

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>1058</i>	Press <u>Mis.</u>
Dated	<i>12th. August</i> 1859.	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 6th to 12th August 1859.*

No. 7. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government Revenue Department; dated 1st August 1859, No. 2971.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 25th July 1859, No. 992, and to submit as requested, a revised draft of instructions to Collectors regarding Waste in Ryots Puttahs.

2. In forwarding the above order of Government to the several Collectors, I am directed to state that the Board propose to exclude the first part of para. 4. The following remark occurs therein "adverting to a suggestion in a demi-official paper on this subject received from the Board on the 20th Instant, to the effect that remission may be given in certain cases by allowing balances to remain uncollected, and ultimately striking them off, the Governor in Council has to express his entire dissent from, and disapproval of, any such practice." The Board read this remark with considerable surprize, because if such a proposal had been put forward by them, its tendency would be to subvert a fundamental principle which has guided them from the earliest times in the administration of Ryotwar. On referring to their demi-official communication they fail to discover any proposal of the kind. They noticed the possible case of a ryot (which however they observed would be rare) whose general circumstances might render it inexpedient to press the payment of the full demand against him. In such a case they thought consideration might be shewn by including the irrecoverable portion of the demand in the list of irrecoverable balances to be submitted in the usual course to the Board and Government.

"Heavy loss in any particular case from the crop being covered with water, which can only rarely occur, may be met, not by a deduction in the Puttah but by a general consideration of the circumstances of the Ryot, when, if indulgence is called for, such sum as it may be proper to allow on this account, will be included in the list of irrecoverable balances." Demi-Official Memo. para. 13.

3. The Board, I am directed to add have included Pany budit and Paymaly as remissions to be no longer admitted, though it is still doubtful, they think, whether this is the course which the Government are desirous of enforcing. In the first order of Government para. 8 it is clearly indicated that Pany budit and Payamaly shall be disallowed. The same idea runs through the first clause of para. 7 of the second order, but in the second clause of that para. it is stated that damage by unusual and extraordinary floods forms a legitimate ground of remission. It was this contingency which the Board had in view when they suggested that consideration should be

shewn to a ryot of straitened means who is unable under the new rule, to meet the full demand against him on account of land on Pany budit. Crops rotted.
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3. The 30th April has been fixed as the date within which relinquishments of land must be declared, as required by Government, but the Board do not expect that this rule will work well.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, Secretary.

CIRCULAR DRAFT.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government dated 8th June 1859, R. D., No. 806.

(In Cons. 20th June 1859, No. 2906.)

(Do. do. dated 25th July 1859, R. D., No. 992.)

Resolved that the foregoing orders, with the exception of the first part of para. 4 of the second Extract Minutes Consultation, which is under further reference to Government, be communicated to the several Collectors, and that they be requested to give immediate effect to the instructions therein conveyed for the discontinuance of annual remissions in Ryots' holdings.

2. The Collectors are aware that the subject has been repeatedly under the consideration of the Board and Government. The orders issued from time to time have been carried out in some Districts; in others on various grounds, they have been only partially attended to. The land assessment having been reduced where it was found to be burdensome, it is now desired that they be enforced in all Districts alike in their full integrity. The main object of the rule, it will be observed, is "to free the ryot from subservience to the inferior native Revenue servants and to simplify the Revenue system." This should be distinctly explained to the Ryots.

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3. The remissions generally allowed in a Ryot's holding, to which immediate attention should be given, are as follows.

1. For entire fields not cultivated.
2. For portions of fields not cultivated (stullacummy, shamlat Bunjer, &c).
3. For land ploughed, but not sown (Chikud Pooldy).
4. For land used as seed beds (Nátamgúl).
5. For Destroyed crops (Pany Boodty and Paymaly).
6. For Withered crops (Shavy).

4. The first four items have been in a great measure discontinued. Their complete abolition will now be carried out in it's full integrity. The same remark applies to the fifth item. Remissions for perished crops generally, termed shavy, whether in irrigated or unirrigated lands, after the late reductions of the assessment, are not called for in ordinary years, but in seasons of extreme drought, when the losses of the Ryots are so great as to call for consideration, the subject will be specially reported to the Board, with full explanation of the grounds on which indulgence is considered necessary.

5. Stalacummy remissions, the second of the items above mentioned, is intended to apply to lands actually occupied and not to the entire extent of a Survey field, portions of which may remain unoccupied. In Survey fields the assessment of the portions occupied, will alone be charged, and should be denoted by subsidiary numbers. Thus supposing the number of a Survey field containing 25 acres to be 15, and 3, 6 and 8 acres to be occupied by A. B. and C. respectively, these portions will be numbered $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{1}{6}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ and be charged, whether, cultivated or not. The remainder of the Survey field not having been taken up, will not be charged.

E. M. C. 25th July 1859, No. 992, para. 5. 6. The attention of the Collectors is called to the remarks of Government regarding fallow.

7. The rule will be that all land in the Ryot's Puttah will be paid for. The only exception will be in the case of irrigated lands, when from indubitable failure of water, it will be necessary to relax it. But no indulgence will be given when the failure of water is found to proceed from any act or neglect of the body of the Ryots of the Village or any of them.

E. M. C. 18th June 1859, No. 806, para. 11.

8. Remissions for withered crops (Shavy) when such may be deemed necessary will be granted not by a scrutiny into the outturn of each Ryot's holding as at present, but by a general per centage either for the whole Talook or for a set of Villages, or for a particular crop, as the case may be. In cases of general failure, the per centage will frequently be uniform, where it is otherwise, the per centage will vary, according to the ascertained loss in different localities. This plan was successfully followed in Fusly 1264 in Guntoor, when the Jonna crop, the staple product of the District, generally perished.

9. It will be observed that the 30th April has been fixed as the latest date for the relinquishment of land for the season, and it is ordered that Ryots given up land shall not be allowed a preference over others to have it again.

(Signed) J. D. SIM, Secretary.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1859, No. 1058.

The draft Circular submitted with this letter is approved with two slight verbal amendments; viz. the sixth item in para. 3 to stand thus "withered crops (shávi and nattapál)" and the words "included in the holding" to be substituted for the word "charged" where it first occurs in para. 5. The Circular should now be issued without delay.

2. Adverting to para. 2 of the letter, the Government regret that they misunderstood the Board's intention on the point referred to; but on now comparing the Extract furnished by the Board from the "unofficial memorandum" with the passage objected to in the order, also extracted in the Board's letter, the Governor in Council is unable to detect any material difference of meaning.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

From
J. D. Sim Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
To
J. D. Bourdillon Esq.
Secretary to Government.
Revenue Department.

Sir, Dated 10th August 1859, No. 29/11
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Your most obed^t servant

J. S. M.
Secretary.

Revenue Office
Fort St. George
1st August 1859

To J. A. Bourdillon Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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Circular Draft.

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(Inlans 20th June 1859 N^o 2900.)

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6. " Withered crops (Shary and waterless).

4. The first four items have been in a great measure discontinued. Their complete abolition will now be carried out in its full integrity. The same remark applies to the fifth item. Remissions for perished crops generally termed Shary, whether in irrigated or unirrigated lands, after the late reductions of the assessment, are not called for in ordinary years, but in seasons

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J. S. M.
Secretary

Original letter to Congress
23rd March 1866. N.º. 25.

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Enclosure in a letter from
the Secretary to the Board
of Newmont to the Secretary to
Government Newmont Defunct.
dated 1st August 1859. N.º. 2971

to Mr. D.
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Revised Draft Circular
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No 1058

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 6th August 1859.

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20th July 59 No 18419.

Dec. 1859 Draft
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No 1412

Copy a letter to the Secretary

From the Secretary to the

Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Govt

Revenue Department

Dated 1st

Dec. 1st

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