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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of March 1860.

No. 102. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1860, No. 1,204:—

Read the following letter from J. BIRD, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort St. George, dated Múseri, 27th February 1860, No. 25:—

By my letter, No. 185, of date the 8th October 1859, your Board are in possession of translation of the notice issued by me to the Raiyats regarding the discontinuance of annual remissions in their holdings at the Settlement.

2. By that Notification the 30th October last was fixed, in consideration of the lateness of the season, as the date for the present year up to which relinquishments of land would be received; and that after that period all land held by Raiyats, and left uncultivated would be included in the Settlement and brought to the revenue account.

3. In compliance with this notice, land, chiefly punja, assessed at Rupees 62,000 has been relinquished: but a great extent both wet, dry and garden uncultivated has not been resigned, and stands in my accounts as chargeable to the Settlement. There is much shávi also on the irrigated lands; and it is for these two items that I deem it my duty now to address the Board.

4. By the Orders of the Government, Nos. 806 and 992, dated respectively the 18th June and 25th July 1859, as also by Circular No. 3061 of 8th August idem, the Board's sanction must be obtained first before any remission can be granted. I do myself the honor to submit the accompanying Statement which exhibits the extent of waste of every description, and the quantity of shávi found on the irrigated rice lands.

5. It is not my intention to solicit indulgence for the waste on the punja and garden lands. The assessment on these is not heavy, and the demand spread over many individuals does not make each payment for waste excessive or burdensome: but the case is different with the wet or nanja lands. There are 3,907 kánís assessed at Rupees 21,669 situated partly in the river-irrigated táluqs, and in part consisting of tank-watered lands.

6. In the former neither the freshes in the river nor the supply of water in the channels have been of such continued duration as to enable the Raiyat to cultivate all the lands of his holdings. He has of consequence left some waste, for which he did not contemplate being called on for payment, until the notice came out at so late a date as the 1st September.

7. As regards the latter—lands under tanks—the waste has been produced by the failure of water in the reservoirs themselves. Many of the tanks in the western part of the District have received no water, the monsoon being scant in that direction, while no rain whatever has fallen throughout the province since the very end of November. Under these circumstances I ask permission to grant remission for these nanja waste lands. They are valuable lands; in some instances ancestral, in others purchased: and to be called upon suddenly in the fag end of the season and without due warning to give up these, would be hard indeed on the people, and almost an act of oppression.

8. The shávi is upon about 5,103 kánís assessed at Rupees 28,145, and is chiefly to be found in the river-irrigated táluqs. Those of Kónád and Lálgudi have suffered most. The contingency occurring not from any neglect of the people, I crave permission to grant remission in the usual mode by scrutiny into the outturn of the Raiyat's holding and according to the usual per centage of the District. Neither I nor my office servants are in a position at present to suggest the new mode of a per centage on a whole táluq, or set of villages, as contemplated by the 8th paragraph of the Board's Circular.

9. My Settlement accounts are nearly ready, and I only await the Board's decision on this application to commence the distribution of pattás. I earnestly beg a speedy reply, and should that reply be favorable, I can guarantee that the settlement will be acceptable and the pattás taken willingly; but if otherwise, there will be much murmuring and some difficulty.

Under the circumstances stated in the above letter, the Board authorize the Collector to make the necessary remissions in the Settlement of the demand for the current Fasli on the nanja waste and shávi. Copy of these Proceedings will be submitted for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 103. ORDER THEREON, 29th March 1860, No. 483.

The Collector's requests in the letter submitted by the Board (paragraphs 5 to 9) are covered by paragraphs 2 to 5 of the Order of Government, dated 10th instant, No. 364.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Submitting for information Copy of the Board's Proceedings passed on a letter from the Coll.r of Trichinopoly authorizing him to make the necessary remissions in the Settlement of the demand for the Current Fasli on the Irunjahs waste and Shavi.—

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The Collectn reduced in the Settlement submitted by the Board (Paras 5 to 9) and covered by Paras 2 to 5 of this order of Govt. dated 10th Inst, No 364.

Fort St. Geo.
29th March 1860.

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