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No. 83. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd September 1864.

Read Settlement Reports for Fusly 1273 of the Collector and Acting Sub-Collector of Tanjore, dated 14th September and 25th July 1864.

Ordered that paragraphs 20 and 21 of the Collector's Report and paragraph 15 of the Sub-Collector's be submitted for the consideration of Government, Public Works Department.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fusly 1273 of the Acting Sub-Collector of Tanjore, dated 25th July 1864, No. 141.

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15. The increase under this head (Remissions) is no doubt owing in some measure to the adverse character of the season, but in the south-eastern portion of the District, where most of the land for which remission was granted is situated, the principal cause of this falling off is the dreadful state of the various irrigation and drainage channels, especially in the Maganams of Kilaigur and Palakurichi, the Mirasdars in these Maganams are very heavy sufferers, and each year matters grow worse. I am told that every Engineer who has been in this part of the District for the last four years, has had under his consideration various plans for repairing and renewing those works of irrigation which exist, and for cutting new channels where they may be wanted; but alas! the plans have never got further than consideration; this year more than Rupees 20,000 remission was asked for in these two Maganams, and a considerable amount was granted. Now this might be entirely obviated if the channels were kept in proper order, and not only would the necessity for yearly remission cease, but a considerable amount of extra cultivation would be the immediate result of the moderate outlay required. The Tahsildar has, in consultation with the Mirasdars, made a full report of the various measures which should be taken to remedy the existing state of things. This report will be furnished separately. I trust that there may be no impediment to carrying out some at least of these improvements, as I am confident that they will be to the advantage alike of Government and the people.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fusly 1273 of the Collector of Tanjore, dated 14th September 1864, No. 305.

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20. In my Administration Report for the past official year I took occasion to bring the state of the Kaveri under the prominent notice of the Board. The settlement of the two Táluqs of Mayaveram and Shealli has been, in the year under report, conducted by myself, and it was not without much concern that I found the condition of these Táluqs so seriously deteriorated and so different from what it used to be even within my own recollection. The Mayaveram Táluq in particular has always been known as a remarkably well irrigated Táluq, and its Kists used to be collected within each month to a Rupee. Now, however, the collections of revenue in this Táluq is a matter of great difficulty, and year by year it becomes necessary to make larger remissions It is to be observed however that, as I have already stated, the amount of remissions granted does not by any means represent the extent of loss actually sustained by the Mirassidars, as by the very stringent rules which are enforced in this matter, the remissions are reduced to the lowest possible minimum, and further, these where they are allowed, are restricted to actual waste and Shavi, and do not include cases of short produce, and which from my own personal observation I have no hesitation in saying have been the rule rather than the exception in both the Táluqs of Mayaveram an Shealli. Indeed, it is my confirmed belief that were it not for the fact that the assessment as originally fixed in grain is commuted into a money payment at a rate

which bears a per-centage of only 40 to current selling prices, by far the greater portion of the cultivation dependent on the lower part of the Kaveri would have been abandoned. The state of this river has latterly been the source of great anxiety to me, and year by year its bed is being gradually silted up. If prompt and vigorous measures be not adopted for remedying this evil I have not a doubt but that it will tell even more seriously than it has already done on the interests of Government, and far more on those of the people of this fine part of the District.

21. The Sub-Collector in his Settlement Report (paragraph 15, to which I would beg to call the special attention of the Board) very forcibly points out the indifferent state of the channels of irrigation and drainage in the south-eastern part of the District, so far as they are situated within his range, and while expressing my full concurrence in all that Mr. Plumer says, I would only add that his remarks apply with equal force to the Táluq of Tuntarapumdi. The only efficient and proper remedy for this state of things is, in my judgment, the placing of the executive of all minor works of irrigation under the charge of the Revenue Officers, the Officers most vitally interested in their maintenance and preservation; this is I see being done in Mysore and elsewhere and with good results, and I cannot conceive what objection there can exist to its re-introduction into this District, where it formerly universally obtained and to the satisfaction and advantage both of Government and the people.

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(A True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1864, No. 2,884.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, with reference to the Orders marginally noted.

No. 2,712, dated 17th September 1864.

2. Adverting to the latter part of the extract from the Settlement Report of the Acting Sub-Collector, the Government request that the "full report," stated to have been made by the Tahsildar, may be submitted to them, on its receipt by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fasly 1273 of the Acting Sub Collector of Tanjore dated 25th July 1864 No 141

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Secretary

Entered in the Proceedings of the Board, & Sent to the Govt. Secy. & Govt. A. No. dated 25 Sept. 1864.—

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Extract from the Settlement Report for F.S. 1273 of the Ketting Taluk Collr. of Tanjore dated 25th July 1864 — No 141. —

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fasly 1273 of the Collector of Tanjore — dated 14th September 1864 No 305

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Chadwick
Secretary

Enclosures in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Deputy Secretary to Govt. P.W.D. dated 22nd Sept 1864

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Extracts from the Settlement Report for Fusly 1273 of the Collector of Tanjore dated 14th Septr 1864 N°305—

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 22nd September 1864.

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To
Major J.H. Mc. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Deputy Secretary to Government
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