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Read the following papers:—

No. 344. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th July 1873, No. 1,446.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 1st July 1873, No. 396 H.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings, Board of Revenue, No. 1,069, of the 20th ultimo, I have the honour to request that the remissions and deductions may be divided for districts under the two classes, remissions due to excess or failure of water, and remissions and deductions Miscellaneous or unconnected with the water-supply. The former require to be looked into, and the necessity for them, if possible, removed; apparently the first four or five items shown in the margin of the Board's Proceedings, and amounting to Rupees 3,93,663 or 4,23,137, alone belong to this class.

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Neilgherries... ...	...	...
Salem	2,170	10,279
South Canara ...	...	...
Malabar	...	...
Total...	1,38,019	6,11,061

A statement showing the remissions and deductions, divided for districts under the two classes, remissions due to excess or failure of water, and deductions and remissions unconnected with the water-supply, is herewith forwarded. The remissions shown in the statement are those granted on cultivated lands, and besides these there are remissions, amounting to Rupees 6,11,061,* granted on entire fields of wet lands left waste for excess or failure of water.

2. The revenue due to irrigation shown in column 17 of the Statement forwarded with the Board's Proceedings, dated 17th April 1873, No. 589, is exclusive of the remissions (Rupees 6,11,061) above indicated.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Secretary.

Statement showing the amount of Remissions and Deductions due to excess or failure of water and to other Miscellaneous causes unconnected with the water-supply in each District for Fasli 1281.

Districts.	Remissions and Deductions from the Assessment of Nunjah or wet lands.			Remarks.
	Remission and Deduction on account of excess or failure of water.	Miscellaneous Remissions and Deductions unconnected with water-supply.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1. Ganjam ...	87,923	794	88,717	
2. Vizagapatam ...	55,714	248	55,962	Column 2 includes remissions on account of Scanty Danger or partial failure of Kistwar years, Short or wholesale Failure of inferior produce, Population on land injured by water, Unhealthy or land flooded, and Land Cultivated on second crop not cultivated.
3. Godavery ...	20,601	16,214	36,815	
4. Kistna ...	11,564	16,583	28,147	
5. Nellore ...	2,000	14,720	16,720	
6. Cuddapah ...	12,255	18,530	30,785	
7. Bellary ...	865	3,506	4,371	
8. Kurnool ...	2,626	10,967	13,593	
9. Chingleput ...	7,347	22,788	30,135	
10. North Arcot ...	2,278	91,491	93,769	
11. South Arcot ...	4,048	1,32,267	1,36,315	
12. Tanjore	6,649	2,45,522	2,51,171	
13. Trichinopoly ...	13,163	81,107	94,270	
14. Madura... ...	19,214	12,373	31,587	
15. Tinnevelly ...	1,78,821	68,411	2,47,232	
16. Coimbatore ...	88,926	84,304	73,230	
17. Neilgherries ...	...	...	...	
18. Salem	1,771	33,776	35,547	
19. South Canara ...	...	...	...	
20. Malabar... ...	3,020	1,498	4,518	
Total ..	4,69,115	8,01,879	12,73,994	

No. 336.

No. 344A. *Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

In paragraph 1 of my Note, No. 397 B., dated 2nd ultimo, submitting to Government a Revenue Statement for the whole Presidency for 1871-72, it was intimated that the Board of Revenue had been asked to furnish particulars of the remissions of revenue shown in that return, distinguishing between those due to excess or failure of water, and those appertaining to other causes. The Board's Proceedings now received show that of the remissions in all districts, amounting to Rupees 12,73,994, exhibited in column 18 of the above Statement, Rupees 4,69,115 are due to excess or failure of water, and the information thus given may with advantage be communicated to District Engineers, who should obtain from the Local Revenue Officers such further details as may be necessary, and then ascertain in each case what can be done to reduce or do away with remissions on this account, in the future.

2. The Board likewise bring to notice that, besides the remissions on cultivated lands above referred to, there were other remissions, amounting to Rupees 6,11,061, on entire fields of wet lands left waste for excess or failure of water. It is not explained what the circumstances of these remissions are, and probably they are chiefly the unrealized assessment of lands which have been seldom, if ever, cultivated, such as lands included in the Ayacut of tanks but for which no water supply is available, lands in the beds of tanks which in fairly favourable seasons are submerged and cannot be cultivated, etc. However District Engineers will be able to find out the particulars, and their attention should be given to devising measures for ensuring the means of irrigation to all lands which are classed as wet, and for which, by the improvement of the sources of supply or the means of storage, it may be practicable at a reasonable cost to provide water.

3. It would seem to be advisable in cases in which it is found that water cannot be made available, to reclassify the lands by transferring them from wet to dry.

4. The annual Revenue Report of the Irrigation Department, which has been called for by the Government of India, will be the proper place for reviewing year by year the extent and causes of remissions of Irrigation Revenue, and for bringing to notice how far these causes can be removed.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Camp Cunnuthoocuddavoo,
22nd August 1873.

No. 345. Order thereon, 22nd September 1873, No. 2,344.

IRRIGATION, No. 25.

Ordered that these papers be communicated to all District Engineers, who will obtain from Collectors the details of remissions of revenue due to excess or failure of water, and then ascertain what can be done to render such remissions unnecessary. It is observed that of the remissions in all districts, shown in the Statement enclosed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,446, of the 30th July last, and amounting to Rupees 4,69,115, those granted in Tinnevelly were no less than Rupees 1,78,821. Again, the particulars of remissions on uncultivated land, given in the margin of the Board's Proceedings just referred to, and amounting to Rupees 6,11,061, show that about one-fifth were allowed in Tinnevelly, and rather more than one-sixth in Cuddapah; the District Engineers concerned should therefore, in communication with the Collectors of those districts, give this subject early and careful attention.

2. The Government consider that it is very desirable that nominal remissions of revenue which is not likely to be earned, should cease to appear in the accounts, and the attention of the Revenue Department will therefore be called to the remarks contained in paragraph 3 of the Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. It may also be noticed that, in many cases, were land, which cannot be irrigated, classed as dry instead of wet, it would be cultivated, and the dry assessment realized.

3. These Proceedings will be communicated to the Board of Revenue in the Revenue Department with a view to Collectors being instructed to communicate

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22nd September 1873.

deals with the officers concerned in order to advance the inquiry and remedy desired by Government.

3. Ordered also that these Proceedings be communicated to the Government of India in continuation of those of the 21st August 1873, No. 2,080.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

No. 2445. (Docket No. 2,445, dated 22nd September 1873.)

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

J Grose

Secretary.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with one Statement.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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Board of Revenue

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PROCEEDINGS, 30TH JULY 1873, No. 1,446.

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Camp Cannanthoo
and Davis
22 August 1878.

Volunteers Engineers.

Chief Engr for Irrigation

To the Secretary to Govt NWP

Public Works Department.

No 23654

Proceedings of the Bombay Government

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