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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd December 1860.

No. 377. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1860, No. 5,685:—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Officiating Collector of Cuddapah, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 14th November 1860, No. 135.

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 4, Proceedings Madras Government, 13th August 1860, No. 1,346, remarking upon the low rate of Fusal Jasty levied on the land which is the subject of Suit No. 14 of 1860, in the Moofty Sudder Amín's Court, against the late Acting Collector and others, I have the honor to state, that the said rate is very low, and is not the usual rate in Cuddapah, the reason of the exception in the present instance is alleged by the late Tahsíldár, Kási Ráu, to have been the saline nature of the soil, but that is not consistent with the fact of the adjoining lands under the same channel being rated at from Rupees 8 to Rupees 4-6 per acre. The rate was fixed about 20 years ago, when the present Pattadár's father was Sarishtadár of the Civil and Sessions Court of Cuddapah.

2. As the present rates of Fusal Jasty (the minimum of which is Rupees 3) are fixed with reference to those levied upon neighbouring land of like quality and advantageous, no general orders seem required on this subject, but I have to state that I am making inquiries into the rates of land held by public servants, and their connections, in order to reform any irregularities which may previously have occured in this branch of the revenue.

3. The present instance seems a strong reason against allowing the Subordinate Officials to hold lands in their own Districts, as there is little reason to doubt that official influence had obtained a more favorable rate of assessment, and no one brought to light this inequality of tenure which might probably have been exposed in the case of a private individual. After an official report by the Department Public Works, I propose to raise the assessment of the said land, to an average rate, as compared with the surrounding land and its facilities of water.

In Cons., 14*th August* 1860, *No.* 3,944.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to paragraph 4 of their order, dated 13th August 1860, No. 1,346.

2. The Board have no doubt that the extremely low water rate fixed on the land referred to in the above order, is, as the Collector thinks, owing to the improper exercise of official influence on the part of the native subordinates of the Department, but as he proposes to adjust the assessment after further investigation, no orders seem to be called for at present.

3. The Collector will report the decision he may eventually come to on the subject for the information of the Board and Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 378. ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1860, No. 2,475.

The Government will await the further report called for by the Board of Revenue on the subject of the low water rate fixed on the land referred to. Any proved instance of the improper exercise of official influence, as appears in the present case, will be duly punished by the Board.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 5,685.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to A. Wedderburn, Esq., Officiating Collector of Cuddapah.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Submitting for information a letter from the Asst Coll'r of Cuddapah reporting on the low rate of Fusul jasty levied on the land which is the subject of Suit No 14 of 1860 in the Proofy Sudr Ameen's Court

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The Government will await the further report called for by the Board of Revenue on the subject of the low water rate fixed on the land referred to. Any proved instance of the improper exercise of official influence as appears in the present case, will be duly furnished by the Board.

Fort St. Geo.
22nd Dec 1860.

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