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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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Dated

16th September 1859.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government Revenue Department,
from 10th to 16th September 1859.*

No. 5. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th June 1859, No. 2239.

Read letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 23rd May 1859, No. 121.

(In Con. 8th June 1859, No. 2646.)

In the above letter the Collector furnishes the report called for in Extract Minutes Consultation, 22nd May 1857, R. D., No. 485, regarding the assessment of the Puttumbly Hobly of the Nedinganaad Talook of Malabar.

2. In his Settlement report of Fusly 1262, the then Sub Collector of Malabar, Mr. Chatfield, dwelt very strongly on the excessive character of the assessment in portions of this Hobly, and Mr. Conolly the Collector, while declaring his statements to be

From Collector 12th November 1853, in Con. 3rd January 1854, No. 21.

Board's Proceedings 11th January 1855, No. 137. exaggerated, admitted that the assessment was heavy on many of the lands. The Board requested Mr. Conolly to adopt early measures to remedy the evils admitted to exist, and that gentleman proposed a re-survey of the 8 amshoms or parishes of the Hobly at the cost of about 3,000 Rupees.

3. The Board recommended this undertaking, but Government were unwilling to sanction partial and local surveys, while a general one was in contemplation. Mr. Conolly's successor, Mr. Clarke, was therefore directed to consider the matter, and if he agreed with his predecessor as to the over-assessment of the Hobly, to state his opinion whether the required relief could not be given in the temporary form without a survey.

4. Mr. Clarke appears to have personally superintended the survey of a few lands in the Hobly, but no report was received from him.

5. Mr. W. Robinson, while acting as Collector, addressed the Board on the subject, expressing his reluctance to undertake the survey with the establishment proposed, and arguing that the matter was not one of such urgency as was proposed, and that all necessary relief pending the general survey of the province, could be afforded by discretionary remissions at the Settlement.

6. The Board agree with the Acting Collector that the case was not one of very pressing urgency, but as the general survey was not likely to extend to Malabar for a considerable period, they thought it desirable to introduce a remission of a less fluctuating character than those usually allowed at the Settlement.

7. In these views Government concurred, but circumstances prevented the Acting Collector from taking up the subject, and in reporting this to Government, the Board suggested that one of the gentlemen then expected from England (in consequence of absentees having been ordered to return) should be temporarily attached to the district, to enable the Acting Collector to carry out his instructions. Government, however, did not assent to this proposal.

8. Mr. Grant in the letter recorded above expresses his concurrence with Mr. Robinson's views.

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9. The assessment of the Hobly on the whole is not in his opinion excessive, though in individual cases it is so. Prices have risen considerably of late years; land bears a high value, and none has been thrown out of cultivation; the revenue is realized without compulsory measures, and the Hobly is in a fair state of improvement. Mr. Grant therefore considers annual remissions, according to circumstances of season, &c., sufficient for the present.

10. The Board do not think it necessary to follow the Collector in his calculation of the average and comparative assessment of the lands referred to. It was never supposed that the whole Hobly was greatly over-assessed but that particular estates were so, and this state of affairs is quite compatible with a moderate *average* assessment. Inequalities of assessment cannot be prevented but an exact and careful survey and settlement will keep them within limits which place the prosperity of the people beyond risk, and the Board cannot help thinking that the inequalities in this Hobly greatly exceed those ordinary variations which no care can prevent.

11. Since the question, however, was first raised prices have ruled high, and as a survey of the province will probably be undertaken at an early period, the Board now think it will be sufficient if the course advocated by Messrs. Robinson and Grant be followed, especial care being exercised at the Settlement in regard to such lands as are believed to be heavily assessed.

12. With regard to Mr. Grant's statement that the proprietors have failed to give in correct accounts of their Pottom or rent, the Board remark that similar difficulty was experienced by Mr. Vaughan in 1824, and that gentleman's report, dated 12th October 1824, No. 2449, shows that such documents, even when produced, are not to be implicitly relied on.

19. The Board requests the Collector's attention to the call of Government for information regarding the Manampura Flooby of Chowghat.

14. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that, in the near prospect of a regular survey being commenced in Malabar, the assessment of the Pattumby Hobly, be not disturbed but that the Collector be left, in the meanwhile, to grant such temporary remissions as circumstances may render necessary from year to year.

(A true Extract,)

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

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1859, No. 1218.

The Board of Revenue forward a letter from the Collector of Malabar on the subject of the over-assessment of the Puttumby Hobly in that District, and support the recommendation of the Collector that with the prospect of an early commencement of a revenue survey of the District, a general alteration should be made in the assessment of this Hobly, but that temporary remissions should be granted from year to year at the annual settlement, according to the produce of the land in each year.

2. The condition of this Hobly and the necessity of lowering the assessment in it has formed the subject of correspondence for some years past. Mr. Chatfield, Sub-Collector of Malabar reporting in September 1853 on the settlement of the talooks of his division for Puzh Board's Proceedings, 28th July 1855, No. 1922. Ex. Mins. Cont. 15th Decr. " " 1861. 1262, said, that he had satisfied himself that there were good grounds for the complaints made to him of the high rates of assessment prevailing in this Hobly; but the Collector in forwarding his report expressed a far more moderate opinion on the subject. Subsequently the Board recommended that the Collector should be authorized to make a survey of the lands in view to a re-adjustment of the assessment, but the Government, for reasons stated, declined to sanction the proposal and suggested that relief from over-assessment, if necessary, might be given in a temporary form without a survey.* In reply to this reference the Acting

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Collector Mr. Robinson supported the previous statements as to the heaviness of the assessment, but mentioned circumstances to shew that the case was not of such urgency as to call for an immediate or hurried survey, and he thought

† From Collector to Board of Revenue 1st November 1856.

should be less fluctuating. The instructions issued by the Board on this occasion were approved in the order of the 22nd May 1857, No. 485, when the Government expressed the hope that the reply of the Acting Collector would be submitted on an early date, especially as more than three and a half years had then elapsed since it was first agitated.

3. Mr. Grant the present Collector now states that there is no special necessity for interfering with the assessment of the Hobly before the general survey of the District; he concurs entirely in Mr. Robinson's views, and thinks with him that annual remissions according to circumstances of season, &c., will be sufficient for the present. The Board in sending up Mr. Grant's letter support this recommendation.

4. The Government cannot assent to this proposal. They are averse to the grant of annual discretionary remissions in any case and in any form; and they consider them particularly unsuitable as a remedy for permanent over-assessment, and peculiarly objectionable when based on official estimates of produce. They are of opinion that it will be both more simple and easy for the Collector, and more agreeable to the proprietors, and also a more appropriate remedy, to give the remission considered to be necessary in particular cases in anticipation of the general revenue survey, in the form of a percentage reduction of the assessment, to last until the survey. This course has been followed in other districts, and the Government see no reason why it should not be equally applicable in Malabar.

5. The Government desire accordingly that the Collector may be instructed to take immediate steps for determining what estates need this indulgence, at what rate; on which points a great deal of detailed information must be available after the investigation of recent years, and the annual settlements of so many more. In forming his judgment, the Collector will bear in mind the peculiarity of the case. Only certain lands are alleged to be over-assessed; and even in their case, it is not pretended that the assessment has been so heavy as to keep land out of cultivation, but only that the landlords are not so wealthy as those in other parts of Malabar; on the other hand, it must not be overlooked that the high prices of produce have in some measure afforded relief.

6. The Collector will take immediate steps to give effect to these orders and will report the particulars through the Board of Revenue for the information and approval of Government.

7. It is observed that the order of Government of May 1857, has only now been replied to. The Collector will bear in mind that any delay at all approaching to this will not be allowed in the present case. The Governor in Council is not aware of any reason why the reply to this order should not be before him in two months instead of two years.

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

No. 12.

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FROM Calicut Malabar TO Madras

FROM Collector TO Secretary to Govt

No charge made for delivery within half a mile of the office; a charge of 3 annas a mile for distances beyond that

WORDS 7. P.

Report required forwarded by today,
Wednesday, post.

MADRAS

Electric Telegraph Office

The 3rd of August 1859

Thos Shewett
Head Assistant in Charge E. T.

No inquiry respecting this Message can be attended to without the production of this Paper

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N. B.—Please enter time of delivery

IN CON. 8TH JUNE 1859, No. 2646.

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of MALABAR,

dated Calicut, 23rd May 1859, No. 121.

Mr. Clementson's Jummabundy Report for Fusly 1244, p. 49.
" Conolly's do. for do. 1262.
" Chatfield's do. for do. " p. 20.
Board's Proceedings dated 11th January 1855, para. 18.
To Board of Revenue " 10th February "
From do. " 7th May "
To do. " 16th June "
From do. " 22nd December "
To do. " 1st November 1856.
From do. " 29th April 1857.
Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 22nd May 1857.
Received with Board's Proceedings " 1st June "
From Board " 11th November "
To do. " 23rd do. "
Extract Minutes of Consultation " 12th January 1858.
Received with Board's order " 15th do. "
Official Memo. from Board of Rev. " 12th August "

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, on the subject of the revision of assessment of lands in the Pattamby Umshom, of Nedinganaad talook, I beg to submit, that for the following reasons, there is at present no pressing necessity demanding the special interference of Government before the general survey of the district takes place.

2. It will be observed from the above correspondence, that some of the late Collectors of Malabar dwelt at length on the over-assessment of the lands in the Pattamby Hobly, the consequent impoverishment of the ryots and the necessity of a fresh survey; and the late Mr. Conolly, in his letter to the Board of Revenue, dated the 10th February 1855, explained their approximate cause.

3. Mr. Robinson's opinion, that with reference to the circumstance of the locality, the whole demand of the Hobly is not excessive, is correct; there are however exceptions as regards the demand against each individual. This state of things prevails in other parts of the Nedinganaad talook itself as well as in several other talooks of the district.

4. As a proof that the land is not over-assessed, I may quote Mr. Robinson's observations contained in the 4th para. of his letter dated 1st November 1856, to the effect that since the assumption of the country by the British, no land has been thrown out of cultivation, and all cultivable land in this Hobly is in a fair state of improvement, and the Government as well as the proprietor's share of the assessment has been paid without compulsory measures being resorted to. The locality and the lands in Pattamby are good.

5. Many lands in the Hobly pass by purchase from one person to another, and it appears that the rates obtained are high, a result which could not be attained if the assessment, as compared with the present prevailing prices of grain, was too high.

6. The same inequalities of rates of assessment which prevailed at Pattamby on the introduction of the Mahomedan Land Revenue Settlement, exist also in other parts of the province. In Pattamby, with the exception of paddy, which is the chief cultivation, garden and other produce is very limited; this circumstance and the fact that in certain years there was an over-abundance of water and in others a great drought, as well as the extremely low rate of price of grain which formerly obtained, led to the agitation that the lands in Pattamby were over-assessed, and some of the ryots consequently impoverished.

Fuslies.	Amount remitted.			Fuslies.	Amount remitted.		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
1246	419	2	4	1257	15	5	9
1247	4	4	11	1258	1,111	14	11
1248	203	7	11	1259	44	9	5
1249	1,260	0	10	1260	57	3	0
1250	391	8	11	1261	1,053	7	2
1251	19	5	6	1262	389	1	5
1252	18	4	9	1263	2,376	6	11
1253	43	1	8	1264	2	13	9
1254	203	3	10	1265	3,666	12	1
1255	1,299	8	0	1266	9	8	11
1256	213	14	6	1267	5	0	0

7. Whenever distress was known to have been suffered by the ryots from the aforesaid causes, adequate remissions of assessment were, on full enquiry, granted at the Jummabundy Settlement according to the circumstances of each case. This relief has hitherto been allowed in the same manner, and the ryots have consequently been well off, and had no particular complaint to make. The amount of remission granted as above stated is shown in the margin. The great difference observable in some years is owing to their peculiar circumstance.

RATES of price for 100 Parrabs of Paddy.

Particulars.	Nallayyamm- Gulom.			Kalladypulla.			Puliyoorom.			Peromood- yoor.			Moolthoolattah.			Naddoonthom.			Villayoor.			Pootasherry.			Total.			Average.		
	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.
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Average of 10 years from Fusly																														
1255 to 1264.....																														
Average of 3 years from Fusly																														
1255 to 1257.....																														
Average of 7 months from July																														
1858 to January 1859.....																														
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survey; the greatest portion of which would have to be performed by petty officials; and the rates so fixed will still be liable to modifications according to fluctuations in prices as well as from the effects of season, favorable or otherwise, on the produce of the land.

8. There has been within the last 14 or 15 years a great rise in the price of grain and other articles. A Statement of the same is given in the margin. The condition of the ryots and that of the country having from this cause greatly improved, the temporary remissions granted in reference to the particular circumstances of each land have likewise been proportionately modified.

9. The accompanying Statement A, exhibits the extent of lands, amount of Government assessment, and the proportion it bears to every acre comprised within the Hobly of Pattamby which is situated on the southern and western banks of the Tirtallah (or Ponany) river. Similar particulars in regard to 5 other villages adjoining the same Hobly on its northern and eastern borders, are given in the same Statement in view to a fair comparison being drawn, as to whether the assessment on the former may be considered high or excessive. On this comparison it is clear that it does not appear to be so.

10. I likewise submit a return drawn up on a survey of certain lands with crops in 3 of the Umshoms of Pattamby, which was personally conducted by Mr. Clarke in January 1856 in conjunction with the Head Sheristadar and the principal villagers.

Mr. Clarke was of opinion that annual remissions, according to the circumstances of the lands of each ryot, would suffice till the general survey is made.

11. I find that although several attempts were made to induce the proprietors to give in a correct account of the pottam or rent which they obtain for their lands, they have never done so.

As the amount of remissions heretofore allowed was determined with reference to the character of the season in each year, an account of such remissions would hardly be of any particular advantage in assuming an average rate of assessment for the present amount of revenue. To fix on such an average rate would entail a work analogous to a

12. Under all the above circumstances, and with reference to para. 6 of Board's Proceedings dated 29th April 1857, I am of opinion that when remissions are annually granted after full enquiry held at the time of the annual settlement, they must be in proportion to the produce of the land in each year, either more or less according to the state of the season.

13. The delay in disposing of this matter has been explained by Mr. Robinson in his letter to the Board, dated 23d November 1857, No. 182.

ENC. 1.—A.

ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the assessment and average rate per acre of the lands in the Pattamby Hobly as well as in the 5 villages lying adjacent thereto on the northern and eastern side.

ENC. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Comparative Statement shewing the difference between the Survey conducted by T. Clarke, Esq., Collector of Malabar (in Fusly 1265) and the fixed or present assessment on the lands comprised in 3 Umshoms of the Pattamby Hobly in the talook of Nedinganaad.

Received of
1859, Feb 16

From the collector of
Charleston

To the Secretary to the
Board of Road
South St. George

March 13th Aug 1859

Recd 8th June 1859.

in favor 18th June 1859.

Quoted 9th Oct
1859 171 P.M. 1/59

Reporting on the subject of the
revision of a report of the
Land Office in the Colony of
Virginia and a list of the
facts for which the
is at present no pressing
necessity demanding the
decision interference of
Government before the
general survey of the
district be held place

Memorandum.

This book about Malabar, was procured from the Collector of the District, the copy among the records here not forthcoming. The information required about Ashed Beg's settlement will be found in the following paragraphs.

Ashed Beg's arrival as general manager of Malabar on the part of Tippec Sultan. — (part 1)
His administration and settlements with the Northern Rajahs of Cheral, Cottiche, Cartimad and Sner-nood, from
His settlements for the Southern Dis. — 39.
Remarks on the rates and relative proportions of that settlement — 41.
Principles and constituents rates of his settlement — 196.

The papers about Pittamby, &c. &c. in connection with which this book was required are also herewith sent —

[Signature]

Aug 17.

June 26 Aug 1857. 124. 15.
" 8. 125/55 — 15-17.
" 1. Aug 1858 — 22-23.

Dec 1859. 1. 1. 1.
of 10. 10. 10.

Extract from the Board of Revenue

Dated 15.
Oct 22. June 1859.
Rec. 23.
No. 2. 2. 2.

W. 2239.

No. 1218. 10. 10. 1859.

The Board's observations on the plan of the Collector of Malabar regarding the adjustment of the Malabar, &c. &c. and recommending that in the new prospect of a regular survey being commenced in Malabar, the adjustment of the Malabar, &c. &c. be not disturbed but that the estate be left to the temporary arrangements.

Aug 1857. 124. 15.

Extract from a letter from Mr. Chatfield,
late Sub Collector of Malabar, dated
10th September 1853 A.D. 215, regarding ex-
cessive assessment in portions of Pattambi
Nobly.

121 The hundred and twenty three
petitions were presented complaining of
the rate of assessment in the eight divisions
forming the Nobly of Pattambi in the
Talook of Nedungarast. I held a meeting
at Pattambi, referred to the old records, and
after making enquiries found that the
Ryots had good cause for complaint and
therefore granted remissions at the rate
of two per cent, as shown below vizt
Ganna for 1851-2 2341 - 4.7
" " " 1852-3 2347 - 5.7
" " " 1853-4 2348 - 4.7

Remissions granted during
the settlement 110 - 6.5

The assessment in these divisions, and also
in the adjoining Talook is extremely oppressive,
and

And whilst it has ruined the estates has
thoroughly demoralized the people who have
become the most litigious and fraudulent
in the country. This state of things has been
long known and I am perfectly unable
to account for its long continuance. Surely
an examination ought to be made and
an experiment fixed on sounder and more
liberal principles than the present. The
late Mr. Sherston is reported to have
brought this subject prominently to notice,
and Mr. Platel who was once misled by
the unfortunate reports in their eagerness
to make their grievances heard, came to
realize the reality of their sufferings.
That a survey of these Unshorn may
be made, and assure the discontented
population that I would use my utmost
effort to make their distresses known,
and, if possible, have them alleviated by
securing a fair and moderate compensation
I applied for the report on this subject
said to have been written by the late
Mr. Sherston shortly before his death, but
received no answer to my application. A
survey

survey would be a matter of no great
difficulty if proper assistance was pro-
vided from the Kuzoor or it might be
altogether managed by the Kuzoor
Establishment with the aid of a European
Officer. By this means the Sub-Collectors &
Establishment would be available for engaging
into the concealed and increased cultivation
alluded to in a preceding para. The
superficial style of survey customary
to the labor is all that is necessary or
desirable for a scientific measurement
and not only difficult amongst the irregular
vicissitudes of this country but from the great
variety in productiveness of the soil
in almost every field and upon almost
every rising ground from the capricious
or necessary enlargement or curtailment
of cultivation, in accordance with the
seasons or the nature of adjoining lands
would be a useless expenditure, and
no criterion on which to base an equi-
table compensation. The fact, after a
scientific survey, we should need
a geological inquiry, and after that the
simple

sample piece of the country would be requisite before we could form any calculation of anything like a satisfactory basis.

Remarks on the above by Mr. Conolly late
Collector of Malabar.

Mr. Whatfield would have acted very wrong had he, as he states, given a general remission of 3 per Cent. without looking to individual cases, but he has forgotten what he did. Remissions were given according to supposed individual needs, the amount equaling 3 per Cent. on the general demand.

There is no doubt that the appointment of these 8 Mr. Whatfield is heavily commencing of the Dykes, but Mr. Whatfield's mistake, as may be imagined from the fact that he only spent a few hours at Paltamby, he arrived, as is shown by a fuller record, in the morning and left in the evening, it is much overrated.

Mr. Whatfield does not allow the accuracy of Mr. Whatfield's recollection of the conversation he had with him on the subject of Paltamby.

A numerous number of the remissions which have had to be made in the last few years

years is annexed.

It is only in unpropitious years it will be seen that large remissions have been given.

But the unpropitious times are certainly more common here than in most parts of Malabar the crops being more liable to damage by either a superabundance or partial want of rain.

And unquestionably, as I said before, many of the Dykes are more heavily affected than their neighbours. There is a well supported tradition that an extra burden was imposed by the Dykes Surveyors on all who did not give a required amount.

Mr. Whatfield's report it will be seen in his Paltamby Report for 1841, Mr. Whatfield is stating that there were many cases of over-charge in Malabar, especially noted at Paltamby as one of them.

He apparently thought from what he said in the same report, of taking up this with other cases, but never did so.

I made myself some enquiry in this matter a considerable time ago, as Mr. Whatfield was aware. It seemed to me that

of a revenue survey

the only effectual remedy would be a new
survey and a re-arrangement on the part
of the Government of such taxations as was
found to be in excess. But other matters of
importance the Chervat chair, the B. tank. See G. M. L. 1/10/14
made Raja; and the Chavanghat case, rider. B. of 18/10/18
were, and it was desirable to get them off hand
first.

A good deal had been done with regard
to the first named matter. The second is still
noting our best attention and the third
is not yet commenced.

It will be well if after that survey is com-
pleted, the experience gained in it be turned
towards examining and remedying the state
of the Chavanghat and the Chervat. In the
mean time remissions must continue
to be given as they have been hitherto
necessary.

Yours truly,
J. G. M. L. 1/10/14
Collector

De. 1/10/14

Rev. Depy

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 10th September 1859

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(Here enter 15th June 1859
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Board's Recordings 28th July 1955 to 1962
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⁺ E. M. C. Dec. 15. 1855
No. 1361.

~~Mr. Robinson~~

Boards Proceedings 29th April
1857 No. 1339
Ex. Mins. Cons. 22nd May 1857 No. 485

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The Board in sending up Mr. Grant's letter support the recommendation.

The Government cannot object to this proposal. They are averse to the grant of annual discretionary

discretionary remissions in any case and in any form; and they consider them particularly unsuitable as a remedy for permanent over-assessment, and peculiarly objectionable when based on official estimates of produce. They are of opinion that it will be both more simple and easy for the Collector, and more agreeable to the proprietors, and also a more appropriate remedy, to give the remission considered ^{in particular cases} necessary in anticipation of the general Revenue survey, in the form

form of a percentage
reduction of the assessment,
~~the~~ ^{last} ~~year~~ to ~~the~~
until the survey. This
course has been followed
in other Districts, and
the Government see no
reason why it should
not be equally applica-

ble in Malabar. ~~the~~ ^{the} Government
desire accordingly that
the Collector may be in-
structed to take immediate
steps for determining
what estates need this
indulgence, and at
what rate, on which
points a great deal
of detailed information
must be available
after the investigation
of recent years, and a
annual

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Revenue 1859 - 29/10/59
Pro. of Govt. 10th Sept 59

CA: 12/18

Pro. of the Madras Govt.
Dated 10th Sept 59

Pro. of the Secy of Mr. Dy
7th Jan'y 1860. C. No 66 in fine

Malabar Collector's
proposal regarding the assessment
of Muttamby Hobly of Nedunganaad
Taluk, not approved, and report
on certain points connected therewith called for.

C 12586

C 12586 - 11th Aug - 17th Sep

Revenue 1859 - 20/10/59
Proc. of Govt. 10th Sept 59

CA: 1218

Proc. of the Madras Govt.
Dated 10th Sept 59

Proc. of No. 135 of No. 17
7th Jan'y 1860. & No 66 in fine

Malabar Collector's
proposal regarding the assessment
of Puthumby Hobb, of Nedungam
Taluk, not approved, and report
on certain points connected therewith
called for.

1860

28th Aug 1860

annual settlement of
so many more. In forming
his judgment, the Collector
will bear in mind the
peculiarity of the case.

Only certain lands are
alleged to be over-assessed,
and even in that case, it
is not pretended that the
assessment has been so heavy
as to keep land out of cul-
-tivation, but only that

the landlords are not so
wealthy as those in other
parts of Malabar, on the
other hand, it must not
be overlooked that the
high prices of produce
have in some measure

The Collector afforded relief. The
Collector will be at
liberty to give immediate
effect.

to the conclusion
which may be best.

to these orders and

instead of two years

He will report the
particulars through the
Board of Revenue for
the information and
approval of Government.

[What an instance this
is of H. meapita & fixed
assessment. There is a
collector who is to determine
according to his individual
judgment whether the

Landowners are to pay
say 20 per cent more
or less!! - it being admitted

that they are habitually called upon for more
than they can pay and ~~an~~ annual revision
is made at the discretion of the collector!! Clearly
the demand should be lowered to a moderate average rate -
but we should know what the collector proposes before
any rate is fixed.

It is observed
that the order of Go-
vernment of May 1857
has only now been re-
plied to. The Collector
will bear in mind
that ~~any~~ delay is still
not to be allowed
in the present case.

The Governor in Coun-
cil is not aware
of any reason why the
reply to this order
should not be before
him in two months
instead

approaching to
this date

The Board of Revenue. Pijp 10
Colly of Malabar.

Quite so

Handwritten signature