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Government of Madras.

Finance DEPARTMENT.

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No. 145. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd February 1860, No. 948:—

Read again letter from the Collector of Nellore, dated 16th July 1859, No. 112, reporting on the Survey of the Srotriyam village of Vávilatipád.

(In Con. 19th July 1859, No. 3,564.)

Resolved that the above letter be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 24th November 1858, No. 1,576, Revenue Department, calling for further information before sanctioning the reduction of the Jodi or Quit-rent on the two divisions of this Srotriyam, applied for on the ground that part of the lands had been seriously damaged by the extension of the Tank of the adjoining village of Varikonda.

In Con. 29th November 1858, *No.* 5,314.

2. The following Statement exhibits the results of the Survey in the same form as did that appended to the Board's Proceedings of 21st September 1858, which was based on the old accounts:—

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Name of Division.	Culturable area.	Value.	Present Jodi.	Extent of lands injured.	Value.	Proportion of Jodi.	Remaining culturable area.	Value.	Proposed Jodi.
	Acres G.	R. A. P.	R. A. P.	Acres G.	R. A. P.	R. A. P.	Acres G	R. A. P.	R. A. P
Rendo-Hissa Vávilatipád	485 5	1,824 15 3	809 7 5	273 5	914 8 2	305 0 0	212 0	910 7 1	504 7 5
Hissa Vávilatipad	223 26	888 11 4	505 14 8	126 27	424 2 4	160 0 0	96 39	464 9 0	345 14 8
Total..	708 31	2,713 10 7	1,315 6 1	399 32	1,338 10 6	465 0 0	308 39	1,375 0 1	850 6 1

3. The Survey returns also show that in addition to the arable land shown above, about 149½ acres of pasture land in Rendo-Hissa Vávilatipád, and 28 acres of similar land in Hissa Vávilatipád, have been submerged and destroyed, and that the extent of the cultivation in the remaining culturable area is about 168⅓ acres in the former, and 71½ acres in the latter sub-division.

4. The general result of the Survey as shown in detail by the Collector when compared with the former areas as given on Estimate or from old village accounts in the local measure of Gúrtu, has been an increase in the total culturable area, a decrease in the cultivation, and an increase in the extent of land permanently injured.

5. It will be seen that the present Jodi is in the case of Rendo-Hissa Vávilatipád nearly equal to the estimated possible out-turn of the whole remaining culturable area, and in that of Hissa Vávilatipád is really in excess of that produce.

6. There seems to be no room for doubt that the extension of the Varikonda Tank bund in Fasli 1230, did injuriously affect the lands of the Srotriyam of Vávilatipád, and that the reduction of Jodi proposed by the Collector is not more than sufficient to restore it to its former position. The remission of the old arrears in 1855 is a very imperfect boon if an exorbitantly high demand is to be maintained for the future, Mr. Elton did not alter the terms of his recommendation on learning the results of the Survey, and his former letter, submitted with the Board's Proceedings of 21st September 1858, No. 3,565, will show how he had calculated what he considered an equitable adjustment.

E. M. C. No. 1,090, *R. D. dated 27th September, in Con. 16th October* 1855, *No.* 2,816.

7. The Survey has not shown the position of the Srotriyamdárs to be less calamitous than was before believed, and the Board, therefore, beg to renew their recommendation, that the remission proposed by the Collector be granted.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1860, No. 675.

1. This is a renewed application from the Board of Revenue for a reduction in the Jodi on the two divisions of the Srotriyam village of Vávilatipád in the Nellore District, called respectively Rendo-Hissa Vávilatipád and Hissa Vávilatipád. The reduction proposed by the Collector and recommended by the Board is for the former part Rupees 305 and for the latter Rupees 160. The ground of the claim is that, by the enlargement of the Tank of the adjoining Government village of Varikonda, a part of the lands of these Srotriyams is flooded or drowned, and so rendered unfit for cultivation. On an application to the same effect in 1858, the Government required that the village should be surveyed: this has now accordingly been done, and the application is renewed.

Order, dated 24th November 1858, *No.* 1,576, *paragraph* 4.

2. The enlargement of the Tank of Varikonda alleged as the ground of the application, took place in Fasli 1230 (A. D. 1820-1), being 39 years ago.

3. The Honorable the Governor in Council considers the plea to be valid, as has been admitted in the recent Order of 24th December 1859; but there appears reason to demur to the amount of the present recommendation.

Order, dated 24th December 1859, *No.* 1,762, *paragraph* 14.

4. First. In the first place the Survey was made while the Tank was empty; and the only guide in determining the extent of the waterspread was the information of the villagers.

2ndly. But further, even admitting the correctness of the Survey, it is certain that land drowned in this way is not necessarily unfit for use. The higher land, in such cases, is under water only a short time, and may be cultivated with rice as usual, as soon as left dry. The lower lands which are flooded longer, and which it may be too late to plant with paddy, may nevertheless, be cultivated with some very productive dry crops, from the richness of the alluvial soil and the moisture which remains in it.

5. For these reasons, the Governor in Council cannot concede to the Srotriyamdárs so large a measure of indulgence as is now recommended in their behalf. But the matter having been long pending, and it being desirable to bring it to a settlement without further correspondence, the Government direct that, in consideration of what is above stated, a remission of half the amount recommended in each case be given, viz. Rupees 150 to Rendo-Hissa Vávilatipád and Rupees 80 to Hissa Vávilatipád; the Srotriyamdárs being free to obtain whatever profit they can out of the flooded land.

6. If the Srotriyamdárs do not agree to this arrangement the option should be given them of taking the entire reduction recommended by the Board, giving up at the same time the whole of the land liable to flood as shown in the Survey returns. The land so given up should be added to Varikonda, and be dealt with in the ordinary way as Government land.

7. The Board of Revenue will instruct the Collector of Nellore to communicate the foregoing proposal to the Srotriyamdárs, and to act according to their decision, reporting the final settlement for the information of Government.

8. About nine and a quarter acres of wet land belonging to the Srotriyam appear to be cut off from irrigation by the enlargement of the Varikonda Tank; it seems propable that an arrangement might be made to give water to this land from that Tank or the supply channel.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

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Memorandum.

The Registrar of Government Office: Revenue Department is requested to be good enough to return the plan of the Srotriem village of Vavelatypaud which was submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings dated 23rd February 1860: No: 948, as it is now required for transmission to the Collector of Nellore.

Revenue Board Office, Madras 31st May 1875. } Registrar

To The Registrar, Government Office, Revenue Department

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No 675.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 28th April 1860
Read the following
Rep. of the Bd. of Revenue

Submitting a letter from the Colr of Nellore furnishing the information required by Govt as to the necessity of reducing the Jodi on the two divisions of the Shrotriam Village of Vavilatippâd & recommending the Board's recommendation that the remission proposed by the Colr be granted.

Here enter 25 Jul/60 No 968

Dr Thurgar

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Order dated 24 Nov. 1858 No 1576 Pa 4

Order dated 24 Dec. 1859 No 1762 para 16

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11 Copies to the Board of Rev. Desp. 30 Nov returned to the Land Office on 6 June 1878 as per Memo from the Board

Revenue 1860 Dept.
Pro. of Govt. 30th April
No 675

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dy 28th April 60

From the Pro. of the Bd. of Revs
Dy 20th July 1860 C. No 1479 in Pro.
30th July No 1268

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