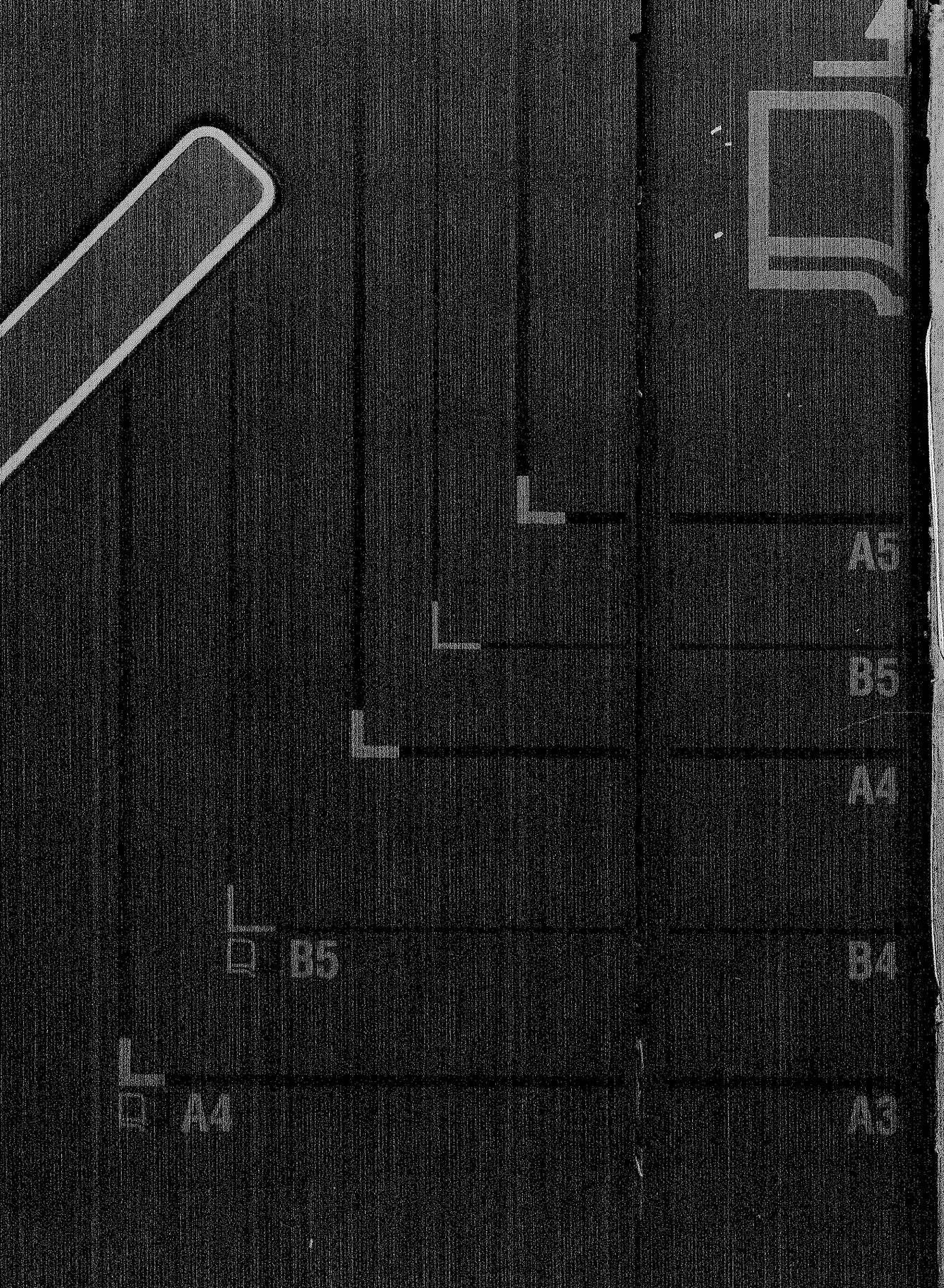


Revenue Deficiencies

Schedules of Contested Claims

for Feb 1868

Return No 178

Entered 16 Feb 1868

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 16th February 1858.

No. 7. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th November 1857, No 4021.

In Cons. 18th November 1857.

Read letter from the Collector of Bellary dated 24th August 1857, reporting on the topes in his District for Fuslies 1264 and 1265 and requesting sanction for the expenditure incurred on their account during those years.

(Here enter No. 96.)

Resolved that the foregoing communication and its enclosures be submitted for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. The foregoing Report of the Collector of Bellary is for Fuslies 1264 and 1265, a similar Report for the two previous Fuslies was submitted to Government with the Board's Proceedings dated 21st November 1855, and reviewed in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 186 R. D. dated 16th February 1856.

3. In his present Report the Collector gives the result of his operations: first, with respect to those Government topes planted prior to Fusly 1262, and which are supported by an annual grant of Rupees 3,000 sanctioned by Government for 12 years from Fusly 1261 to 1272, and next with regard to those planted since Fusly 1262 from the produce of Government plantations.

4. At the end of Fusly 1263 there were 67 topes of the first mentioned class, two of this number ceased (by growth) to require further expenditure from Fusly 1265, but two other topes which were planted in Fusly 1261 and supported by village servants have been added to that number, so that no variation has really taken place and there were at the close of Fusly 1265, sixty seven topes kept up at the charge of the annual grant.

5. These topes contained 29,747 trees* (being 483 trees less than the number at the end of Fusly 1263), or on an average 441 trees per tope. The expenditure incurred (Rupees 6301-5-3) is Rupees 301-5-3 in excess of the amount of the grant for two years, but Mr. Pelly observes that this cost is below that estimated by him at first, and that for the future the expenses will gradually fall below the grant.

* *Fruit trees* ... ... 27,043.
Other do. ... ... 2,704.
29,747.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Charges up to Fusly 1263	26,388	15	2
Do. for Fuslies 1264 and 1265	6,301	5	3
	33,190	4	5

33,190 4 5 / 67 Topes. = 495 6 0

33,190 4 5 / 29,747 Trees. = 1 1 10

6. The average total cost of each Tope and Tree from their plantation is respectively Rupees 495-6, and Rupees 1-1-10 as shewn in the margin.

7. Of the second class of Topes, or that maintained from the produce of Government plantations, there were 24 topes at the end of Fusly 1262. One has since failed from badness of soil and none have been planted, so that 20 topes remained at the close of Fusly 1265. These contained 6429† trees being 321 to each tope, and the amount expended on them was Rupees 1,612-5-4, making with the charges of Fuslies 1262 and 1263 a total sum of Rupees 2,526-15, or Rupees 126-5-6 for each tope, and annas 6 and pice 3 for each tree.

† *Fruit trees* 6,263
Other do. 157

8. The charge on account of both classes for the period under Report is thus Rupees 7,913-10-7 for which the sanction of Government is requested.

9. The receipts and disbursements on account of the second class of topes are shown in the general accounts of the Collector as directed by Government in para. 12 of their review of the last Report.

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	No.
* Topes totally no expenditure now	522
Topes require no expenditure	67
Topes on which charges were never incurred	138
Topes formed from Fusly 1252 from the produce of Government plantations	23

	Rs.
† Fruit trees	1,80,075
Other do.	12,325
‡ Cash	1,37,166-13-1
Land and remissions	64,192- 6-0

26. From the statement in Para. 10 of Mr. Pelly's letter it appears that there were in all 757§ Government topes in Fusly 1265 (being one more than in Fusly 1263) occupying 4,932 Acres assessed at Rupees 5,869. They contained 1,92,300† trees and cost in cash, by grants of land and remissions Rs. 2,01,359-3-1‡.

11. Of the trees planted since 1825 there were 65,622 yielding produce of the value of Rupees 2,348-5-5 in Fusly 1265.

12. The private Topes had increased from 12 to 24 within the two Fuslies, giving an average of 6 topes per year for the time§ the modified rules encouraging tope plantation have been in operation in Bellary. The topes contained 2,542‖ trees and occupied 107 Acres and 36 Goontahs of land assessed at Rupees 116-6-0 but held rent free under the orders of Government.

§ *Vide Minutes Consultation No. 444 dated 18th May 1852.*

‖ *Fruit trees* 2,254
Other do. 288

13. With regard to the planting and care of Topes, on which points Government desired information, Mr. Pelly states that selected spots are planted with trees (taken from nurseries) eleven yards apart and one year old. The ground is protected by a hedge from the incursions of cattle and the top-shoots are thus generally saved. The trees are watered for 12 years during which time decayed ones are replaced by the gardeners paid by Government; they are then transferred to the village authorities who very seldom make up for lost trees by planting fresh ones. It is seldom that topes occupy land possessing good means of irrigation, and the means employed in watering them is by chatties from wells, tanks, &c., and sometimes by employing bullocks.

Para. 12 *&c.*

14. None of the trees have grown up into fine timber, and the plantations generally are of a stunted growth.

15. The present Report the Board regret to find leaves no doubt of the unsatisfactory results of the experiment.

16. From para. 7 of the Collector's letter, the average return of each tree may be assumed at 7 pice, and thus supposing every one of the 1,92,300 trees entered in the abstract appended to para. 19 to reach maturity and to produce at this rate, the total receipts would be only Rupees 7,011.

17. The topes have however altogether cost Rupees 2,01,525, and the annual interest on that sum at 5 per cent. would be Rupees 10,076, so that the loss may be set down at about 3,000 Rupees per annum.

18. The charges however include the assessment of land which might have remained waste to the present time, and the experiment moreover was not made as a pecuniary speculation.

19. If therefore the topes were succeeding satisfactorily, the loss might be held to be counterbalanced by other than financial considerations. But the Collector reports in the last para. of his letter that the trees are not thriving, and, what is more to be regretted, that the topes, when made over to the villagers are neglected, decayed trees being rarely replaced.

20. On the other hand, private topes are increasing under the encouragement specially afforded in Bellary, notwithstanding disadvantages of soil and climate. It is quite clear if the expense and labor detailed in para. 12 is *generally* requisite and the result is only what has been attained in the Government plantations, that the planting of trees in Bellary will not pay, and that even entire remission of assessment will not lead to the investment of capital in such a way. The increase of private topes is under the circumstances as great as can be expected, and the Board think Government should now leave the matter to the people. They would suggest therefore that no more Government topes be planted, except in a few exceptional cases at the Collector's discretion, and that the future outlay be restricted to maintaining those already planted. The Board would also propose that the topes as they reach maturity should be sold or rented under stipulations which will provide for their perpetuation.

21. It occurs to the Board however that it may be desirable for a few years to provide nurseries of young plants to be sold to private individuals, and if Government are disposed to concur in this view, they will ascertain from the Collector how far this plan may be desirable. In the event of its being determined on, the Board could procure seeds of various valuable trees from the Conservators of Forests and forward them for trial in the District.

22. The entire outlay on all accounts would of course be restricted to the Government Grant and the proceeds of the existing topes, or of such of them as may not be sold.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 179; dated 10th February 1858.

1. With the above recorded Proceedings the Board of Revenue submit the bi-ennial Report of the Collector of Bellary for Fuslies 1264 and 1265, on the Government topes in that district.

2. In Extract Minutes Consultation dated 16th February 1856, Revenue Department, No. the history of these topes was fully detailed, and it will suffice here to note that the experiment of planting Government topes, has been going on since 1825, and that the result is that, up to the end of Fusly 1265, 757 topes have been planted and reared up, occupying 4,932 acres, and containing 1,92,300 trees of various kinds.

Fruit trees.....	1,80,075		
Other trees.....	12,225		
	1,92,300		

3. The value of the produce of such of these trees as have come into bearing was Rupees 2,348-5-5 in Fusly 1265, which may be assumed as about the annual money return for the expenditure hitherto incurred, and this expenditure amounts to Rupees 2,01,359-3-1 as noted in the margin.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Cash.....	1,37,166	13	1
Land and remissions	64,192	6	0

4. The annual assessment on the land occupied by these plantations is Rupees 5,869, which it is presumed is included in the second item of the cost.

5. In Extract Minutes Consultation of 18th May 1852, No. 444, Revenue Department, the Government sanctioned an annual expenditure of Rupees 3,000 for 12 years, for the maintenance of such of the Government plantations as still required care, and had not been made over to the villagers, and authorized the expenditure of the value of the annual produce of the topes on the formation and maintenance of new ones at the discretion of the Collector.

6. Sixty-seven topes are now being maintained under the annual grant, and twenty new ones were in existence at the close of Fusly 1265, out of those planted and maintained from the proceeds of the annual produce.

	Rs.	A.	P.
On old topes.....	6,301	5	3
On new do.	1,612	5	4
	7,913	10	7

7. In the operations of the two years under report, a total expenditure of Rupees 7,913-10-7, as noted in the margin, has been incurred, and for this sum the sanction of Government is hereby granted.

8. In the Extract Minutes Consultation of 1852, above referred to, the Government gave permission for granting land rent-free in perpetuity, for topes of not less than an acre in extent planted by private individuals within the 10 years next following, and under this rule 24 plantations, containing 2,542 trees and occupying 107 acres, and 36 goontahs of land, have sprung up in four years, at an annual cost to Government of only Rupees 116-6, being the amount of assessment remitted on the land.

9. This result, in a district where for upwards of 25 years the people have been taught to consider the creation of plantations for public convenience the duty of Government, must be viewed as satisfactory, and leads to the consideration whether the Government may not now withdraw from the work of forming topes.

10. The Board of Revenue recommend that no more Government topes be planted, except in a few exceptional cases at the Collector's discretion, and that the future outlay should be restricted to maintaining those already planted, and to forming nurseries of young valuable trees, whence young plants may be sold to private individuals.

Extract from Proceedings, Revenue Department, dated 16th February 1858.

12. They point out that, as a pecuniary point of view the experiment must result, under the most favorable circumstances, in an annual loss to Government of about 3,000 Rupees; but that apart from this consideration, as beside the question of the public benefits aimed at, still the experiment has been a failure. The Collector's report shows that the trees generally are of bad external growth, that many have died, and that these are not replaced in the topes that have been made over to the village authorities. On the other hand, the private topes are increasing in number under the new rules, and on the whole they think it advisable that Government should now withdraw from the undertaking, only providing for the future maintenance of topes already planted and still requiring care which, as they reach maturity, they propose should be sold or sold on lease according for their preservation.

13. The Government approve of these recommendations and desire the Board to arrange for carrying them out. Future expenditure on new plantations will be confined to nurseries of valuable plants for sale to individuals, and regarding these the Collector will consult the Conservator of Forests, and be guided by his advice.

14. The necessary expenditure on the existing plantations will be made out of the annual grant, the balance of which, if any, together with the produce of the topes, can be devoted to the formation of the nurseries, on which the Collector will continue to report bi-annually, as well as on the progress of private topes.

Board's Proc. 24 April 1858, paras. 2 & 3.

15. As to the maintenance of the old topes, the Government observe that a considerable portion of the calculated cost of these is included under the head of "Remissions," which from some of the earlier reports there seems reason to suppose were made on condition of care being taken of the trees. This condition should be enforced, or the remission cancelled, and on this point the Board will call on the Collector to report.

Copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Conservator of Forests, who will be requested to take the subject into consideration.

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

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Revenue Department

No. 1502

Extract from the Proceedings of the Revenue Department, dated 25th November 1857.

Read letter from the Collector of Canara, dated 13th August 1857, forwarding a Petition from the Talookdars of Soonda praying for the remission of the Rent of certain Topes in that Talook.

Read also a letter from the Conservator of Forests, dated 28th October 1857, submitting his opinion on the Petition.

Resolved that the Petitioners be informed that Government are willing to remit the Rent of the Topes in question for the ensuing year, on the following conditions:

1st. That the Topes be carefully protected from fire and from the cattle of the neighbouring villages, and that the Talookdars be held responsible for any damage done to the trees by fire or cattle.

2nd. That the Talookdars shall plant annually, in the vacant spaces in the Topes, young trees to the number of one hundred for every hundred trees which may have died during the year.

3rd. That the Talookdars shall keep a correct account of the number of trees planted annually, and shall produce the same for the inspection of the Collector or Conservator of Forests whenever required to do so.

4th. That the Talookdars shall not cut down any trees in the Topes without the permission of the Collector or Conservator of Forests.

5th. That the Talookdars shall not sell the produce of the Topes without the permission of the Collector or Conservator of Forests.

6th. That the Talookdars shall not lease the Topes to any other person without the permission of the Collector or Conservator of Forests.

7th. That the Talookdars shall not cut down the Topes for the purpose of cultivation.

8th. That the Talookdars shall not sell the Topes without the permission of the Collector or Conservator of Forests.

9th. That the Talookdars shall not mortgage the Topes without the permission of the Collector or Conservator of Forests.

10th. That the Talookdars shall not alienate the Topes by gift without the permission of the Collector or Conservator of Forests.

11th. That the Talookdars shall not divide the Topes among themselves without the permission of the Collector or Conservator of Forests.

12th. That the Talookdars shall not cut down the Topes for the purpose of making charcoal without the permission of the Collector or Conservator of Forests.

13th. That the Talookdars shall not cut down the Topes for the purpose of making Timber for sale without the permission of the Collector or Conservator of Forests.

14th. That the Talookdars shall not cut down the Topes for the purpose of making Timber for their own use without the permission of the Collector or Conservator of Forests.

15th. That the Talookdars shall not cut down the Topes for the purpose of making Timber for the use of their own houses without the permission of the Collector or Conservator of Forests.

16th. That the Talookdars shall not cut down the Topes for the purpose of making Timber for the use of their own houses without the permission of the Collector or Conservator of Forests.

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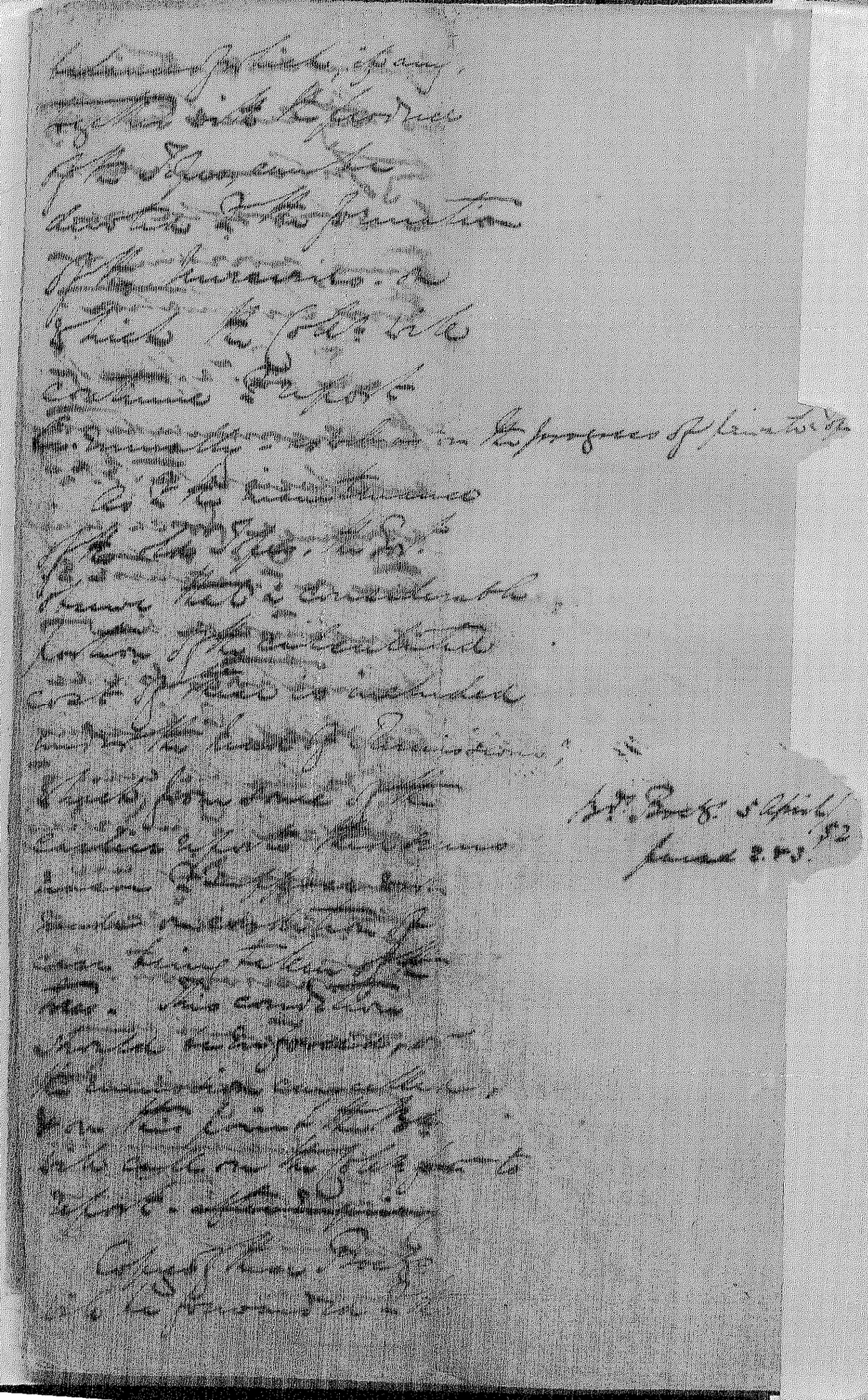
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Read the Enclosure Petition
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