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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th February 1868.*

Read again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th June 1867, No. 3,472, recorded in G. O., 21st idem, No. 1,382.

No. 95. Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th January 1868, No. 428 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatterpore, 22nd November 1867, No. 3,608.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge Board's Proceedings, No. 3,947, dated 26th June, ultimo, forwarding copy of the Revenue Department, No. 1,382, dated 21st June 1867. Government Order marginally noted, wherein the Government desire to be informed what method is now adopted in the Ryotwari talooks of Ganjam for assessing the Government demand on the land.

2. The three Ryotwari talooks of the district are composed, I find, of (a) three ancient Zemindaries, two of them forfeited for rebellion, and the third bought in at a sale for arrears of revenue; (b) several modern proprietary estates, formed out of the Havelly in 1803, and since brought to the hammer; and (c) two Havelly estates, which, some how or other, were never permanently assessed.

3. In the two Government talooks, which have never passed under the Zemindary system, we used for many years to take, in irrigated lands, from two-thirds to one-half of the gross produce *in kind*; and in unirrigated lands, the old customary money assessment, on whatever principles that was fixed, and of which nobody now can trace the origin. These receipts in kind being found troublesome, resort was had to the renting system, or, if the ryots of any particular village agreed to it, to the Joint-rent system; the commutation being calculated on the average payments in, and prices of, paddy for a series of years. Subsequently this system, too, was discarded in favor of individual liability. After a little preliminary skirmishing between them and the Tahsildar, the ryots were told that the Government demand for the year on their village would be so much, the amount being computed upon a consideration of four or five past seasons and the prospects for the current one; and the Curnum prepared a *Viliya Zabitah*, or Distributive List, shewing the extent of each ryot's holding, and the amount of shist he should pay. In course of time, in lieu of this yearly arrangement, the ryot got his present Puttah, under which his assessment is never changed, except so far as he chooses to throw up a portion of his land, or engage for a fresh land. This final arrangement was effected in 1855-56.

4. The history of the forfeited and sold up Zemindaries and Proprietary estates is nearly the same as the above; except that the first of the foregoing processes was generally pretermitted, and the renting system introduced at once.

5. At one time there was a small *Pymash* Establishment, which pottered about for ten or twelve years ending with 1850. Portions of the Berhampore and Chica-cole talooks were measured in this way, and the excess that was discovered was brought to account.

6. Land newly taken up is assessed in the usual way, viz., by a reference to the rates paid on adjoining tenements.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th February 1868.*

Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, dated 21st June 1867, No. 1,382.

No. 96. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1868, No. 324.

Miscellaneous.

Under the circumstances stated by the Collector, the Government are of opinion that the commutation of Temple money allowances for grants of land or assignments of land revenue, must be deferred until the survey and revision of the assessment of the Ryotwari talooks of the Ganjam District are completed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Read at a meeting of the Board of Revenue
Approved and recorded in the Board of Revenue
in the following manner*

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*L.H.
5th Feb/68.*

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