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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Dated 10th March 1860, No. 364.

In the course of his recent tour, the subject of the Orders noted in the margin* respecting the discontinuance of yearly discretionary remissions, was brought before the President in various shapes in the several Districts which he visited. The particular points thus brought forward were the important ones of Nanjah Shávi, Nanjah and Punjab waste, and fallow. These several topics were fully discussed both with the Revenue officers of the Districts, and with a number of principal Raiyats in each; and the President saw reason to consider it expedient to issue explanation of the Orders on some points on which they have been misunderstood, and to modify them on others on which this further information led him to consider that they were too general and absolute. These views have been communicated by him to the Members of Council; and the Government now resolve to pass the following Order.

2. A point much dwelt on in Tanjore and Trichinopoly was remission for Nanjah Shávi; the impression being general in both Districts that all such remissions were henceforward to be withheld. It was explained to the Mirásdárs, and is now hereby declared, that loss of Nanjah crops, either by deficiency or by excess of water, viz., either in the form of Shávi or of crops flooded, will be regarded as fair ground for remission, where the damage has occurred clearly from natural causes, and not through any act or neglect of the Raiyats or Mirásdárs.

3. It is also hereby ordered, in modification of paragraph 11 of the Order of June 18th, that individual cases of such loss, when of sufficient importance, may be made matter of separate enquiry and adjudication.

4. Such cases will be dealt with in each District in accordance with the rules heretofore followed in that District.

5. Nanjah waste will be dealt with under the general rule above set forth in paragraph 2; viz. where it is clearly waste from natural causes, remissions will be allowed; but not where it is waste through the neglect of the holder.

6. With respect to Punjab land retained by Raiyats but not cultivated, it was urged that in some Districts, especially Madura and parts of Coimbatore, the soil is so poor that it does not bear cropping every year; and also that in those arid Districts, the rains are precarious and uncertain, so as often to interfere with the full cultivation of a Raiyats' holding. It was urged that it would be both hard and impolitic to enforce payment for all such land; and the Government agree with the President in regarding the argument as sound.

7. The Governor in Council resolves accordingly, in modification of the former Orders, to authorize Collectors acting under the directions of the Board of Revenue, to use their discretion as to granting remission for Punjab waste and fallow lands in cases in which it may be indispensably necessary; with the proviso, however, that this discretion is to be exercised in the spirit of the Order of the 18th June. The Government entirely adhere to the principle of that Order; but they see reason to admit that it cannot be universally applied without some further reduction of assessment in some Districts. Collectors will be instructed to make special mention in their annual Reports of the extent to which they have exercised the discretion thus allowed them, and the grounds of it; and the Board of Revenue will specially notice the subject in their general report.

8. Remission for sugarcane and other Nanjah fallows will not be allowed, for the reasons set fourth in paragraph 5 of the Order of July 25.

9. In some Districts, as Coimbatore, and parts of Madura and Salem, a practise prevails of allowing Raiyats to hold a certain proportion of their land on a greatly reduced assessment, as pasture. This practice where it exists will remain untouched; as will also the custom, likewise found in parts of Coimbatore and of Salem, of allowing Raiyats to take a further extent of waste land for pasture, at a low rate of assessment. Provided, however, that whenever such land is brought under cultivation, it will pay the full assessment; and that land cannot be thus retained by one Raiyat for pasture, when another wants it for cultivation.

10. The other parts of the Orders quoted above in the margin of paragraph 1 will remain in force, viz. those not specially modified by this present Order.

11. This Order will be communicated to all Collectors, through the Board of Revenue, without any delay.

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

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Under date the 10th March 1860 N^o 364.

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11. Chief of the District
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