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No. 28. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 27th August 1857, No. 2362.

Read letter from the Collector of Chingleput, dated *In Consultation 27th August 1857.* 23d July 1857.*

(Here enter No. 213.)

Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted to Government, with reference to the Extract Minutes Consultation of Government under date the 27th November 1856.

2. In their Proceedings of the 9th September 1856, the Board expressed their opinion that there was no urgent necessity for a change in the assessment of the garden lands of the Chingleput District, and no advantage in anticipating the General Revenue Survey and the revision of the assessment of his District, which the Collector had been instructed to consider.

3. The statement now furnished by the Collector does not materially affect this opinion of the want of importance of a change, which was founded on the small extent of the garden land, and the considerable proportion of waste borne under the most moderate rate of assessment. Nevertheless the further information now supplied leads the Board to think that some advantage might be derived as in other Districts from reducing the very highest assessments; namely those above 7 Rupees per cawny to that amount. It is desirable that the tax in no instance should be reduced so low as to need raising at the general survey, and adverting to the description of these lands given in the letters received from the Collectors in regard to them, the Board deem it most improbable that any will be rated at more than 7 Rupees the cawny. No inconvenience at the survey is therefore likely to be felt from fixing this as the maximum rate, while inspection of the statement leads to an expectation that a reduction of the higher rates might be productive of an increase of cultivation. In para. 6 of his letter of the 25th April 1856, the Collector calculates the sacrifice of revenue on the cultivated land which would be occasioned by this measure at 2,500 Rupees which it is probable may be more than recovered from the waste.

No. 1406, in Cons. 9th Sept. 1856.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, No. 1063; dated 17th October 1857.

Para. 1. In their Circular Order of the 31st August 1854, the Board of Revenue called on all Collectors to submit the views which they might entertain regarding a revision of the assessment on the lands of their respective Districts. On the 27th January 1855, Mr. Smollett, then Acting Collector of Chingleput, among other points recommended that the assessment on the garden lands of the Chingleput District should be reduced to that fixed on first class poonjah or dry land. Mr. Smollett observed that although much good land remained waste from other causes, he was not of opinion that a too high assessment caused any part of it to be left uncultivated.

2. In disposing of this communication, the Board of Revenue, in their proceedings of the 12th March 1855, required the Collector to furnish a statement shewing the first class poonjah rates in different talooks, together with his opinion as to the rate that should be imposed on garden land, in view to a uniform rate being fixed.

3. Mr. Shubrick, who succeeded Mr. Smollett in the Chingleput Collectorate as Acting Collector, replied to this requisition on the 3rd July 1855. He represented that the tax on garden lands varied from 3¼ Rupees to 21 Rupees a Cawny, the average being Rupees 7-3, and that the highest of the first class poonjah rates, which vary greatly in different parts of the District, was Rupees 7-14 a cawny, the rates in the majority of villages being however below 3¼ Rupees. The Acting Collector recommended a uniform assessment of Rupees 3½ a Cawny for all garden lands. He represented that only one third of the garden Ayacut was cultivated, the average assessment on the whole being Rupees 7-3, and on the proportion under cultivation Rupees 6-9 a Cawny.

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 20th October 1857.

7. The Board advert to the opinion previously expressed by them in their proceedings of the 9th September 1856, "that there was no urgent necessity for a change in the assessment of the garden lands of the Chingleput district," and say that the Statements furnished by the Collector, the particulars of which have been quoted above, do not materially affect that opinion, which, they add, was founded "on the small extent of the garden land, and the considerable proportion of waste borne under the most moderate rate of assessment;" nevertheless, they think that some advantage might be derived from reducing the highest assessments, and they recommend that all rates above 7 Rupees a Cawny be reduced to that rate. They quote the Collector's estimate of Rupees 2,500 as the probable sacrifice of revenue by this measure, and anticipate that the loss will be recovered by cultivation of the waste. The Board confine their recommendation to the rates above 7 Rupees, on the ground that it is inexpedient to lower the assessment to such an extent as may render it necessary to raise it at the survey.

8. Although the Government are not satisfied that there will be any considerable increase of cultivation from the proposed measure, yet viewing it as one affording relief to the ryots, and as tending to bring the garden rates in Chingleput more nearly in accordance with those of the neighbouring and adjoining Districts, they are pleased to approve and sanction the Board's proposal, and they request that the Collector of Chingleput be instructed to take immediate measures for reducing the assessment of the garden lands of his District exceeding 7 Rupees to that rate, and to proclaim the indulgence to the inhabitants, to enable them to avail themselves of it and extend the cultivation of this description of land.

9. The Government cannot gather from the papers before them the principle on which the loss by a reduction of assessment on garden lands is calculated at Rupees 2,500. Taking the extent at present under cultivation, and computing the whole of it even at the highest rate in each class, minus the rate now proposed, the sacrifice of revenue, it appears to them, would be within 2,000 Rupees, and as all the land in each class is not assessed at the highest rate in that class, the loss of revenue in reality will fall greatly short of that estimated by the Collector. To put the matter beyond doubt, the Board will require the Collector to state in his settlement report, the actual sacrifice of revenue by the measure now sanctioned, and the increase of cultivation, if any, that may have resulted from it.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Assessment of garden lands in South Arcot Rupees 5-4-8 an acre.
Nellore, " 8 do.
North Arcot " 7-9 do.

Present rates per cawney.	Extent.	Assessment.	Per cent.	Assessment proposed.	Per cent.
	Cawnies.	Rupees.		Rupees.	
Above 17½ Rs.	7	10	17½	105	
14 to 17 "	7	10	7½	175	
11 to 14 "	7	7	47	8394	
7 to 10½ "	7	5¼	378	1,225	
Utmost deficiency ...				1,90,54	

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 20th October 1857.

4. In submitting the annexed statement of the Assessment of the garden lands of the Chingleput District, the Board's attention is drawn to the proportion of waste land borne under the most moderate rates of assessment, and to the considerable extent of garden land assessed at the highest rates. The Board, as before, recommend that all rates above 7 Rupees a Cawny be reduced to that rate, and they anticipate that the loss will be recovered by cultivation of the waste. The Board confine their recommendation to the rates above 7 Rupees, on the ground that it is inexpedient to lower the assessment to such an extent as may render it necessary to raise it at the survey.

5. Although the Government are not satisfied that there will be any considerable increase of cultivation from the proposed measure, yet viewing it as one affording relief to the ryots, and as tending to bring the garden rates in Chingleput more nearly in accordance with those of the neighbouring and adjoining Districts, they are pleased to approve and sanction the Board's proposal, and they request that the Collector of Chingleput be instructed to take immediate measures for reducing the assessment of the garden lands of his District exceeding 7 Rupees to that rate, and to proclaim the indulgence to the inhabitants, to enable them to avail themselves of it and extend the cultivation of this description of land.

6. The Collector's letter of the 23d July last and sixteen accompanying, received with the Board's proceedings recorded above, supply the required information. In these,

	Extent.	Assessment.	Per cent.
	Cawnies.	Rupees.	
The Ayacut is given at.....	6,003	27,103	100
The cultivated portion in fusly 1265	1,506	9,266	34¼
The portion waste in fusly 1265	4,497	17,739	65¾

Looking to the per centage of the cultivated and waste portions under each of the several rates as given in the margin, it appears that the proportion of waste to cultivated land is smallest in that most highly assessed, and that while the land most lightly assessed, viz. under 3½ Rupees a cawny, has waste in the proportion of 59½ per cent. to the Ayacut, the proportion in the most highly assessed land, viz. that above 17½ Rupees a cawny, is 56 per cent. In the intervening rates, the per centage of waste rises progressively from 62½ per cent. in the lower assessed lands to 88¼ per cent. in those of the higher rates between 14 and 17 Rupees a cawny.

Rates.	Per cent. of cultivation.	Per cent. of waste.	Extent.	Assessment.	Per cent.
			Cawnies.	Rupees.	
Above 17½ Rupees...	43 14 9	56 5 3	7	10	17½
14 to 17 " ...	11 2 2	88 13 9	7	10	7½
11 to 14 " ...	20 0 3	79 15 9	7	7	47
7 to 10½ " ...	35 15 8	64 6 2	7	5¼	378
3½ to 7 " ...	37 6 5	62 9 7			
under 3½ " ...	40 2 1	59 13 11			
Average ...	34 8 6	65 7 6			

Madras Public Consult.

No 2852

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23 August 1838.

Read a letter from the Collector of Chingleput dated 23 July 1838.

(Non Cadastral No 213)

Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted to Government with a reference to the Cadastral selection of Conathur in the Government Garden Taluk of the 29th November 1836.

2. In their Proceedings of the 29th November 1836 the Board expressed their opinion that there was no objection to receiving from a change in the assessment of the Cadastral Land of the Chingleput District and no objection to entertaining the General Revenue Survey and the resettlement of the Districts, instead of the Cadastral Survey and Assessment

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The Statement now furnished by the Collector does not materially affect this opinion of the want of importance of a change which was founded on the small extent of the Garden land, and the considerable proportion of such borne under the most moderate rate of assessment. Nevertheless the further information now supplied leads the Board to think that some advantage might be derived as in other Districts from reducing the very highest assessments namely those above 7 Rs per Cawny to that amount. It is desirable that the tax in no instance should be reduced to low rates rated at the General Survey, and according to the description of these lands given in the letter received from the Collector in regard to them, the Board deem it most improbable that any will be rated at more than 7 Rs the Cawny. No inconvenience of the Survey is therefore likely to be felt from fixing this as the maximum rate, while inspection of the Statement leads to an expectation that

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a reduction of the higher rates might be productive of an increase of Cultivation. In Para 6 of his letter of the 25 April 1856, the Collector calculates the sacrifice of revenue on the cultivated land which would be occasioned by this measure at 2500 Rs, which it is probable may be more than recovered from the Waste.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Secretary

To

H. Forbes Esqre

Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

Home

first left with these Registers, giving
a History of the Parishes afore-
mentioned in Kingsclere, and
his own Opinion on the Question,
and on the Reasonableness
of the Enactment called for—
as Statements of the Facts called
they comprised, of the Extent
of a Precedent, or Declaration, and
would Answer Objections—
Notice of Bill should intended
that it might be seen if
it were the Parish would
Register after most Inconve-
niently out of Collection.
And Notice would be
sufficient in the Letter from
the Collector elected the 28th of
July, Communicated with the Resolution
Proceedings of the Vestry thereon
and the Opinion of Mr Stephens
thereon Proceedings of Vestry
Counsel

suggested that the cases were not urgent, and that it would be better to leave matters as they are until the general change and reform should be considered and they do not consider that the Government would be embarrassed by the Collector exercising his discretion that officers recommended that all Petitions relative to Repeal of County be referred to their reports, and explaining the circumstances which induced the Collectors not collecting the Balances, which will be found to amount to very inconsiderable sums, and generally arising from

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Authorizing & requiring ye Sheriffe
of Yorkshire to cause ye Inhabitants
of ye Township of Sheffield to
make a Cart Bridge over ye River
Sheaf in ye said Township of Sheffield
Whereas Wee are informed by ye Inhabitants
of ye Township of Sheffield in ye County
of Yorke that ye Bridge over ye River
Sheaf in ye said Township of Sheffield
is soe ruinous & decayed that
it cannot be repaired but must be
wholly new built & that ye Inhabitants
of ye said Township are not able
to build a new Bridge there
without our Royall Assistance
Wee therefore out of our Princely
Care for ye Ease & Conveniency
of our Loving Subjects & for ye
Encouragement of Trade & Commerce
have thought fit hereby to Authorize
& require you to cause ye Inhabitants
of ye said Township of Sheffield
to make a Cart Bridge over ye
River Sheaf in ye said Township
of Sheffield aforesaid & to
cause ye same to be well &
sufficiently repaired & maintained
for ye future & for ye doing
thereof this shall be your
Warrant Given at ye Court
at Whitehall ye 10th day of
October 1683 in ye 35th yeare
of our Reigne

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