ft. 5 inches caste Santol, resident Gariapanee, Thannah Nulhott Zl. Beerbhoom.
3.	Bishoo Niuyee son of Sunkh	-do-	To be emprd for six years with labor & irons 9th Nov. 1855.	Aged about 38 years, Dark complexion, bared ears, inoculation marks 3 in number in left hand, size 5 ft. 3 in: caste Soutal, Resident -do-

No.	Name of prisoners	Crime	Sentence with date	Description of their persons & place of residence
4.	Sallor Puroh Moucek, son of Seedh	Illegally and riotously assembling with offensive weapons for the purpose of murder and to commit a breach of the peace.	To be imprisoned with irons for three years & to pay a fine of Rs. 100 in lieu of labor 9th Nov. 1855.	
5.	Denoo Monyee	-do-	Do for five years with labor and iron 9th Novr. 1855.	Aged about 23 years, colour neither dark nor fair, short nose, marks of burning on left armpit, inoculation marks 2 in. left hand size 5 ft. 3 in, Caste Kamar. Rt. -do-.
6.	Ballorom Mongee son of Mungli	-do-	Do for 3 yrs. with Iron & pay a fine of Rs. 100 on lieu of labor 9th Nov. 1855.	Aged about 16 years, colour neither dark nor fair, inoculation marks 6 in number in left hand, size 5 ft. Caste Sontal. Resident -do- -do-.
7.	Murria -do- -do- Nemai	-do-	-do-	Aged about 15 years, Dark complexing, flat nose, inoculation marks three in number on left hand & one in right hand, size 5 ft. 1 in. -do- -do- -do-
8.	Chundry -do-	-do-	Do for 5 years with labor & irons 9th Nov. 1855.	Aged about 46 years, colour neither dark nor fair, bored ears, inoculations marks 4 in number on left hand, size 5 ft.7 in. Caste Sontal. Resident -do-
9.	Ranject -do- son of Ingoo	-do-	-do- -do-	Aged about 27 years, short nose, inoculation marks 5 in number on left hand and one in right hand, size 5 ft.5 in. Caste Santol. Resident -do- -do-
10.	Mungle -do- son of Chedom	-do-	-do- -do-	Aged about 40 years, inoculation marks 6 in number on left hand & one in right hand, size 5 ft. 1 in. Caste Santol -do- -do-
11.	Sona -do- son of Dona	-do-	-do- -do-	Aged about 16 years, colour neither dark nor fair, bared ears, inoculations in left hand, size 5 ft. 2 in. Caste Santal -do-
12.	Gopal Marya son of Paran	-do-	To be imprisoned 3 years with labor & irons 9th Novr. 1855.	Aged 60 years, color neither dark nor fair, Grey fairs, bored ears, inoculation marks 4 in number on left hand & one in right hand, has a pustule in the *left side of Back size* 5 ft. 5 *in.* Caste Kamar -do- -do- -do-
13.	Soorjee Monjee son of Luckun	-do-	Do for 5 years with labor & iron 9th Novr. 1855.	Aged about 33 years, Dark complexion, flat nose, inoculation marks 5 in number on left hand & one in right hand, size 5 ft. 5 in. Caste Sontal -do- -do- -do-
14.	Nemai Monjee son of Sankoo	-do-	-do-	Aged about 39 years, dark complexion, bored ears, inoculation marks 5 in number in left hand & two on right hand, size 5 ft. 5 in. Caste Sontal -do- -do- -do-
15.	Mungus Monjee son of Tunkhoo	-do-	-do-	Aged 34 years, dark complexion, bored ears, inoculation marks 6 in number on left hand, and two in right hand, size 5 ft. 4 in. Caste Sontal. -do- -do- -do-
16.	Sham -do- son of Seenoo	-do-	-do-	Aged about 36 years, colour neither dark nor fair, bored ears, inoculation marks 3 in number on left hand, and one in right hand, size 5 ft. 4 in. Caste Santol. -do- -do-
17.	Megh Roy -do- son of Hangroh	-do-	Do 6 years with labor & iron 9th Novr. 1855.	Aged about 60 years, colour neither dark nor fair nose, bored ears inoculation marks 4 in number on left hand & one on right hand, size 5 ft. 5 in. Caste Sontal -do- -do- -do-
18.	Domun Manjee son of Prostain	-do-	Do 3 yrs. with labor & iron and to pay a fine of Rs. 100 on lieu of labor 9th Nov. 1855.	Aged 58 years, colour neither dark nor fair, bored ears, has mark of an ulcer on back, inoculation marks 4 in number on left hand and one right hand, size 5 ft. 1 in. Caste Sontal. Resident of Suburpore Thannah Nulhotty, Zh. Beerbhoom.
19.	*Ram Manjee son of Anta*	-do-	*Do* 5 yrs. with labor & iron 9th Nov. 1855.	Aged about 37 years, colour neither dark nor fair, bored ears, inoculation marks 7 in number on left hand, marks of an ulcer under right eye, size 5 ft. 4 in. Rest. -do- -do-
20.	Bursha -do- son of Bessoo	-do-	-do-	Aged about 35 years, dark complexion, bored ears, inoculation marks 6 in number on left hand, and one on right hand, size 4 ft. 11 in. Caste Sontal. Resident -do- -do- -do-

Beerbhoom
the 13th December 1855.

Sd/- A. R. Thompson,
Offg. Magistrate.

To
Lieut 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 conduct 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 carried on Commissariat business, and naturally look now 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 grain is to be procured in the district, and Regiments must invariably indent upon the Commissariat for supplies.

The 56th Regiment N I. has now been stationed in Sooree for 5 months and yet the bunneahs in this miserable bazaar do not attempt to procure additional supplies nor can they from want of capital.

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 Sonthals are giving in, 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 I hold, scarcely give me a moment to myself added to which my health at present is very indifferent

May I ask you to give the matter your earliest attention.

I have &ca
Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collector

N B. The following is the list of Regiments &ca. I am at present furnishing supplies. Surely a Commissariat officer ought to do the work.

13th N. I.
37th N I. 2 Companies/200men/
50th N. I.
56th N. I.
63th N. I.
40th N. I.
42nd N. I.
31st N. I.
artillery
2nd to 10th Irregular Cavalry.

Beerbhoom
the 11th December 1955.

Sd/- R I. Richardson,
Collector

To
Hodgson 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 (therein called for) for 11 out of 16, Thanas under the jurisdiction of this Magistracy.

2 All the schools in Thanas operbandha, Shehna, Mouressur, Nangolia" and Deoghur are excluded from this statement owing to the average number of attendance being under 30.

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 17th December 1855.

I have &ca
Sd/- R. Thompson,
Offg Magistrate

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
Afzulpore	Afzulpore	,,	31
,,	Luchmunpore	North 1/4 a mile	32
,,	Pansoondee	South 1/2 mile	35
,,	Burrah	East 2 miles	40
,,	-do-	-do-	38
,,	Nobosan Jamalpore	South East 4 miles	35
,,	Ambal	North 6 miles	38
,,	Bishalpore	N. East 10 miles	32
,,	Rhajsoree	North 12 miles	42
,,	Gayooree	,, 14 ,,	31
Bishennapore	Kishennagore	..	34
	Gokrool	West 4 miles	35
,,	Chundupara	,, ,,	32
,,	Rookootea	,, ,,	35
,,	Panchpokhoria	,, 6 ,,	31
,,	Bamusole	N. West 3 miles	33
,,	Doobrajpore	West 3 miles	50
,,	,,	,,	51
,,	,,	,,	40
,,	,,	,,	54
,,	Hetumpore	S. West 2 miles	32
,,	Poosoondee	S. West 6 miles	32
,,	Panchera	S. West 6 miles	32
,,	Rusidpore	,, 8 ,,	40
,,	Tanteepara	N. West 10 miles	112
,,	Parolia	North 8½ miles	35
,,	Selarpore	East 8 miles	31
,,	Selarpore	N. East 3 miles	39
,,	Bathar	East 6 miles	81
,,	Sajnea	N. East 10 miles	40
,,	Elambazar	S. East 10 miles	79
,,	Payir	,, ,,	40
,,	Sahapore	N. East 3 miles	48

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
Kusba	Rulgram	East 12 miles	39
„	Balearee	„ 8 „	51
„	Bungram	„ 14 „	37
„	Bolegram	South 6 miles	39
„	Soopoor	S. East 6 miles	89
„	Merzapore	South 6 miles	79
Labpore	Labpore	„	35
„	Teba	East 6 miles	65
„	Seogang	South 5 miles	36
„	Darka	North 4 miles	39
„	Rooliarah	North 8 miles	32
„	Abadanga	N. East 4 miles	31
„	Ramnugore	„ 6 „	47
Shahcolypore	Pakoorharis	East 2 miles	53
„	Oochkura	South 2 miles	33
„	Palgoonee	S. East 2½ miles	31
„	Bunder	„ 3 „	35
„	Kirnnchar	South 4 miles	32
„	Dhapdhara	S East 6 miles	32
„	Nobusta	S. East 7 miles	32
„	Thoopsura	South 9 miles	40
„	Singee	South 10 miles	81
„	Ittanda	West 10 miles	40
Reogang	Randera	West 5 miles	50
„	Buhcian	N. East 6 miles	50
„	Nirobe	N. West 2½ miles	50
„	Oodhunpore	East 6 miles	50
„	Soonaroondee	North 2 miles	47
„	Serandee	S. West 8 miles	45
„	Eheapore	West 6 miles	41
„	Nuleapore	N. East 8 miles	41
„	Shreerampore	West 2 miles	40
„	Pattea	S. West 6 miles	36
„	Rautoondee	S. West 3½ miles	35
„	Pooroolia	S. East 2 miles	35
„	Dhukinkhund	North 4 miles	35
„	Bonomareebad	N. East 2 miles	35
„	Dutoburtea	North 6 miles	34
„	Bukea	S. West 7 miles	32
Burowa	Panchthoopee	S East 4 miles	49
Doongang	Bhaderpore	North 4 miles	45
„	Boogung	N. West 3 miles	32
„	Busowa	South 6 miles	80
Nulhutty	Nulhutty	„	36
„	Poakpara	N. East 1 mile	45
Khurbona	Batnea	East 8 miles	32
„	Morgung	N. East 6 miles	67
Soory	Soory	„	48
„	Cuddea	West 2 miles	125
„	Poorenderpore	N. East 4 miles	50
„	Reapore	South 3 miles	50

Zillah Beerbhoom
the 17th December, 1855.

Sd/- Rivers Thompson,
Offg. Magistrate.

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 Instant as follows.

Unoop Majhie Santhal, Ram Majhie and Manik Maujhee" Sauthal, each, to be imprisoned with labor & irons for seven (7) years and Chyton Maujhie for five (5) years.

ZL. Beerbhoom
the 18th Decr. 1855.

I have &ca.
Offg. Magistrate.

* 1. Unoop Majie
2. Chyton Do
3. Ram Do
4. Manik Do

Received from the Govt. Letho Press the under mentioned form in 1 Parcel agreeably to my indent dated 28th Septr. 1855

D. 603—100 copies of Bengally form p. Royal Paper 1.1

„ 613—201 —do— per mcdm. Paper 1.9½

Sd/- Rivers Thompson
Offg.

ZL. Beerbhoom.
the 17th December 1855.

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.

No.	Name of Prisoners	Crime	Sentence with date	Description of their persons & place of residence
1.	Singray Manjhee son of Meghor	Illegally & riotously assembling with weapons for the purpose of plunder to commit a breach of the peace.	To be imprisoned with labor & irons for Five (5) years. 12th Novr. 1855.	Aged about 29 years dark complexion, flat nose, burning marks 4 in number in 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 Ashna Thannah Nangolia Zillah Beerbhoom.
2.	Nuffer Pal Koomar son of Moocheeram	-do-	-do-	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 5 ft. 2 in. Caste Koomar Resident of -do-
3.	Sham Mal Paharia son of Roopnerain	Riot with Plunder.	Do 5 -do- 13th Novr. 1855.	Aged about 37 years, Color neither dark nor fair, has several moleson body marks of sewing hooks on the back, mark of a wound in a toe of right leg size 5 ft. 2 in. Caste Paharia Mal, Rest. of Sundah Thannah Noolae Zillah Bhaugulpore.
4.	Parash Manjhee son of Khettoo	Illegally & riotously assembling with weapons for plunder property of parties unknown.	Do one year with irons & to pay a fine of Rs. 25 in lieu of labor. 14th Novr. 1855.	Aged about 16 years, Dark complexion, flat nose, marks of burning 2 in number on left hand—bored ears—size 5 ft. Caste Sontal, Resident of Masangore, Thannah Nangolia Zillah Beerbhoom.
5.	Chandra Manjhee son of Mungola	-do-	-do-	Aged about 18 years, Dark complexion, flat nose, marks of burning 3 in number on left hand, blackish mark on the back, size 5 ft. Caste Sontal Rest. -do-
6.	Salkho Manjhee son of Gora	-do-	Do 3 years with irons & to pay a fine of Rs 100 in lieu of labor. 14th Novr. 1855.	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-
7.	Singroy Manjhee son of Koomar	Illegally & riotously assembling with weapons and plundering the village of Katna in Zl. Beerbhoom.	To be imprisoned for 5 years with labor and irons. 17th Novr. 1855.	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
8.	Kanchun Manjhee son of Gumbheer	-do-	-do-	Aged about 35 years, Color neither dark nor fair, marks of burning 7 in number in left hand inoculation mark on right hand, size 5 ft. 5 in. Rest. of Teelaboonee Thana Afzulpore Zillah -do-.
9.	Luckhun Manjhee son of Gobind	-do-	-do-	Aged about 38 years, Color neither dark nor fair, broad forehead, flat nose, marks of burning 4 in number in left hand inoculation marks on right hand, 2 of the toes of right leg crooked, size 5 ft. 6 in. Caste Sontal, Rest. of -do-.
10.	Kaloo Manjhee son of Ram Roy	-do-	-do-	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-.
11.	Dhunae Manjhee son of Koddye	-do-	-do-	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 Leolebona Thana Afzalpore, Zl. Beerbhoom.

No.	Name of Prisoners	Crime	Sentence with date	Description of their persons & place of residence
12.	Ruroo Manjhee son of Ram Roy	Illegally & riotously assembling with weapons & plundering the village of Katna in Z. Beerbhoom.	To be imprisoned for 5 years with labor & irons. 17th Novr. 1855.	Aged about 29 years, Dark complexion inoculation marks & burning marks 3 in number on left hand & one in the back size 5 ft. 2 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of Zeelabad.
13.	Motha Manjhee son of Kade	-do-	-do-	Aged about 41 yrs. Dark complexion, marks of burning 4 in number on left hand inoculation marks on right hand, has a postub under right eye size 5 ft. Caste Sontal Rest. of Scoubebona Thana Afzalpore, Zillah Beerbhoom.
14.	Bagud Manjhee son of Bunar	-do-	-do-	Aged about 39 yrs. dark complexion, flat nose, bored ears, marks of ring worm on the body incoculation mark on left hand size 5 ft. Caste Sontal Rest. of Khajooree Thana -do- of Zl. -do-.
15.	Bishoo Manjhee son of Gumbher	-do-	-do-	Aged about 36 years, Color neither dark nor fair, mark 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. 7 in. Rest. of Telabad, Thana -do- Zl. -do- Caste Sontal.
16.	Kurn Manjhee son of Chumpai	-do-	-do-	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.
17.	Rai Manjhee son of Chuttoora	-do-	-do-	Aged about 34 years, Dark complexion, bored ears, buring marks 7 in no. on left hand mark of an ulcer under the left shoulder of the back side size 5 ft. 2 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of -do-.
18.	Dolel Manjhee son of Mansing	-do-	-do-	Aged abt. 56 yrs., color neither dark nor fair, bored ears, inoculation marks on both hand, size 5 ft. 4 in. Caste Sontal, Rest. of Kotapobarya Tha. Nulhollz, Zl. Beerbhoom.
19.	Seetul Manjhee son of Beersing	-do-	-do-	Aged abt. 15 yrs., Dark complexion, short nose, bored ears, inoculation marks 5 in no. in left hand, size 4 ft. 10 in. Caste Sontal Rest. -do-.
20.	Beersing son of Shom	-do-	To be imprisoned with labor & iron for 5 (five) yrs. 7th Novr. 1855.	Aged abt. 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 -do-.
21.	Quttor Manjhee son of Meghroy	-do-	-do-	Aged abt. 35 yrs., colour neither dark nor fair, mark of an ulcer on the belly, inoculation marks on both hand size 5 ft. 3 in. Rest. of Suburpore Thana Nulholly, Zh. Beerbhoom, Caste Sontal.
22.	Raman Manjhee son of Cheenoo	-do-	-do-	Aged abt. 33 years, Dark complexion, short nose, inoculation marks 5 in number left and one in right hand. Size 5 ft. 3 in. Caste Sontal Rest. of Gheriaponee Thana Nulholly, 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 Darogah 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 *rusuds* 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 contray 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 occurence and had he 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 Burkandaze 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 these guards— and in this lies their neglect or if as they assert they did discover 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 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 Bhaugulpore 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 Burkandaze 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 punishment 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 management, 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 &ca.
Sd/- Rivers Thompson,
Offg. Magistrate.

Zillah Beerbhoom,
the 19th Decr. 1855.

* 1. Gopal Sing ... Jemadar
2. Soodan Patak ... Gate Duffadar
3. Mohadeblal ... Burkundage
4. Muhamudally ... 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 Southals, 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, Asstt. Commissary, who at the request of General Lloyd aquainted 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 Beerbhoom 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 Ghatwals 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 Moorshedabad 100 Chukkee which according to the best information, would turn out fully 100 maunds of Atta per diem 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 diem.

In this emergency, I was obliged to indent upon the Dy. Magte. of Cutwa for "atta" and he sent me daily as much as he could get prepared.

On or about the 25th Novr. Captn. Macpherson indented 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 Dec. 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 Godown. 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 tolerably intact. The remaining 2000 maunds have been thrown down loose on straw & mixed with husks, which I believe is the only remedy capable of being adopted.

The business is a most unfortunate one, but quite unavoidable. Wheat I believe is now at famine prices, at Cutwa there is none at Burdwan common country is selling at 3 per maund, & at Moorshidabad, Atta is only 15 seers per Rupee, and much adulterated. I do not in this extremity known what to do, the markets are empty, the...shut, & until next harvest, 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 istihar the sale of the above quantity and then dispose of the same to the highest bidder ere more damage ensues.

I have &ca.
Sd/- R. I. Richardson,
Collector.

Sooree,
the 31st December/1855.

(ii) Letters Received : 1855

No. 1615

From
The Secretary to the
Government of Bengal.
To
The Collector of Beerbhoom,
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 deeming it desirable in consequence of 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 Beerbhum

Sir,

In accordance with instructions received from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal I have the honour to forward under care of Comul Roy Chuprassie 2 Elephants for the use of the troops marching against the insurgent Santhals, and request the favor of your acknowledging their safe arrival and returning them when no longer required for service.

Given in Charge of the Chuprassie Vezt.	Sa Rs. 17	3	0
On account of wages of 2 Mahoots for 15 days . .	11	4	0
Do Khorakee of two Elephants for 4 days	5	15	0
Total Sa. Rs. .	17	3	0

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servant
Offg. Magistrate.

Zillah Hooghly
the 23rd July 1855

From
T. C. Loch Esqr.
Special Commissioner
To the Collector of Sooree.

Sir,

I have to request you will cause the Elephants cattle and coolies conveying the baggage of the Company of the 56th Rgt. N. I. despatched this day to Sooree, to return as quickly as possible, as they are required here.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Yr. most obedt. Servt.
T. C. Loch

Camp Raneegunge.
July 29th. 1855

No. 1786

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 Sontals.

2. General Lloyd has been directed by the supreme Government to proceed, in the first instance, to Rajmehal. 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 quoted instructions to General Lloyd, that the Military 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 charge 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 Beerbhoom and Bancoorah 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 Munglepore and yourself at Sooree will afford him every information and assistance: and he is requested to act in concert with Mr. Loch and yourself in carrying out the line of operations necessary to suppress the insurrection.

6. The Lieutenant Governor has only to add to the above instructions the expression of his earnest hope that you yourself 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 Beerbhoom and Bhaugulpore ; and some have already been sent up 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 especial 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 medicine 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 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 obdt. servnt.
Illegible
Offg. Commissioner

No. 15 Ct.
Camp Sooree 11th August 1855

From
The Offg. Commissioner of the Burdwan Division
To
The Magistrate of Beerbhoom
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. 225-1-0 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 enrolled by you—which sum you will kindly deduct from their salary for the 14th—31st July and repay that advance to the Collector or otherwise adjust it.

3. I return the list to you to beg to be favoured with a copy of it for record in my office.

I have &c.
/sd/ W. W. Elliott
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True Copy
Sd/
Magte

No. 13

To
The Offg. Commissioner of Burdwan on Special service
Soory

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 should also feel obliged by your furnishing me with a Role of the Elephants belongings to private individuals who are attached to the force and who are, with the sanction of Government, being fed by the Cannut Gomoshtas, detailing the names of the animals, the parties to whom they belong, & the quantity of food authorized for each in order that I may submit the same to the Presidency Ex. office.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedt. Servant
J. S. (Illegible)

Camp Raneegunge
Court Office
Augt. 14th 1855

Camp Mullahpore,
August 15th 1855.

Sir,
I have the honor to forward to you the enclosed accounts being a list 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
Your most obdt. Servant,
Charles. Guad. Eusiqa
Comdg. Detacht. 56th W. I. Mullahpore

I. W. Elliott Esqr
Commisr. of Burdwan
Sooree

No. 53.

From
The Commissioner of the Nuddea Dt.
on special Deputation
To
The Magistrate of
Bhaugulpore
Dated Bhaugulpore 15th August 1855

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 Sonthal 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.

Name	Father's Name	Age	Place of residence	Whether he admits having been engaged in any act of rebellion if so the particulars	Remarks

3d. To all who tender their submission a certificate in the accompanying form should be given and the accompanying Mochoolka should be signed by them.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obdt. Servant
Sd/- A. C. Bidwell
Commsr. on Special Deputation

Proclamation.

In as much as it appears that amongst the Sontals, who have risen in rebellion against the Government, plundering and devastating the Country and opposing the Troops, there are many who see the folly and iniquity of their proceedings, & are desirous of being pardoned and resuming their former quiet life, notice is hereby given that the Government ever anxious for the welfare of its subjects, though led away by counsels of bad men, will freely pardon all Sontals who may within 10 days appear before any constituted authority (Hakim) and

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 Sontals 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

/Sd/ A C Bidwell
Special Commissioner
/True Copy/
/Sd/ A C Bidwell
Special Commissioner
/True Copy/
/Sd/ W Grey
Secretary to the Govt of Bengal
/True Copy/
Harington Balfour
Asst 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 Magistrate of Bhaugulpore a copy of document which had been forwarded to that officer by the Santhals, A translation of this 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 Hindee and Bengallee languages, that the Government will freely pardon all who may tender a speedy submission except those who shall be proved to have been the principal instigators and leaders of the insurrection, and those who shall be proved to have been principally concerned in the perpetration of any murder They shall be warned at the same time that against all who continue to offer resistance prompt and severe measures will be unhesitatingly adopted, while on the other hand, that as soon as complete submission is shown to the authority of Government, you will be prepared to receive and carefully enquire into all well grounded complaints which they may have to prefer

5th The Lieutenant Governor has observed in several of the reports public and private, that have come before him since the troops have been in the field, mention of Santhal—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 Bugnadihee, the chief position of the leading Santhals near Burhait, 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 overstep yourself 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

(True Extract)
/True copies/
(Sigd A C Bidwell)
Comr on Spl Deputation

No 64

From
The Spl Commissioner for the
suppression of the Santhal Insurrection
To
T C Loch Esqr
Commissioner
Raneegunge
Dated, Bhugulpoor 17th August 1855

Sir,
I have the honor to annex Copy of the letters noted in the Margin* which have been issued 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—

* Magtes of Bhagulpoor & Moorshidabad No 53 dt 15th Augt with enclosures—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
Sd/- 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

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant
W Grey
Sect to the Govt of Bengal

From
T C Loch Esqr, Special Comr
To
The Collector of Beerbhoom
Sooree August 19th 1855

Sir,
As it is necessary that huts should be prepared for the shelter of about 500 Sepoys I have the honour to request that you will immediately take measures for collecting the requisite materials

2 Brigadier Bird considers the site South of the Jail near the Eed Ghur the most elligible, that is to the left of the Poomidapore road going hence, as the open space to the right will form an excellent Parade Ground—

3 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

4 The services of the prisoners and the Exe Officers will of course be available—

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
Sir,
Yr Obt Servt
T C Loch
Special Comr

P S I authorise 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

No. 80

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.
/Sd/ A. C. Bidwell
Spl. Commissioner

No. 86

To
A. C. Bidwell Esquire
Special Commissioner
Bhaugulpore

Sir,

In order that there may be no difficulty in the settlement of accounts of provisions issued to Troops in the santal districts, 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 churrundars pay and all contingencies, in short to charge so as to cover all expenses whatsoever incurred in the transactions or else to take receipts, indents and no payment from commanding officers for quantities 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
Dholl	@	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
Commt. Office
18th August 1855.

I have &c.
/Sd/ R.W. Macpherson
W. A. C. G.

True Copy
Sd./ A. C. Bidwell
Special Commr.

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.
sd./ A. C. Bidwell
Spl. Comr.

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 consent to 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 I think 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 mensem for Elephants above 7 feet in height, and Rs. 24 for those under that standard.

Note—You will of course made 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 simplest 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 detachment at the above rate with a particular request that he will pay the Mahouts wages and disburse the rest in food and for the Elephants seeing personnally 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 compensation for the use of it, in addition to the above the Magistrate 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 bear all the expences of 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 pointed out for Elephants not the property of Government only sending the bill for the expence 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 if practicable, remain attached to the detachment of the 7th N. I. Under the Command of Capt. Birch with whom indeed most of them will already be found.

9th I have communicated with Mr. Brown and he informed me that he would make over to you the whole of the Elephants in his charge, whether lent by Zemindars of the Bhaugalpore or neighbouring Districts, and would provide for the liquidation of all charges on account of such of them as have been employed in Bhaugalpore 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.
Sd./ A. C. Bidwell
Spl. Comr.

True Copy
Sd/- A. C. Bidwell
Spl. Comr.

/True Copies/
M. Richardson
Offg. Commg.

No. 102

Commr's Office Burdwan Dn.
Burdwan The 23rd August 1855.

To
The Offg. Collector of Beerbhoom.
Sir,

I have directed the Magistrate of Burdwan and Joint Magistrate of Bankoora to remit to you the salaries of the six sowars named in the margin who are stationed

1. Chel Alee Khan
2. Meer Mazfer Khan
3. Emamjuma Khan
4. Asuk Meer Khan
5. Meer Ahur Alee
6. Sheekh Tofozzul Hossen

at Sooree; and beg that you will see to its payment to them after deducting an advance of 10 Rupees each made by me to the 4 first sowars, 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 obedt. Servant
J. M. Elliott
Offg. Commr.....

No. 103.

Commr's Office Burdwan Division
Burdwan, The 28th August 1855

To
The Officiating Collector of Beerbhoom.
Sir,

Judicial—I have unfortunately mislaid, till to day, your letter of the 14th instant No. 110, but, as I have addressed you privately on its subject, the delay will not have caused any detriment to the Public service.

2. During my residence at Sooree, all I heard from you and saw of your management of supplies for the Troops convinced me of the propriety of the course you have adopted in obtaining Provisions from Cutwa by advances from the Public Treasury, realisable on the sale of the supplies, and I can but repeat, what I told you verbally, that I approved of your plan; indeed I myself got some supplies from Jamooa Kandee through the Collector of Moorshedabad, and felt sure that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will relieve you of all responsibility in the matter.

3. As to *Ata* you *could not* 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, though 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, on which the Sooree shop keepers might have demanded famine prices. And, should it be objected that the Regiment aught to be supplied by its own Moodies, I can bear you 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 50/- Total 140 Rupees; or about 2 days supply of provision to be brought from a distance of 4 day's 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 some what short of your Expenditure; and I think you should, as soon as possible after the close of each month, send me an exact Debit 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. Comr. 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 purpose laying between this place and Sooree should be so arranged as to leave here every evening.

R. Richardson Esqr.
Officiating Collector
acting under orders of
Special Commissioner
Sooree

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
.....Captn.
Comdg. Detacht. 56th Regt. N.S.

To
The Collector of Beerbhoom
Raneegunge 5th Sept. 1855
Sir,

I have 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 Jt. registering their names and acting as per instructions which accompany. The forms of mochulkas and certificates 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 obdt. servant,
J. R. Wanes
On spl. duty.

Camp Deoghur, 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.Quarters Dinapore Dn. 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 Commr. of Bhaugulpore 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 sent 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 wth Elephants—

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*42ND. N (Lt)
INFANTRY

1. Lieutenant, 1. Subadar, 1. Jemadar, 6, Havildars, 6. Naiks, 2. Buglers, 94. Sepoys, 1. Lascar, 1. Bheestee.

HILL RANGERS

1 Lieut., 1. Subadar, 1. Jemadar, 3. Havildars, 5. Naiks, 2. Drummers, 97. Sepoys, 1. Lascar, 1. Bheestee, 1. Nat: Doctor.

I have &c.
H. W. B. Gordon Ltt.
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—

Deoghur
21st Augt. 1855

H. Andrew Bechon Capt.
Offg. A. A. Genl. Dinapore

(True copy)
W. V. Tucker
Magistrate.

True Extract
H. W. B. Gordon Lt.
Comdg. detachment at Deoghur

To
The Collector of Sooree.
Raneegunge the 9th Septr. 1855.

Sir,
I have to thank you for your demi official reports of 6th and 7th Instants which reached me this morning—

2nd. There can be no doubt that the Doomkah 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 Rajbond Polassee I am inclined to think the Santhals there are not now, whatever they may have been before, peacably 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 Rajbond 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 thereon better than I can but I would on no account harrass the troops unless satisfied of the emergency of the case.

4. The Burkundauges may be sufficient at Mohamed Bazaur—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 Harmah 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, he 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,
Sir,
Your Most Obdt. servant
J. R. Ward
Commissioner on special duty

No. 2333

From
The Secretary to the
Government of Bengal.

To
R. J. Richardson Esqre.
Collector of Beerbhoom

Dated Fort William, the 10th September 1855

Judicial
Sir,
Judicial—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 Sonthal inhabitants—This method of furnishing information the Lieutenant Governor thinks is very convenient and you are requested to continue it.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant,
W. Grey.
Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 155.

Camp Soory 12th Septr/55.

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 reenforce the party of Irregular now at Mahomed Bazar.—

I have further to request that in case of your having any reliable information of there being a gathering of armed Sonthals 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
Sir,
Your most obedt. servt.

To
R. Richardson Esqr.
Collector
Soory

Geo Burney Lt. Colonel
Commanding 56th Regiment NI

No. 80
Camp Raneegunge 10th Sept. 1855.

Sir,

In consequence of a Communication received yesterday from R. Richardson Esqr. at Sooree reporting the assemblage of Sonthals 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 circumstance and to request—you will not fail to employ the Troops at your disposal should you consider the men under sergeant Gillin 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 Sonthals, 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 &c.
/Sd/ B. Parrott Captain
Major of Brigade

To
Major Nembhard
Commending at
Soori

/True copy/
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. Gillen 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 Medecines yesterday got to Mohamid Bazar.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt servt.
K. M. Scott
Surgeon
56th Regt. N.I.
Camp Sooree.

To
R. I. Richardson Esqr.
Collector
Beerbhoom.

No. 2423

From
The Secretary to the
Government of Bengal

To
R. E. Richardson Esqr.
Collector of Beerbhoom

Dated Fort William, 17th Septr. 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 Santals—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 Bird and Mr. Ward, it is better, the Lieutt. Governor thinks, that you should refrain from addressing any direct requisitions to the Military Officers in the Beerbhoom District.—This will not of course prevent you from assisting the Military with the advice and information which your local position and knowledge enable you to give, in case the Officer in Chief Command in your neighbourhood has a discretionary authority from Brigadier Bird to act offensively without previous reference to him, and should himself consider it desirable to do so.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
W. Grey.
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

EXTRACT from a letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal to the Offg. Commissioner of Circuit for the Division of Burdwan, No. 1965 Dated 11th August 1855.

2. "The Lieutenant Governor will "recommend for the sanction of the Government of "India the Burkundauge Establishment alluded "to in the 2nd Paragraph of your letter and specified on the Margin and also the temporary Establishment of the two Pharees "mentioned in paragraph 7"

	per month.
One Sergeant in command .	Rs. 150
"One Jemadar	„ 15
"Three Duffadars 10/- .	„ 30
"66 Burkundazes at 8/- . .	„ 528
Total Rupees	723

(True Extract)
Neelmoney Bysack
Assistant to Commissioner

At Doobrajpoor & Nagger—				
2	Mohurrers at 15 each .	30	0	0
12	Burkindages 4 each .	48	0	0
Rupees .		78	0	0

No. 2508.

26' Sept./55.

From
The Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal

To
J. R. Ward Esquire
on special Duty at
Raneegunge.

Dated Fort William the 21st September 1855,

Sir,

Judicial—With reference to the Extract from Mr. Richardson's Diary of the 19th Instant copied on the *margin*. I am directed to observe that, if the *Manjees* 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.

* Registration is being carried on by me of the Manjies tendered their submission this morning

I have & co.
Sd/- W. Grey
Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

Copy forwarded to Mr. Richardson for his information and guidance.

Raneegunge
23 Sept./55.

J. R. Ward
Commr. on Special Duty.

To
The Collector of Sooree,
Raneegunge the 24th September,/55

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Government have sanctioned the entertainment of the force under Sergeant Gillon from 16th July at the rates and of the force noted in the margin*—

2nd. You will greatly oblige me by adjusting the account accordingly—entering the sum total of salarlies in the credit side as advances from your Collectorate and in the debit sheet as "salaries paid to Sargeant Gillon's force as sanctioned by Govt. order No. 2375 of 13th September/55

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt. servant.
J. R. Wards
Commissioner on special Duty

*1	Sergeant	150	0	0
1	Jemadar	15	0	0
3	Daffadars @ 10 Rs. each .	30	0	0
66	Burkundauges @ 8 Rs. .	528	0	0
	Total .	723	0	0

No 134

Commer's Office Burdwan Dn
Burdwan the 27th September 1855

To
The Offg Collector of Beerbhoom

Sir,

During my recent deputation to Beerbhoom, I drew upon your Treasury for 3 sums of 1 000/500/ and 250 Rs Total seventeen hundred and fifty

2 The first of those sums was for Major Nembhard, commanding the 56 N I an advance required by him for the current expenses of his Regiment, for which he is accountable to the Military Department I obtained the cash from John Erskine Esqr at Ilambazar and gave him an order upon you for the amount Colonel Burney informs me he has paid that sum into your hands to my credit of which I beg you to certify me

3 The second was for the Magistrate and will be accounted for by him

4 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 you

5 I beg also to be favoured with a receipt for 500/- when you shall have received that 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 Instt, and in reply to state that the Lieutt Governor approves of your having indented 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 Serjeant Gillens to 100 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 Serjeants 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 Serjeant Gillens is understood to be as noted in the margin *

2 In reference to the accounts received by you of the doings at Operbundh, the Lieutt Governor requests that you will submit a detailed and separate report regarding them

3 A copy of these orders will be furnished 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 herein to procure

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt, servant
A W Russell
Under Secy to the Govt of Bengal

* 1 Jamadar, 3 Duffadars, 66 Burkundazes

No 14

Camp Soory 29th Sept /55

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter No 252 of this day's date, giving cover to a demi 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 200 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 Halliday consisting of about 160 bayonets 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 obedt servt
Geo Burney Lt Colonel
In tempy Comd of Bancorah and Beerbhoom districts

To
R Richardson Esqr
Collector of
Sooree

No 2667

From
The Under Secretary to the
Government of Bengal

To
R I Richardson Esquire
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 intimation therein contained of the public spirit evinced by Baboo Bepachurn Chuckerbutty in raising a force at his own expense from among his dependants to aid the Military in the suppression of the Sonthal Insurrection to inform you that the Lieutenant Governor would be glad to hear more of the circumstances

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt servant,
A W Russell
Under secy to the Govt of Bengal

No. 2677

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 "Bildars" 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.

No. 2685

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 latter from this office No. 2635 of the 28th ultimo, I am directed to request that before taking steps to engage the aditional Burkundazes 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 obedt. servant,
W. Grey
Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 44.

From
The Special Commissioner for the
Suppression of the Sontal Insurrection.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal
Fort William

Dated Bhaugulpore, 26'Septer. 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 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 mere 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 bears 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 Manjees 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 Pergunnaits who are placed above 30 or 40 Manjees stand alone. There are no Pergunnaits by name only. But the submission of even a Pergunnait should I think be received, and protection conditionally granted for there are many Pergunnaits 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
Spel. Commissioner
No. 2701.

Copy forwarded for the information of Mr. R. I. Richardson Collector of Beerbhoom.

By Order of the Lieutt.
Governor of Bengal.
A. W. Russell
Under Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal

Fort William
The 3rd Octr. 1855