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Revenue Department

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 26th May 1857.

No. 32. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 8th May 1857, No. 1481.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Guntoor dated 31st March 1857,* furnishing information on certain points noticed by the Board in their review of the settlement of that district for Fusly 1265, 1855-56.

In Cons. 8th May 1857.

(Here enter No. 46.)

Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board dated 10th January 1857, No. 112, with the recommendation of the Board that the items as shewn in the margin, regarding which explanation is given by the Acting Collector in paras. 5 to 8 of his letter, may be given up.

Presents on Festivals.....	*Rupees*	74 0 0
Grain allowance to Curnums.	,,	166 3 3

2. With reference to para. 4, the Board observe that the Acting Collector is correct in supposing that a distinction of assessment in favor of Indigo was not intended by the suggestion of the Board in para. 15 of their Proceedings that the land under rain-fed tanks, badly supplied, should be assessed with reference to that supply. Such distinction would be opposed to the rules under which the assessment is now regulated. The present assessment of the lands under the tanks in question is so high as to render it impossible for the ryots to cultivate any portion of them, unless there is sufficient water for a crop of paddy, which only occurs occasionally. An assessment adapted to the condition of the supply, it was suggested, would enable the ryots to cultivate these lands in all seasons, with Indigo or any other product as might suit them. "As requiring less water than Paddy," Mr. Newill observes, "Indigo would certainly be a crop better adapted to the often scanty supplies of the rain-fed tanks;" but he fears that the ryots are not prepared to undertake the responsibility of the fluctuations of the supplies in different seasons, so as to admit of the withdrawal of the remissions for waste and short produce, which obtain under the present system, and the substitution of a comparatively lower assessment. The subject will however be borne in mind, and the Board await the result of the further consideration which it is to have. They would only observe that with an assessment fixed according to the capability of the tank, there can be no hardship in requiring that occupied land, though not cultivated, shall pay the regulated tax, as is now* done under the orders of Government 8th† September 1855, No. 1026, para. 14, in the case of unirrigated lands.

* *From Acting Collector 24th March* 1856, *No.* 41, *para.* 14.

† *In N. C. Dy. Cons. 3d April* 1856.

3. The other points noticed by the Acting Collector do not call for remark.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, No. 494; dated 25th May 1857.

The Board submit a letter from the Acting Collector of Guntoor, furnishing explanation on certain points noticed in their proceedings of the 10th January last, and recommend that the following items, amounting together to Rupees 240-3-3, may be discontinued.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Presents on Festivals.....	74	0	0
Grain allowance to Curnums....	166	3	3
	240	3	3

From the explanation furnished by the Acting Collector, it appears that these items are irregular demands, levied in addition to the fixed assessment; and the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is therefore pleased to sanction their relinquishment, as recommended by Mr. Newill and the Board.

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

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Revenue Department.

No 32 Read the Letter
from the
Extract from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue dated 8 May 1857.

Read letter from the acting
In Cons 8 May 1857. Collector of Guntoor dated 31 March 1857,
furnishing information on certain points
noticed by the Board in their review of
the Settlement of that District for Fasly 1265.
1855/56.

(Here Enter No 56)

Resolved that the foregoing
letter be submitted for the information of
the Right Honorable the Governor in
Council, with reference to the Proceedings
of the Board dated 6th January 1857, No 112,
with the recommendation of the Board
that the items as shewn in the margin,
regarding which explanation is given by the
acting Collector in paras 5 & 8 of his letter,
may be given up.

Rs Sents in Bs Astd Cs
No 56 —
Grain allowances & Carriage 3,166 3-3

2. With reference to para 4 the
Board observe that the acting Collector
is correct in supposing that a distinction
of assessment in favor of Indigo was not
intended

intended by the suggestion of the Board in para 15 of their Proceedings that the land under rain-fed Tanks badly supplied should be assessed with reference to that supply. Such distinction would be opposed to the rules under which the assessment is now regulated. The present assessment of the lands under the Tanks in question is so high as to render it impossible for the Ryots to cultivate any portion of them, unless there is sufficient water for a Crop of paddy, which only occurs occasionally. An assessment adapted to the condition of the supply, it was suggested, would enable the Ryots to cultivate these lands in all seasons, with Indigo or any other produce as might suit them- "As requiring less water than Paddy," Mr Neville observes, "Indigo would certainly be a Crop better adapted to the often scanty supplies of the rain-fed Tanks;" but he fears that the Ryots are not prepared to undertake the responsibility of the fluctuations of the supplies in different seasons, so as to admit of the withdrawal of the Remissions for waste and short produce, which obtain under the present system, and the substitution of a comparatively lower assessment. The subject will however be borne in mind, and the Board await the result of the further consideration which it is to have.

They would only observe that with an assessment fixed according to the capability of the Tank, there can be no hardship in requiring that occupied land, though not cultivated, shall pay the regulated tax, as is now done under the orders of Government* of 8th September 1855, No 1026, para 11, in the case of unirrigated lands.

3. The other points noticed by the acting Collector do not call for remark.

(A true Extract)

(Sd) J Pelly
ag Secretary

To
H. Forbes Esq.
ag Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

* Board's Proc. 7th March 1856, No 41, p. 11.

† G.O. 17th June 5th April 1856

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No. 494

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 25th May, 1857.

Read the following

Extract from the Proceedings

of the Board of Revenue.

/Here enter 5th May 1857 No 481/

The Board submit

a letter from the Acting

Collector of Guntur, furnishing

explanation on certain points

noted in their Proceedings

of the 10th January last, and

recommend that the following

items, amounting together to

Rupees 240-3-3, may be dis-

continued.

Rs. a. p.

Present on Festivals &c. ... 166-3-3

Grain allowance to Carnams ... 74-0-0

240-3-3

From the explanation

furnished by the Acting Collector

Ext.f. in Letter to Ex. of 18th May 1858. No 11.

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Extract Mins of Cons.
Dd 25th May 57.

Observing that the items of Presents on Festivals & grain allowance to Cur.: mmts, are irregular demands & cmed in additional to the fixed assessment and sanctioning their relinquishment, as recommended by the Bd & the Ag Coll.r of Guntoor. -

No 32 + 33.

Recd 20th May